

Cooley Parish Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Lent 30th March 2025

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Spring by *Gerard Manley Hopkins*

Nothing is so beautiful as Spring –
When seeds, in wheels, shoot long and lovely and lush;
Thrush's eggs look little low heavens, and thrush
Through the echoing timber does so rinse and wring
The ear, it strikes like lightnings to hear him sing;
The glassy pear tree leaves and blooms, they brush
The descending blue; that blue is all in a rush
With richness; the racing lambs too have fair their fling.
What is all this juice and all this joy?
A strain of the earth's sweet being in the beginning
In Eden garden. – Have, get, before it cloy,
Before it cloud, Christ, lord and sour with sinning,
Innocent mind and Mayday in girl and boy,
Most, O maid's child, thy choice and worthy the winning.

Recently Deceased

Seamus Murphy, formerly of Bush who died in London
Pat Larkin, Edmonton, Canada and formerly of Ballynamoney

Anniversaries

Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Boher

Saturday	29 th Mar at	7.00pm	Kess Westveer and dec'd members of Westveer and McCourt families Peter and Annie Murphy and dec'd family members, Whitestown Nicholas, Florrie and Micheal Rafferty and Aileen O'Callaghan
Tuesday	1 st Apr at	10.00am	George, Lil, Anna, Josie, Mike and Mena Killen and dec'd family
Thursday	3 rd Apr at	10.00am	Private Intention
Saturday	5 th Apr at	7.00pm	Michael John, Ciss and Pat Hanlon Thomas and Annie Farrell Una Murphy and Andy and Una Exposito

Church of St. Anne, Mullaghbuoy

Sunday	30 th Mar at	10.00am	People of the Parish
Thursday	3 rd Apr at	8.00pm	No Mass
Sunday	6 th Apr at	10.00am	Forgotten Souls

Church of St. James, Grange

Sunday	30 th Mar at	11.30am	Michael and Mairead McGarrity and Caolan Meegan Pete and Rita Murphy, Drogheda and Ballinamara
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Monday	31 st Mar at	8.00pm	Pat Larkin, Edmonton and Ballynamoney M.M.
Wednesday	2 nd Apr at	10.00am	Mattie and Mary Keenan and dec'd family members
Friday	4 th Apr at	8.00pm	Pete, Christina, Bernard, Patrick and Mary Coyle
Sunday	6 th Apr	11.30am	Bernard, Bridie and Brendan Rafferty and dec'd family Seamus Hearty Owenie and Ellen McGuigan and Joe and Mary Harvey

First Penance

First Penance in Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Boher on Thursday 3rd April at 7pm

First Holy Communion

Saturday 3rd May - Monksland and Rathcor

Sunday 4th May - Mullaghbuoy

Saturday 24th May - Boher

Cemetery Mass and Blessing of Graves 2025

Grange Cemetery Sunday 22nd June at 11.30am

Boher Cemetery Saturday 26th July at 7.00pm

Cill Mhuire Cemetery Friday 15th August

Congratulations

Congratulations to the "Young People" of our Parish who were confirmed last Saturday. We wish them every blessing and pray that the Holy Spirit will remain close to them and their families. Sincere thanks to the teachers for all their work in preparing the "Young People".

Friday is the First Friday

Canon Malachy will visit the old and housebound on Friday 4th April in all areas. If you have a relative, friend or neighbour that would like Canon Malachy to visit them, please phone the Parish Office 042-9397617 with their name and address

Parish Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Parish Eucharistic Adoration will be in Church of St. James, Grange every Friday morning from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Everyone welcome during this time to spend a short time in prayer and adoration

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 every Sunday evening from 7.30pm-8.00pm

Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025

This year the Armagh Diocesan pilgrimage takes place from Monday 5th – Saturday 10th May 2025.

Cooley Lourdes Committee – Guest Tea

Cooley Lourdes Committee are organising a Fundraiser Guest Tea in St. Mary's Hall, Cooley on Sunday 13th April at 4pm. Music by Paddy Mac and Easter Floral demonstration by O'Neill's Flowers, Willville. Also raffle on the day.

The event is to raise funds to bring Assisted Pilgrims to Lourdes as part of the Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage in May

Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock in this Jubilee Year will be celebrated on Sunday 25th May

Knock Pilgrimage – Sacred Heart Crusade 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope

The blessed pilgrim Sacred Heart of Jesus statues will travel to Marian Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo, culminating in the celebration of Holy Mass in the Basilica on Sunday 22nd June 2025 from 9am-5pm. Chief celebrant Archbishop Eamon Martin. Speakers Fr. Bernard Guckian, S.J. and Fr. John Hogan. For those who wish to travel to the event, a bus will be arranged. For full day programme and details, please contact: Laurena 085-1833110

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje September 2025

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 22nd Sept – 27th Sept – For info contact: Laurena 085-1833110

Church Gate Collection

Next weekend - St. Vincent de Paul

Cooley Community Projects Limited – Vacancies

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| 1 - Environmental worker - Omeath | closing date 18.04.25 |
| 2 - Environmental workers - Carlingford | closing date 18.04.25 |
| 1 - Environmental worker - Cooley | closing date 23.04.25 |
- Phone Ambrose 042-9376077 or email cooleyceltd@gmail.com

Cooley Community Playgroup Limited - Recruiting

Cooley Community Playgroup are looking for Childcare Assistant – must have at least Level 5 in Early Childhood Studies. Please send C.V. to ccpgroup@eircom.net or post to Cooley Community Playgroup Ltd, Monksland, Carlingford, Co. Louth A91 DD1F

Muchgrange National School – Enrolments 2025/2026

Enrolments for children for school year September 2025 – enrolment forms available from the school please phone 042-9376202

Mullaghbuoy National School – Enrolments 2025/2026

Enrolments for children for school year September 2025 – enrolment forms available from the school please phone 042-9373604

Rathcor National School – Enrolments 2025/2026

Please contact school 042-9376543 on Tuesday or Thursday between 9am – 1pm for an enrolment form

Employment Opportunities

Are you looking for part-time or full-time work? If you're unemployed due to accident, illness, injury, disability or are recovering from depression, EmployAbility Service Louth is here to support you in finding employment. For more info please contact: 042-9386718 or 087-6386885

Rathabbey Community Centre – Coffee Morning

Coffee morning in Rathabbey Community Centre every Wednesday morning at 10.30am. All welcome!

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, Cecelia Murphy, Lordship.

Cooley Active Retirement Group

Cooley Active Retirement in Cooley Complex every Thursday at 2.30pm. New members always welcome!

Cooley Parent, Baby and Toddler Group

Cooley Parent, Baby and Toddler Group every Thursday from 10am–11.30am in St. Mary's Hall, Cooley

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

Winning Nos: 16; 20; 29; 32; - not won - Jackpot €9,400

Monthly Car Boot Sale – Sunday 6th April

Monthly Car Boot Sale in St. Mary's Parochial Hall, Cooley A91 DD1F on Sunday 6th April from 10am-3pm. Stalls €20 per table. In memory of Tommy McDonnell – in aid of North Louth Hospice and Homecare

Host Families Wanted

Host families wanted for International students July and August 2025 – students will attend Carlingford Adventure Centre Monday to Friday. Rates €250 - €500 per week. For info WhatsApp Nuala 086-3918665