

## Cooley Parish Bulletin

### Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025

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#### **Sonnet 98** *by William Shakespeare*

From you have I been absent in the spring,  
When proud-pied April, dressed in all his trim,  
Hath put a spirit of youth in everything,  
That heavy Saturn laughed and leaped with him.  
Yet nor the lays of birds, nor the sweet smell  
Of different flowers in odour and in hue,  
Could make me any summer's story tell,  
Or from their proud lap pluck them where they grew:  
Nor did I wonder at the lily's white,  
Nor praise the deep vermilion in the rose;  
They were but sweet, but figures of delight  
Drawn after you, - you pattern of all those.  
Yet seem'd it winter still, and, you away,  
As with your shadow I with these did play.

#### **Recently Deceased**

Rt. Rev. Mgr. Raymond Murray P.E. Armagh  
Jim Gorham, Ballynamoney  
Pat Larkin, Edmonton, Canada and formerly of Ballynamoney  
Elizabeth Brown, Omeath  
James Treanor, Dromintee  
Eileen Cassidy, Waterford  
Coleen Rackow Erie, U.S.A.  
Thomas Carr. Kells  
Terry McMahon, Knockbridge

#### **Anniversaries**

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

Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	7.00pm	James McCormack, Willville Anna Brady Grainne White, Whitestown Shore Terry and Eileen Doran
Tuesday	4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.00am	Patrick and Teresa McGrane
Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	8.00pm	Ash Wednesday
Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.00am	Private Intention
Saturday	8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7.00pm	Jim Gorham M.M. Richard Devine, Newry

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

Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	10.00am	Michael and Kenneth McBride and dec'd family members Liam Woods M.M.
Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	8.00pm	No Mass
Sunday	9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.00am	Teddy and Mary O'Rourke

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

Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar 11.30am	Jim Gormley Joe, Kathleen, Laurence and Jim O'Connor Dan and Patricia McDonald Joe, Philip and Rose Murphy Marian, Pat and Sr. Cillian Amond Dan and Rosemary Meehan
Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar 8.00pm	Private Intention
Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup> Mar 10.00am	Ash Wednesday
Friday	7 <sup>th</sup> Mar 8.00pm	Finbar Carroll Harry Murphy, Dublin and Petestown Maura Thornton
Sunday	9 <sup>th</sup> Mar 11.30am	Andrew Malone Gerard Malone, Templetown May McGuinness

## **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

## **This Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March is a Day of Prayer for Temperance**

### **Wednesday is Ash Wednesday**

A day of fast and abstinence. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at both Masses – Grange at 10am and Boher at 8pm

### **Friday is the First Friday**

Canon Malachy will visit the old and housebound on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March in all areas. If you have a relative, friend or neighbour that would like Canon Malachy to visit them, please phone the Parish Office 042-9397617 with their name and address

### **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 this 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

### **New Weekly Envelopes 2025/2026**

The new weekly envelope series commence this weekend 1<sup>st</sup> /2<sup>nd</sup> March and parishioners are encouraged to use their envelopes for their contributions as it is only on envelope contributions we can claim the Tax Refund Scheme. Sincere thanks to all who help deliver the envelopes and Trocaire boxes

### **Trocaire Lenten Appeal**

Trocaire boxes will be delivered to all households in the Parish this week. Whatever you can give, your support will help the most at-risk communities in Guatemala to become more resilient to the devastating impacts of climate change

### **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.

### **Church Gate Collection**

This weekend - St. Vincent de Paul  
Next weekend - Cooley Kickham's G.F.C.

### **Cooley Community Playgroup Limited - Recruiting**

Cooley Community Playgroup are looking for Childcare Assistant – must have at least Level 5 in Early Childhood Studies. Please send C.V. to [ccpgroup@eircom.net](mailto:ccpgroup@eircom.net) or post to Cooley Community Playgroup Ltd, Monksland, Carlingford, Co. Louth A91 DD1F

### **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 12.03.25  
1 - Cleaner Cooley Complex closing date 12.03.25  
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, Padraig 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: 4; 6; 8; 31; - not won - Jackpot €8,600

**Grange & District Resident's Association – Table Quiz**

Table Quiz in Long's Bar, Grange on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm – your support would be appreciated

**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

**St. Patrick's Day Parade**

St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March from Bush, Riverstown to Cooley Kickham's Sports Complex where there will be live music from 2pm – 4.30pm. Disco in Complex for children. There will be refreshments available. The parade starts at 1pm from Bush – everyone welcome. For more enquiries phone Eddie 087-6494965

**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