

## Cooley Parish Bulletin 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### Second Sunday of Christmas

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#### From 'Old and New Year Ditties' by Christina Rossetti

'Watch with me, men, women and children dear,  
You whom I love, for whom I hope and fear,  
Watch with me this last vigil year.  
Some hug their business, some their pleasure-scheme;  
Some seize the vacant hour to sleep or dream;  
Heart locked in heart some kneel and watch apart.  
Watch with me blessed spirits, who delight  
All through the holy night to walk in white,  
Or take your ease after the long-drawn fight.  
I know not if they watch with me: I know  
They count this eve of resurrection slow,  
And cry, 'How long?' with urgent utterance strong.  
Watch with me Jesus, in my loneliness:  
Though others say me nay, yet say Thou yes;  
Though others pass me by, stop Thou to bless.  
Yea, Thou dost stop with me this vigil night;  
To-night of pain, to-morrow of delight:  
I, Love, am Thine, Thou, Lord my God, art mine.'

#### Recently Deceased

Tom O'Reilly, Glenmore  
Noel Ryan, Carlingford  
Dave Hudson Sellers, Maryland, U.S.A. and Ballagan  
Sam Dawson, Carlingford  
Louie McCann, Annaloughan  
Aidan Cranny, Rockmarshall  
Sandra Finnegan, Isle of Man  
Breda Murphy, Togher

#### Anniversaries

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

Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup> Jan at	7.00pm	Bernard and Sadie McCarragher and dec'd family members
Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup> Jan at	10.00am	James and Teresa Loughran
Thursday	9 <sup>th</sup> Jan at	10.00am	Special Intention
Saturday	11 <sup>th</sup> Jan at	7.00pm	Ambrose Murphy

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

Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> Jan at	10.00am	Owen McCann
Thursday	9 <sup>th</sup> Jan at	8.00pm	No Mass
Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup> Jan at	10.00am	Tommy O'Rourke

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

Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> Jan at	11.30am	James, Ellen, Kathleen and John Killen, Ballagan Angela Waring, Greystones and Irish Grange Tommy, Kathleen, Pat, Tom and John Carroll
Monday	6 <sup>th</sup> Jan at	8.00pm	Peter and Maureen Shields and dec'd family members
Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup> Jan at	10.00am	Special Intention
Friday	10 <sup>th</sup> Jan at	10.00am	Bernard and Kathleen Boyle
Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup> Jan at	11.30am	Mick and Mary Rice Paul and Mary Feehan Dec'd members of Feehan family, Riverstown Michael O'Byrne, Limerick

### **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

### **Monday is the Feast of the Epiphany – 6<sup>th</sup> January**

A holy day of obligation

Mass in Church of St. James Grange at 8pm

### **First Friday Calls**

Fr. Malachy will visit the old and housebound in all areas on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January**. (Note change of date)

### **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 The Divine Chaplet team welcomes new members to recite the Chaplet on Sunday evenings at 7.30pm.

### **Cooley Lourdes Committee**

Cooley Lourdes Committee has been in operation for a number of years and works in conjunction with the Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Each year we raise funds to bring a number of sick people on the Diocesan Pilgrimage – next year the pilgrimage takes place from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025 and we are enthusiastically looking for new members to join our Committee. Should anyone be in a position to assist with a financial donation we would really appreciate your help!

### **Be Safe! Be Seen!**

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

### **Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi**

A special Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi will take place in September 2025. The Pilgrimage will be led by Fr. Peter McAnenly and it will depart on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September for 7 nights.

It will include visits to all the main Basilicas and places of interest in Rome and also attendance at a Papal Audience as we celebrate the Jubilee Year. It will also include visits to many of the places associated with the life of Saints Francis and Clare in the beautiful town of Assisi. There will also be an opportunity to visit the tomb of Blessed Carlo Acutis who is to be canonised a saint in April.

On the last day of the Pilgrimage, there will be a visit to Tuscan town of Siena and amongst the many places to visit there, there will be a visit to the Shrine of St. Catherine. Further info and booking contact [info@marian.ie](mailto:info@marian.ie) or 01-8788159

### **Chaplet of the Divine Mercy**

First Sunday of the Month – this Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 3pm with Confessions from 2pm onwards in St. Nicholas' Church, Dundalk featuring Holy Hour, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Anointing of the Sick and Confessions.

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

Fare includes full board, transfer to and from airport and tour guide - Air flight has to be arranged by individual pilgrims privately. Bookings will be taken in 2024. Contact: Laurena 085-1833110

### **Charitable Donations Scheme January 2023 – December 2023**

The Parish recently received €33,675.91 from the Revenue Commissioners from the Charitable Donations Scheme 2023. Sincere thanks to all who participated in the Scheme. We would encourage parishioners to use their Envelopes for their contributions as it is only on Envelope contributions that the Scheme is calculated

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

1 – Groundsman – Cooley Kickhams

closing date 12.01.25

1 – Environmental worker - Cooley

closing date 12.01.25

Phone Ambrose 042-9376077 or email [cooleyceltd@gmail.com](mailto:cooleyceltd@gmail.com)

### **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. Extra flyers on sale this week!

### **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 Parochial Hall, Cooley

### **Cooley Credit Union Limited – A.G.M.**

Cooley Credit Union Limited A.G.M. will take place in St. Mary's Parochial Hall, Cooley on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 7.30pm sharp. Free draw for all members in attendance at meeting

**Mullaghbuoy Community Centre Car Park**

Upgrading of the car park has finished. The Committee wishes to thank all involved in the construction work and everybody using the hall for their co-operation and extra caution observed during the upgrading works. Classes and parking will all return as normal from now on

**Glenmore Athletic Club**

Operation Bush4mation starts their Annual 4 week programme on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025.  
great value – something for everyone!

**Cooley Connect Well**

Cooley Connect Well meet every Wednesday morning in Cooley Parochial Hall A91 DD1F.