

## Cooley Parish Bulletin 29<sup>th</sup> December 2024

### Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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#### For a New Beginning by John O'Donohue

In out-of-the-way places of the heart  
Where your thoughts never think to wander,  
This beginning has been quietly forming,  
Waiting until you were ready to emerge.

For a long time it has watched your desire,  
Feeling the emptiness growing inside you,  
Noticing how you will yourself on,  
Still unable to leave what you had outgrown.

Though your destination is not yet clear  
You can trust the promise of this opening;  
Unfurl yourself into the grace of beginning  
That is at one with your life's desire.

Awaken your spirit to adventure;  
Hold nothing back, learn to find ease in risk;  
Soon you will be home in a new rhythm,  
For your soul senses the world that awaits you.

#### Recently Deceased

Dave Hudson Sellers, Maryland, U.S.A. and Ballagan  
Sam Dawson, Carlingford  
Aidan Cranny, Rockmarshall  
Sandra Finnegan, Isle of Man  
Breda Murphy, Togher  
Brendan Shields, Belfast and Carlingford  
Padraic O'Connor, Railway Village, Jenkinstown  
Tony Eaton, Bellurgan

#### Anniversaries

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

Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup> Dec at	7.00pm	Stephen McGrath Thomas and Bridie Carroll and dec'd family members Sean and Kathleen Murphy and dec'd family members, Ballagan
Tuesday	31 <sup>st</sup> Dec at	10.00am	No Mass
Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan at	10.00am	Private Intention
Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup> Jan at	7.00pm	Bernard and Sadie McCarragher and dec'd family members

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

Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup> Dec at	10.00am	People of the Parish
Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan at	8.00pm	No Mass
Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> Jan at	10.00am	Owen McCann

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

Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup> Dec at	11.30am	Pat, Alice and Rose Ann McShane Nancy Murphy
Monday	30 <sup>th</sup> Dec at	8.00pm	No Mass
Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan at	10.00am	No Mass
Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan at	8.00pm	No Mass
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

## **New Year 2025**

*With the warmest of good wishes to all our parishioners and your families as a  
New Year beckons.*

*May God truly bless all of us at this time and together may we strive to make our  
Parish community an oasis of mercy.*

***Fr. Malachy and Fr. John***

## **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

## **Friday is the First Friday**

Fr. Malachy will visit the old and housebound in all areas on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January. (Please note change of day)**. If you have a relative, friend or neighbour that would like Fr. Malachy to visit them, please contact the Parish Office 042-9397617 with their name and address

## **Year of Jubilee 2025**

Pope Francis has chosen the Feast of the Holy Family, Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December, to mark the opening of the Year of Jubilee 2025 in all dioceses of the World. The Theme of the Jubilee Year is "Pilgrims of Hope". To open the Jubilee Year Archbishop Eamon Martin and Bishop Michael Router will celebrate Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh today Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December at 11am

## **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 celebrate 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. Everyone welcome

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

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

### **Ministers of the Word**

The new 2025 rotas are now available in the Sacristy together with St. Paul Sunday Missal – please pick up your rota and Missal as soon as possible

### **Ministers of the Eucharist**

The new 2025 rotas are now available in the Sacristy – please pick up your rota as soon as possible

### **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 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!

### **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

### **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

### **Cooley Credit Union Limited – New Year hours**

Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup> January	-	All offices closed
Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup> January	-	Normal opening hours resumes
Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup> January	-	Normal opening hours
Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup> January	-	Normal opening hours

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

1 – Groundsman – Cooley Kickhams	closing date 02.01.25
1 – Environmental worker - Cooley	closing date 02.01.25

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

### **Cooley Zoom Bingo**

No ZOOM BINGO until Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm.

**Mullaghbuoy Community Centre Car Park**

Mullaghbuoy Community Centre car park is currently being upgraded. All events/classes are running as usual but extra caution is advised to anyone using the hall or school as some areas are closed off. These works will be ongoing for a number of weeks. Apologies for any inconvenience caused

**Glenmore Athletic Club**

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

**Céili in Mullaghbuoy Community Centre**

Céili in Mullaghbuoy Community Centre on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January at 8pm – Music by Seamus & Fidlema Bellew. Adm €10 - light supper served. Raffle on the night. All proceeds to Community Centre

**Cooley Connect Well**

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