

Cooley Parish Bulletin

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross – 14th September 2025

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The Journey *by Mary Oliver*

One day you finally knew what you had to do, and began,
though the voices around you kept shouting their bad advice –
though the whole house began to tremble and you felt the old tug at your ankles.
“Mend my life!” each voice cried. But you didn’t stop.
You knew what you had to do,
Though the wind pried with its stiff fingers at the very foundations,
though their melancholy was terrible.
It was already late enough, and a wild night,
and the road full of fallen branches and stones.
But little by little, as you left their voices behind,
the stars began to burn through the sheets of clouds,
and there was a new voice which you slowly recognized as your own,
that kept you company as you strode deeper and deeper into the world,
determined to do the only thing you could do –
determined to save the only life you could save..

Recently Deceased

Deirdre Murphy, Templetown
Nicky Mackin, Phillipstown, Dunleer
Mick Moore, Ferbane, Co. Offaly
Rose Snell, nee McGrath formerly of Whitestown who died in Sheffield
Fergus McGuinness, Carlingford

Anniversaries

Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Boher

Saturday	13 th Sep at	7.00pm	Gerard and Lily Shields and dec’d family members Patsy and Mary Hanlon
Tuesday	16 th Sep at	10.00am	No Mass
Thursday	18 th Sep at	10.00am	No Mass
Friday	19 th Sep at	8.00pm	Peter Hanlon
Saturday	20 th Sep at	7.00pm	Private Intention

Church of St. Anne, Mullaghbuoy

Sunday	14 th Sep at	10.00am	Forgotten Souls
Thursday	18 th Sep at	8.00pm	Owenie and Gerry McCann and dec’d family members
Sunday	21 st Sep at	10.00am	Private Intention

Church of St. James, Grange

Sunday	14 th Sep at	11.30am	Josie, Lil, Mena and Mike Killen and dec’d family members Joe and Rosie McCormack and dec’d members of Garland family Geraldine Cunningham
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Monday	15 th Sep at	8.00pm	Private Intention
Tuesday	16 th Sep at	7.30pm	Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick
Wednesday	17 th Sep at	10.00am	Michael, Annie and John Rice and Felix Boyle
Friday	19 th Sep at	10.00am	No Mass
		7.30pm	Fr. Derek Laverty SS CC (Fr. Tony) Dublin and Cooley M.M.
Sunday	21 st Sep at	11.30am	Tommy and Rose White Yvonne Murphy, Templetown Patsy Rice, Lower Rath Eugene Begley, Riverstown

“Why Sunday Matters” an Invitation to reflect on Sunday Mass – Irish Bishop’s Message

Sunday Mass offers us the rhythm for the week that follows. From the very beginning of our Christian faith, Sunday has been central to the life of the Church and remains the heart of Christian practice.

If perhaps your practice has slipped and other things have taken priority; if perhaps you have become accustomed to the webcam; we know Sunday worship was disrupted during the Covid pandemic, the sacramental life of the parish was put on hold.

Some have not returned to worship – today across the island, in every diocese, in every parish, all are encouraged to return to Mass and know that you will be welcome. Sunday Mass is our way of affirming that life has meaning.

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

Divine Mercy Prayer Chaplet

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

24hr Rosary Relay for Peace

24hr Rosary Relay for Peace will be held in Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Boher on 3rd/4th October.

We invite families from each townland in our Parish to come and pray the Rosary throughout the 24hrs - the Rosary will be recited by a representative from each townland during their allotted time which will be randomly arranged.

Please phone Parish Office 042-9397617 or email cooleyparish@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer to recite the Rosary

Prayer Meeting

Prayer meeting resumes on Monday 15th September from 8pm – 9.30pm. All welcome each Monday at “Bethany” 34 Point Road, Dundalk A91 WOC9

Cooley Lourdes Hospitalite Committee

Next Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Sunday 10th May to Friday 15th May 2026.

Anyone intending to travel on the pilgrimage in 2026 can avail of a "Saving Scheme" which will commence in September 2025 to cover their fare. Please contact any member of the Committee or Parish Office 042-9397617 if you would like to save for your fare

Cooley Community Projects Limited – Vacancies

2 - Environmental workers - Cooley	closing date 03.10.25
2 - Environmental workers - Carlingford	closing date 03.10.25
1 - Environmental worker – Omeath	closing date 15.09.25

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

Church Gate Collection

Next weekend - Order of Malta Ireland

Employment Opportunities

If you're unemployed due to accident, illness, disability or injury – EmployAbility Service Louth is here to support you finding employment. Phone 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

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

Cooley Active Retirement Group

Cooley Active Retirement in Cooley Complex – closed for summer months. Re-opening in September

Cooley Parent, Baby and Toddler Group

Cooley Parent, Baby and Toddler Group – closed for summer months – re-opening in St. Mary's Hall, Cooley on Thursday 18th September 2025 from 10am – 11.30am. Contact 087-9721930 to be added to the WhatsApp group for updates

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

Winning Nos: 8; 14; 18; 21; - no won – Next week's Jackpot €7,600

Carlingford/Omeath Red Cross Social

Carlingford/Omeath Red Cross Social in St. Mary's Parochial Hall, Cooley today Sunday 14th September from 4pm – 7pm. Music by Swinging Paddy. Usual transport. All are welcome

Carlingford/Omeath Red Cross – Sincere Thanks

Carlingford/Omeath Red Cross sincerely thank all who contributed so generously to their recent Church gate collection which amounted to €749.27 + £16.02

Line Dancing Classes in Cooley Hall

Line dancing classes for beginners + seasoned dancers – no partner needed – in Cooley Parochial Hall A91 DD1F commencing on Tuesday 16th September at 7.30pm

Carlingford Greenway Walk for Multiple Sclerosis

Carlingford Greenway Walk on Thursday 25th September at 7pm from Marina to Greer's Quay and return. All support welcome! Phone 087-4163098 or 086-1505865

Variety Concert in Strand Hotel, Omeath – CANCELLED due to unforeseen circumstances!

Concert on Sunday 14th September from 4pm – 6.30pm in Strand Hotel, Omeath. Artists include Patricia Maguire, Country & Western singer, Ceol Heads & much more. In aid of Rosminian Missions, Tanzania