

## Cooley Parish Bulletin

### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025

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#### **The Search** *by Kenneth Stevens*

Who was it who decreed  
we must find God  
through the hard labour of hunger  
or years of rocky islands?  
Why should God not also  
be found listening in a simple glade  
where morning is being born  
in the soft calling of birds.

#### **Recently Deceased**

Jim Gorham, Ballynamoney  
Cait Halpenny, Rathabbey and Greenore  
Liam Woods, Castletowncooley  
Thomas Carr, Kells  
Terry McMahon, Knockbridge  
Philip Connolly, London

#### **Anniversaries**

##### **Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Boher**

Saturday	22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	7.00pm	Elvie, Philomena and Paddy McCumiskey and Danny O'Connor Jimmy and Nancy Marmion Audrey and Adrian Halpenny, Dundalk and Manchester Bronagh Crimmins, Newry M.M.
Tuesday	25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am	Private Intention
Thursday	27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am	No Mass
Friday	28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	8.00pm	Cait Halpenny M.M. Joseph and Ethna McCumiskey and Gloria Benitas
Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	7.00pm	James McCormack, Willville Anna Brady Grainne White, Whitestown Shore Terry and Eileen Doran

##### **Church of St. Anne, Mullaghbuoy**

Sunday	23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	10.00am	Sean McCann M.M.
Thursday	27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	8.00pm	John and Evelyn Savage and dec'd family members
Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	10.00am	Michael and Kenneth McBride and dec'd family members Liam Woods M.M.

## **Church of St. James, Grange**

Sunday	23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb 11.30am	Mairead Oliver Sinead Gill John and Maureen Maguire Paddy Joe and Teenie Rogan and dec'd family members Joseph Marks and dec'd family members, Rathcor Mick, Bridie and Kevin Shields Jimmy O'Shea
Monday	24 <sup>th</sup> Feb 8.00pm	Private Intention
Wednesday	26 <sup>th</sup> Feb 10.00am	Michael, Ann and Jonathon Loughran and dec'd family members
Friday	28 <sup>th</sup> Feb 10.00am	No Mass
Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar 11.30am	Jim Gormley Joe, Kathleen, Laurence and Jim O'Connore Joe, Philip and Rose Murphy Marian, Pat and Sr. Cillian Amond Dan and Rosemary Meehan

### **Confirmation**

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 11am in Grange Church

### **First Holy Communion**

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May - Monksland and Rathcor

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May - Mullaghbuoy

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May - Boher

### **Ceremony of Commitment and Light**

In preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Ceremony of Commitment and Light will be held in Church of St. James, Grange on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm

### **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

### **Synodality**

Members of the Pastoral Council are travelling to Dromantine to engage in a Parish Leadership Programme on Friday/Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> March. If you would like to be part of a team that shapes the future of our Parish community and have interest in training, please contact Canon Malachy or any member of the Pastoral Council as soon as possible

### **Baptisms (by arrangement)**

Baptisms will be celebrated on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

### **Pilgrimage to Rome - Jubilee Year 2025**

Pilgrimage to Rome will take place from 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Please contact the travel agent directly O’Hanrahan Travel, Church Street, Monaghan 047-81133 or 087-3791443 to make a booking

### **Pilgrimage to Garabandal – 24<sup>th</sup> March – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

5 days - Sharing €280 - Single Room €320 – All pilgrims are required to book their own Air fare privately. For more info contact: Laurena 085-1833110

### **Pilgrimage to Medjugorje**

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 22<sup>nd</sup> September – 27<sup>th</sup> September (6days) – Sharing €280 – Single Room €340. Pilgrims are required to book their own flights. For more info contact: Laurena 085-1833110

### **Church Gate Collection**

This weekend - Irish Red Cross  
Next weekend - St. Vincent de Paul

### **St. Vincent de Paul – Home Visitation Volunteer**

St. Vincent de Paul is currently looking for compassionate individuals to join their Home Visitation teams. If interested email: [Dundalk.areacouncil@svp.ie](mailto:Dundalk.areacouncil@svp.ie) or call 1800 677 777 (press 2 for members)

### **Cooley Community Projects Limited – Vacancies**

1 - Environmental worker - Cooley closing date 02 .03.25  
1 - Cleaner Cooley Complex closing date 07.03.25  
Phone Ambrose 042-9376077 or email [cooleyceltd@gmail.com](mailto:cooleyceltd@gmail.com)

### **Rathcor National School – Enrolments 2025/2026**

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

### **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, Pdraig 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: 2; 15; 26; 32; - not won - Jackpot €8,400

**Dromantine Summer Camp 2025**

Registration goes live on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7am. Registration is for players, managers and students interested in participating in Camp. For info contact:

[info@dromantinesummercamp.co.uk](mailto:info@dromantinesummercamp.co.uk)

Camp dates: Boys week 1 - 20<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> July      Boys week 2 – 27<sup>th</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> Aug  
Girls week 1 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug – 8<sup>th</sup> Aug      Girls week 2 – 10<sup>th</sup> Aug – 15<sup>th</sup> Aug

**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

**Céili in Mullaghbuoy Community Centre**

Céili on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March in Mullaghbuoy Community Centre – Music by Seamus & Fidelma Bellew. Adm €10 - Light refreshments served. All proceeds to Mullaghbuoy Community Centre

**Beginners Line dance Class**

Learn to line dance and enjoy the fun of dancing – in St. Mary's Parochial Hall, Cooley on Tuesday nights from 7.30pm. Beginners/Improvers from 8.15pm

**Pilates Classes for Seniors**

Pilates classes for Seniors starting in Omeath in March – Fridays from 12noon – 12.45pm – 4 week term. Whatsapp 085-7246247 to book your place

**Be Safe! Be Seen!**

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