

Cooley Parish Bulletin 12th January 2025

The Baptism of the Lord

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A Prayer for the New Year by Francis Brienen

As we begin anew,
And take our first steps into the future.
Where nothing is safe and certain except You, O Lord
We ask for the courage of the wise men
Who simply went and followed a star.
We ask for their wisdom
In choosing to peruse the deepest truth
Not knowing where they would be led.
In the year to come, God of all time
Be our help and company.
Hold our hands as we journey onwards
And may your dream of shalom
Where all will be at peace,
Be our guiding star.

Recently Deceased

Delma Dwyer, Whitestown and Dublin
Tom O'Reilly, Glenmore
Noel Ryan, Carlingford
Tom Crawley, Lislea
Dave Hudson Sellers, Maryland, U.S.A. and Ballagan
Sam Dawson, Carlingford
Louie McCann, Annaloughan

Anniversaries

Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Boher

Saturday	11 th Jan at	7.00pm	Ambrose Murphy
Tuesday	14 th Jan at	10.00am	Annie, Lily and Gerry Byrne
Thursday	16 th Jan at	10.00am	Michael Elmore, Tom, Kathleen and Kevin Boyle
Saturday	18 th Jan at	7.00pm	Jimmy and Bonny McCann

Church of St. Anne, Mullaghbuoy

Sunday	12 th Jan at	10.00am	Tommy O'Rourke
Thursday	16 th Jan at	8.00pm	No Mass
Sunday	19 th Jan at	10.00am	People of the Parish

Church of St. James, Grange

Sunday	12 th Jan at	11.30am	Mick and Mary Rice Paul and Mary Feehan Dec'd members of Feehan family, Riverstown Michael O'Byrne, Limerick
Monday	13 th Jan at	8.00pm	Private Intention
Wednesday	15 th Jan at	10.00am	Special Intention

Friday	17 th Jan at	10.00am	Cian Hopkins Harold
Sunday	19 th Jan at	11.30am	Fr. Tommy McNulty Gerard and Tom Kindlon Caroline White Jimmy and Katie Maguire and dec'd family members, Ballug

Congratulations Very Rev Canon Malachy

*Archbishop Eamon Martin recently appointed Fr. Malachy to the Metropolitan Chapter
- thus we have Canon Malachy in our midst!*

*The Parishioners of Cooley warmly congratulate Canon Malachy on his appointment
and wish him good health, every blessing and many more years as he continues to
minister to his flock here in Cooley Parish*

Confirmation

Saturday 22nd March at 11am in Grange Church

First Holy Communion

Saturday 3rd May - Monksland and Rathcor

Sunday 4th May - Mullaghbuoy

Saturday 24th May - Boher

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

Monthly Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick

Monthly Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated in Church of St. James, Grange on Tuesday 21st January at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome

Calling Volunteers Wanting to Make a Difference

As many of you will know, Pope Francis is calling the church throughout the world to a new way of being church – it's called a synodal way – which basically means that Pope Francis wants every parish and every parishioner to 'walk together' as we plan the way ahead for the church.

Here in the Archdiocese of Armagh and in this parish, we plan to create opportunities so that we can listen to each other and plan the way ahead. In order for this 'listening' to be effective and meaningful, we need volunteers to train as facilitators:

Session 1. Date: Wednesday 22nd January in Synod Hall, Armagh. Time: 7pm – 9.30pm

Session 2. Date: Thursday 23rd January in St. Gerard's Hall, Dundalk. Time: 6.30pm – 9pm

If you would like to assist the Parish Pastoral Council in its efforts to reach out, we would appreciate your help! If you are interested in training as a facilitator, please contact Fr. Malachy or any member of the Parish Pastoral Council as soon as possible

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 22nd 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 or 01-8788159

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.

Pilgrimage to Garabandal – 24th March – 28th 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

Cooley Lourdes Committee - Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

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 – this year the pilgrimage takes place from Monday 5th – Saturday 10th 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!

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje – September 2025

Pilgrimage with direct flight from Dublin to Dubrovnik departure from Dundalk on Wednesday 17th September for 7 nights – half board – cost €815 pp. Spiritual Director Fr. Paul Montague. Early booking discount €50 pp for all deposits received before 31st January. For more info contact Tommy 086-3597737

Cooley Community Projects Limited – Vacancies

1 – Groundsman – Cooley Kickhams closing date 17.01.25

1 – Environmental worker - Cooley closing date 17.01.25

Phone Ambrose 042-9376077 or email 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, 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 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 21st January at 7.30pm sharp. Free draw for all members in attendance at meeting

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

Winning Nos: 3; 18; 23; 25; - not won - Jackpot €7,200

Walk 25 hours in Memory of Niamh

Walk 25 hours in memory of Niamh McDonald – 25th Anniversary – at Cooley Kickham's walking track. Start at 10am on Saturday 25th January finish on Sunday 26th January at 11am.

All donations to Maria Goretti. Refreshments in Cooley Complex after 11.30am Mass on Sunday 26th Jan

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 started their Annual 4 week programme on Monday 6th January 2025.

Cooley Connect Well

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

Be Safe! Be Seen!

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