

Cooley Parish Bulletin

Fourth Sunday in Advent – 21st December 2025

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Love came down at Christmas by Christina Georgina Rossetti

*Love came down at Christmas
Love all lovely, love divine,
Love was born at Christmas,
Star and angels gave the sign.*

*Worship we the Godhead,
Love incarnate, love divine;
Worship we our Jesus;
But wherewith for sacred sign?*

*Love shall be our token,
Love shall be yours and love be mine,
Love to God and to all men,
Love for plea and gift and sign.*

Recently Deceased

Jean Coyle, Irish Grange who died on Thursday. Funeral Mass in Grange on Monday at 11.00am
Seamus Fagan, Whitestown who died on Tuesday
Phil Shields, Belmont who died on Tuesday

Anniversaries

Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Boher

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| Saturday | 20 th Dec | 7.00pm | John, James, Annie, Brendan and Francis Murphy Dave H. Sellers, U.S.A. and Ballagan |
| Tuesday | 23 rd Dec | 10.00am | Special Intention |
| Wednesday | 24 th Dec | 7.00pm | Christmas Eve |
| Saturday | 27 th Dec | 7.00pm | Stephen McGrath Thomas and Bridie Carroll and dec'd family members Sean and Kathleen Murphy and dec'd family members, Ballagan |

Church of St. Anne, Mullaghbuoy

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| Sunday | 21 st Dec | 10.00am | Private Intention |
| Thursday | 25 th Dec | 10.00am | Christmas Day |
| Sunday | 28 th Dec | 10.00am | Forgotten Souls |

Church of St. James, Grange

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| Sunday | 21 st Dec | 11.30am | John and Mary White and dec'd family members, Rathcor Nicholas and Annie Carroll and dec'd family members, Ballug Owen, Kitty and Kieron Woods, Dundalk Mickey Rice, Bush Bernard Murnaghan Ann Barden, nee Murnaghan Austin Lowth and Dan Smyth Mike Campbell M.M. |
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| Monday | 22 nd Dec at | 8.00pm | Bernard and Norah Carty and dec'd family members |
| Wednesday | 24 th Dec at | 9.00pm | Christmas Eve |
| Thursday | 25 th Dec at | 11.30am | Christmas Day |
| Friday | 26 th Dec at | 10.00am | No Mass |
| Sunday | 28 th Dec at | 11.30am | Nancy Murphy Noel Ryan Pat, Alice and Rose Ann McShane |

Christmas Mass Times 2025

Christmas Eve - Wednesday

Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Boher at 7.00pm

Church of St. James, Grange at 9.00pm

Christmas Day - Thursday

Church of St. Anne, Mullaghbuoy at 10.00am

Church of St. James, Grange at 11.30am

CHRISTMAS DAY DINNERS – PARISH SUPPORT

Canon Malachy and the Pastoral Council wish to let parishioners know that Christmas Day Dinners are available for individuals or families in our Parish who may be in need.

If you would like to avail of a dinner for your family on Christmas Day or if you know of someone who may benefit from this support, please contact CANON MALACHY directly on 087-2385940

Closing date for orders Monday 22nd December.

All enquiries will be treated with sensitivity and confidentiality!

Baptisms (by arrangement)

Baptisms will be celebrated on 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month at 5.00pm

Funerals

When a Funeral Mass is being celebrated in the Parish there will be no other morning Mass celebrated that day

Parish Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

There will be **NO** Parish Eucharistic Adoration in Church of St. James, Grange until the New Year

Divine Mercy Prayer Chaplet

Divine Mercy Prayer Chaplet in Church of St. James, Grange this Sunday evening from 7.30pm-8.00pm

Divine Mercy Conference in RDS Dublin 2026

A coach will travel from the Old Magnet Cinema, Dundalk to the RDS in Dublin on Saturday 28th Feb 2026. For further info contact: Laurena 085-1833110

Ministers of the Word

The new 2026 rotas are now available in the Sacristy together with St. Paul Sunday Missal – please pick up your rota and Missal as soon as possible

Ministers of the Eucharist

The new 2026 rotas are available in the Sacristy – please pick up your rota as soon as possible

Charitable Donations Scheme Jan '24 – Dec '24

The Parish recently received €32,259.00 from the Revenue Commissioners from the Charitable Donations Scheme 2024. Sincere thanks to all who participated in the Scheme. We would encourage parishioners to use their Envelopes for their contributions as it is only on Envelope contributions the Scheme is calculated

Cooley Community Projects Limited – Vacancies

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| 1 - Groundsman - Cooley | closing date 26.12.25 |
| 2 - Environmental workers - Cooley | closing date 31.12.25 |
| 1 - Environmental worker - Carlingford | closing date 31.12.25 |
- Phone Ambrose 042-9376077 or cooleyceltd@gmail.com

Glenmore Athletic Cub

Annual Goal Mile on St. Stephen's Day (Friday) at Bush Track at 11am
Glenmore A.C. are hosting Operation Bushformation 2026 on 6th January for four weeks.
There's something for everyone – Teenagers 16yr – 19yr old free

Cooley Zoom Bingo

No Cooley Zoom Bingo until Wednesday evening 7th January 2026

Cooley Kickhams G.F.C. Lotto €2 per line

Winning Nos: 4; 11; 13; 16; - no won – Next week's Jackpot €10,400

Cooley Credit Union Limited – Christmas & New Year hours

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| Tuesday | 23 rd Dec – Cooley Office open 10am-1pm |
| Wednesday | 24 th Dec – All offices closed |
| Thursday | 25 th Dec - All offices closed |
| Friday | 26 th Dec – All offices closed |
| Saturday | 27 th Dec – Cooley office open 10am-12noon |
| Tuesday | 30 th Dec – Cooley office open 10am-1pm |
| Wednesday | 31 st Dec – All offices closed |
| Thursday | 1 st Jan – All offices closed |
| Friday | 2 nd Jan – Normal opening hours resume |

Glen United - Table Quiz

Table Quiz on Saturday 27th December in Martin's Bar, Riverstown. Everyone welcome

Céili

Céili with Kathleen McGlynn and friends in Mullaghbuoy Community Centre on Friday 2nd January 2026 from 8pm – 11pm – music by Seamus and Fidelma Bellew. Admission €10 (incl light refreshments)

In aid of Mullaghbuoy Community Centre

Be Safe! Be Seen!

We would appeal to all pedestrians using our roads at this time of year to please wear High Viz clothing!!

Christmas 2025

As many of you know, I was diagnosed with cancer some months ago. The recommended surgery did not have the desired effect and I am currently undergoing immunotherapy. Thankfully, apart from a lot of tiredness I am coping reasonably well and have enjoyed being back in the Parish for 3 days each week for the last number of weeks.

Unfortunately, the doctor's advice is not to participate in the Christmas Masses as large crowds heighten the possibility of infection.

As Christmas approaches, I want in a particular way to thank the Parishioners of Cooley for their prayerful support over the last few difficult months – often your prayers carried me through and I will be forever grateful. Please God, in the New Year a brighter chapter will begin!

I am hugely grateful to all who have and continue to assist in keeping the Parish wheels in motion - to Bridie Magee, Parish Secretary for her unstinting generosity, her hard work and unfailing attention to detail; to Fr. Joseph, now back in Nigeria who helped out for August and September, Fr. Damien and Fr. John who continue to assist in so many ways; and again to you the Parishioners of Cooley for your ongoing generosity and for your understanding throughout this difficult time.

While I will not be physically present for Christmas Masses, please know that I will be with you in spirit and praying that God will bless your hearts with hope and joy; that our celebration of the coming of Christ may bring you and your families many blessings.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS
Canon Malachy