

Cooley Parish Bulletin

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 6th September 2026

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Clearances *by Seamus Heaney*

When all the others were away at Mass
I was all hers as we peeled potatoes.
They broke the silence, let fall one by one
like solder weeping off the soldering Iron:
cold comforts set between us,
things to share
gleaming in a bucket of clean water.
And again let fall. Little pleasant splashes
from each other's work would bring us to our senses.
So while the parish priest at her bedside
went hammer and tongs at the prayers for the dying
and some were responding and some crying
I remembered her head bend towards my head,
her breath in mine, our fluent dipping knives –
never closer the whole rest of our lives.

Recently Deceased

Michael Donnelly, formerly of Castletowncooley
Annie McGuigan, Omeath
Arthur McAnerney, Carlingford
Mary Morgan, nee McNulty, Jonesboro
Cailin Mitchel, Galway

Anniversaries

Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Boher

Saturday	5 th Sep at	7.00pm	Seamus, Paddy and Delia McParland and dec'd family members Michael and Annie McParland and James Ferguson
Tuesday	8 th Sep at	10.00am	Fr. Jim Marks, Jim and Declan Sheridan and Infant Ethan Marks
Thursday	10 th Sep at	10.00am	Private Intention
Saturday	12 th Sep at	7.00pm	Dan and Stephen McGrane

Church of St. Anne, Mullaghbuoy

Sunday	6 th Sep at	10.00am	People of the Parish
Thursday	10 th Sep at	8.00pm	No Mass
Sunday	13 th Sep at	10.00am	Forgotten Souls

Church of St. James, Grange

Sunday	6 th Sep at	11.30am	Brendan McGrath Declan Maguire Geraldine Cunningham Teresa McGrath, Ardtullybeg Mary Long, Rathcor M.M.
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Monday	7 th Sep at	8.00pm	Private Intention
Wednesday	9 th Sep at	10.00am	Special Intention
Friday	11 th Sep at	10.00am	Private Intention
Sunday	13 th Sep at	11.30am	Joe and Rosie McCormack and dec'd family members Lil, Josie, Mike and Mena Killen and dec'd family members

Congratulations Bishop Michael Router

We congratulate Bishop Michael on his appointment as the new Bishop of Derry. A special Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh on Wednesday 9th September at 7pm to which all parishioners are invited. Bishop Michael has always been generous with his time and often visited the Parish of Cooley to support us on our journey of faith.

In order that we might express our gratitude and good wishes to Bishop Michael a free bus will be available to bring parishioners to Armagh. The bus will leave Cooley Parochial Hall at 5.30pm. To book a seat on the bus please phone Parish Office 042-9397617 or contact any member of Parish Pastoral Council by Monday 7th September.

First Friday Visits

Canon Malachy will visit the old and housebound on Friday 11th September in all areas. **(Please note change of date)**. 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

Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick

Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated in Church of St. James, Grange on Tuesday 15th September at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome

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

Parish Eucharistic Adoration will continue in Church of St. James, Grange every Friday morning from 10.30am – 12.30pm. Everyone welcome

Divine Mercy Prayer Chaplet

Divine Mercy Prayer Chaplet in Church of St. James, Grange every Sunday evening from 7.30pm-8.00pm. Volunteers required to help Divine Mercy Group. Enquiries: 085-1833110

Anam Cara Bereavement Evening

Anam Cara is very pleased to announce the first Bereavement Information Evening especially dedicated to supporting surviving siblings this autumn. As part of the commitment to supporting everyone following the death of a child, we are exploring opportunities to further support the entire family and also bereaved adult siblings over 18yrs.

This event will take place online on Tuesday 15th September at 7pm.

Register: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

Church Gate Collection

This weekend - St. Vincent de Paul

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Co. Mayo

Dominican Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on Sunday 11th October. Further enquiries phone 085-1833110

Deposit on Return with Gratitude Scheme

Parishioners needed to help with Deposit on Return with Gratitude Scheme by taking a bag of bottles and cans to be returned for deposit. A simple rota can be organized if a few volunteers are available so that no one person is overburdened. If you can help please contact Eugene 087-2824802 or speak to any member of the Parish Pastoral Council.

ALONE

ALONE provides many services to Older People in our area to enable them to stay living at home for longer. ALONE recruits, trains and supports Volunteers for two services:

If interested please contact Rachel 086-8249308 or email Rachel.christmas@alone.ie

Cooley Community Projects Limited – Vacancies

1 – Environmental worker – Cooley closing date 09.10.26

1 – Environmental worker – C'ford closing date 09.10.26

1 – Groundsperson - Cooley closing date 09.10.26

Phone Ambrose 042-9376077 or cooleyceltd@gmail.com

Rathabbey Community Centre – Coffee Morning

Coffee morning in Rathabbey Community Centre every Wednesday morning at 10.30am – all welcome!

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

Winning Nos: 8; 10; 15; 29; - Jackpot €10,000 won! Congratulations to Eileen Carroll, Willville – Winner! Next week's Jackpot €5,000

Cooley Zoom Bingo

Next Zoom Bingo every Wednesday at 7.30pm sharp. Selling books: €6 (5page book) Mary Clerkin, Dympna Woods, Linda Halpenny, Pdraig O'Connor, Mulligan's shop, Omeath & Cecelia Murphy, Lordship

Cooley Parent, Toddler and Baby Group

Cooley Parent, Baby and Toddler Group in St. Mary's Hall, Cooley – re-opening in September

Cooley Connect Well

Physio-led active movement classes in Cooley Parochial Hall every Wednesday morning from 10.30am – class starts at 10.45am-11.30am followed by cuppa tea and an optional walk.

No booking necessary – class is free! For more info contact: 0833924117

Be Safe! Be Seen!

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