

Cooley Parish Bulletin 3rd March 2024

Third Sunday of Lent

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The Crowning with Thorns

The thorns woven to your head are nothing
Like the emptiness loosening your mind
From the terse mountains where you served your time
Seeking the hearth in the loneliness of things.

Then that slow glimpse of three faces condescended
In a circle of infinitely gentle gaze
Trusting each thing out of air into form,
Showed you belong to this first tenderness.

You earth divine flame in a young man's frame.
Things rush your senses offering their essence.
Now the earth clinches against you, cold and closed
In a yard forsaken by every name.

On crucifixion duty, bored with routine
The soldiers start mocking and crown you king.

Recently Deceased

Sinead Gill, nee Sheelan, Ballinamara
Frances Malone, Rathcor
Claire Rogan, Monksland
Cathal Durnin, Dundalk
Teresa Brennan, Atlanta, Georgia
John Patrick Finnegan, Texas

Anniversaries

Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Boher

Saturday	2 nd Mar	7.00pm	James McCormack, Willville Terry and Eileen Doran Grainne White Anna Brady
Tuesday	5 th Mar	10.00am	Paddy, Veronica and Bruno Hughes & Maibre Donnelly-Conlon
Thursday	7 th Mar	10.00am	Special Intention
Saturday	9 th Mar	7.00pm	Joseph and Ethna McCumiskey and Gloria Navaritte Benitas

Church of St. Anne, Mullaghbuoy

Sunday	3 rd Mar	10.00am	Teddy and Mary O'Rourke and dec'd family members
Thursday	7 th Mar	8.00pm	No Mass
Sunday	10 th Mar	10.00am	People of the Parish

Church of St. James, Grange

Sunday	3 rd Mar 11.30am	Gerard Malone, Templetown Dan and Patricia McDonald and dec'd family members Joe, Philip and Rose Murphy Marion, Pat and Sr. Killian Amond Dan and Rosemary Meehan Jim Gormley Joe, Kathleen, Laurence and Jim O'Connor
Monday	4 th Mar 8.00am	Rose Byrne and dec'd members of Magee family, Monksland
Wednesday	6 th Mar 10.00am	Dec'd members of O'Rourke family, Templetown
Friday	8 th Mar 10.00am	Private Intention
Sunday	10 th Mar 11.30am	Maura Thornton May McGuinness Andrew Malone

First Holy Communion

Grange and Rathcor children	-	Saturday 27 th April in Grange Church at 11.00am
Mullaghbuoy children	-	Sunday 28 th April in Mullaghbuoy Church at 10.00am
Boher children	-	Saturday 4 th May in Boher Church at 11.00am

Ceremony of Commitment and Light

Ceremony of Commitment and Light in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Thursday 7th March at 7pm in Church of St. James, Grange

Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Thursday 9th May by Bishop Michael Router in Church of St. James, Grange at 11.00am

Cemetery Mass and Blessing of Graves 2024

Grange cemetery	Sunday 2 nd June at 11.30am
Boher cemetery	Saturday 27 th July at 7pm
Cill Mhuire	Thursday 15 th August

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

Divine Mercy Prayer Chaplet

Divine Mercy Prayer Chaplet in Church of St. James, Grange on Sunday evenings from 7.30pm-8.00pm Everyone welcome

New Weekly Envelopes 2024/2025

The new weekly envelope series commence this weekend 2nd/3rd March and parishioners are encouraged to use their envelopes for their contributions as it is only on envelope contributions we can claim the Tax Refund Scheme. Sincere thanks to all who help deliver the envelopes and Trocaire boxes

Trocaire Lenten Appeal

Whatever you can give, your support will help vital work in Malawi

Church Gate Collection

This weekend - St. Vincent de Paul

Irish Blood Transfusion Service

Give blood – support your local blood clinic – in St. Mary’s Parochial Hall, Cooley A91 DD1F this Monday 4th March from 3.45pm – 8pm.

Please note change of venue. Give blood and save lives!

Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024

Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from 12th to 17th May this year. The fare is €895 per person sharing (Single room supplement and Travel Insurance extra). Fare includes: flights to and from Lourdes, transfers to and from Airport in Lourdes, full board, full Pilgrimage programme & airport taxes.

Please note Cooley Lourdes Committee are not travelling on the Pilgrimage this year but anyone wishing to travel should contact: Eunan 087-7624950 to book their place

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 27th August – 3rd September – you book your own fare. Cost circa €300 includes bed, breakfast and evening meal plus full itinerary. Optional excursions available. Phone 085-1833110

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine will take place on Sunday 26th May this year.

Pilgrimages to Garabandal in Spain

Pilgrimage to Garabandal on Sunday 16th June – Wednesday 19th June (few seats still available)
For further details please phone 085-1833110

Cooley Community Projects Limited – Vacancies

1 – Cleaner/Community worker Cooley

closing date 11/03/2024

1 - Tourism Office worker Carlingford

closing date 11/03/2024

Phone Ambrose 042-9376077 or email cooleyceltd@gmail.com

Cooley Zoom Bingo

ZOOM BINGO every Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. Selling books €6 (5page book) Dympna Woods, Mary Clerkin, Linda Halpenny, Padraig O’Connor, Mulligan’s shop, Omeath and Cecelia Murphy, Lordship.

Rathabbey Community Centre – Coffee Mornings

Coffee mornings in Rathabbey Community Centre every Wednesday morning at 10.30am in 2024
Everyone welcome!

Cooley Active Retirement Group

Cooley Active Retirement Group – meet every Thursday at 2.30pm in Cooley Complex – new members needed to make it viable. Come along and enjoy the craic! – everyone welcome

Cooley Parent, Baby and Toddler Group

Cooley Parent, Baby and Toddler group – Open every Thursday in St. Mary's Parochial Hall, Cooley from 10am – 12noon. All welcome

Cooley Kickhams G.F.C. Lotto €2 per line or 3 lines for €5

Winning Nos. 1; 14; 15; 16; - not won - Next week's Jackpot €18,600

Grange & District Residents' Association – Quiz Night

Table Quiz - Table of 4 – in Long's Bar, Grange on Friday 8th March at 8pm sharp.

Monthly Carboot Sale – Today Sunday 3rd March

Carboot sale on first Sunday of each month at St. Mary's Parochial Hall, Cooley A91 DD1F in aid of North Louth Hospice. For more info phone Tina 087-2236124

Cooley Genealogical and Historical Society

Did you work on the renovation of Boher Church in 1965? *If so, please phone 085-1833119*

Dolmen Centre, Omeath

Come celebrate International Women's Day in Dolmen Centre, Omeath on Tuesday 5th March from 10am-12noon – tea/coffee and refreshments will be served and a talk will be given by Jen Fitzgerald, Holistic Lifestyle Coach. Everyone welcome

Active Ageing – Connected Communities

Coffee morning for Older citizens in Gateway Hotel, Dundalk (formerly Crowne Plaza) on Monday 4th March commencing at 10am. The purpose of this event is to provide useful information on enhanced home care, use of communication technology and to connect our older citizens to the many support services available to them. All interested groups most welcome to attend. For more info phone 086-8097846