

Cooley Parish Bulletin 8th December 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

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Epic by Patrick Kavanagh

I have lived in important places,
times when great events were decided;
who owned that half a rood of rock,
a no-man's land surrounded by our pitchfork-armed claims.
I heard the Duffys shouting "Damn your soul!"
and old McCabe stripped to the waist,
seen step the plot defying blue cast-steel –
"Here is the march along these iron stones."
That was the year of the Munich bother.
Which was more important?
I inclined to lose my faith in Ballyrush and Gortin
till Homer's ghost came whispering to my mind.
He said: I made the Iliad from such a local row.
Gods make their own importance.

Recently Deceased

Rev. Fr. Raphael Gallagher, C.S.R. Dundalk
Fr. Bede McGregor, O.P. St. Malachy's, Dundalk
Jim McSloy, Millgrange
Sr. Eileen Moore, Newry

Anniversaries

Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Boher

Saturday	7 th Dec	7.00pm	Paddy, Ann and Gerard Treanor Hugh and Ellen Byrne and dec'd family members Pete and Teasia White and Walter and Mary Hughes Tommy and Carmen McGrane and Derek and Rowena Burn
Tuesday	10 th Dec	10.00am	Private Intention
Thursday	12 th Dec	10.00am	Ronan, Nellie and Tommy McGrane and dec'd family members
Saturday	14 th Dec	7.00pm	Dorrie Elmore John, Lizzie and Terry O'Hanlon and dec'd family members

Church of St. Anne, Mullaghbuoy

Sunday	8 th Dec	10.00am	Breedge O'Reilly
Thursday	12 th Dec	8.00pm	No Mass
Sunday	15 th Dec	10.00am	People of the Parish

Church of St. James, Grange

Sunday	8 th Dec	11.30am	Leo and Susie McGuigan Michael, Christina, Pat and Michael (Jnr) Mackin Joe Kane, Craigavon and Templetown
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Monday	9 th Dec 8.00pm	Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin
Wednesday	11 th Dec 10.00am	Private Intention
Friday	13 th Dec 10.00am	Parish List of the Dead
Sunday	15 th Dec 11.30am	John and Mary White and dec'd family members, Rathcor Brian Boyle Joe Quinn, Ballagan Mickey Rice Peter Rafferty, Templetown and Cork

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

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday 9th December, holy day of obligation Mass in Church of St. James, Grange at 8pm

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

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

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 17th December at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome

Christmas Penitential and Reconciliation Service

Christmas Penitential and Reconciliation Service and Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick will take place in Church of St. James, Grange on Tuesday 17th December at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome

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 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!

Carlingford/Omeath Red Cross Christmas Party

Annual Christmas Party this Sunday 8th December starting at 6.30pm in Ballymascanlon Hotel and music is by Blue Magic. Tickets available from Red Cross members

Congratulations!

Congratulations and best wishes to our Parishioner, Érin McGreehan on being elected a T.D. to Dáil Éireann in the recent General Election. Érin is the first Cooley person to have the honour of serving in the Dáil!

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

Cooley Community Projects Limited – Vacancies

1 – Groundsman – Cooley Kickhams

closing date 02.01.25

1 – Environmental worker - Cooley

closing date 16.12.24

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

Pilgrimage to Garabandal – Mid April 2025

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

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Walsingham, North Norfolk, England

For nearly 1000 years people have been coming to Walsingham to worship God and honour His mother Mary. Pilgrimage will take place in May 2025. Further details phone 085-1833110

Rathabbey Community Centre – Coffee Mornings

Coffee mornings in Rathabbey Community Centre every Wednesday morning at 10.30am

Cooley Active Retirement Group

Cooley Active Retirement in Cooley Complex every Thursday afternoon at 2.30pm. New members always 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.

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. €3 per family. Contact: 087-9721930 to be added to the WhatsApp group for updates

Cooley Kickham's G.F.C. Lotto €2 per line or 3 lines for €5

Winning Nos. 11; 15; 30; 31; - not won - Jackpot €6,600

Cooley Connect Well

Cooley Connect Well meet every Wednesday morning in Cooley Parochial Hall A91 DD1F and continue their skills share open days, health talks, light lunch and induction to activator walking poles sessions.

Wednesday 11th December – Annual Christmas celebration wreath-making workshop. Bring along any old wreaths that need green foliage and decorations

Carlingford Heritage Centre

Saturday 7th December – Carlingford CultureFest 2024 @ 8pm Opera Collective Ireland – Tickets €12-€15

Sunday 8th December - The Few's Ensemble presents Miniatures @ 1pm – Tickets €20/€10

Be Safe! Be Seen!

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