

Cooley Parish Bulletin 2nd February 2025

The Presentation of the Lord

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The Trees (1974) by Philip Larkin

The trees are coming into leaf
Like something almost being said;
The recent buds relax and spread,
Their greenness is a kind of grief.

Is it that they are born again
And we grow old? No, they die too.
Their yearly trick of looking new
Is written down in rings of grain.

Yet still the unresting castles thresh
In fullgrown thickness every May
Last year is dead, they seem to say,
Begin afresh, afresh, afresh.

Recently Deceased

Cait Halpenny, Rathabbey and Greenore
Liam Woods, Castletowncooley
Seán McCann, Lower Glenmore
Marie Savage, nee Oliver, Carlingford
Noel Ryan, Carlingford
Margaret MacArtain, Gyles Quay
Martin Doherty, Meigh and Kilkierley
Betty Mills, Jenkinstown

Anniversaries

Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Boher

Saturday	1 st Feb	7.00pm	Seamus Cunningham
Tuesday	4 th Feb	10.00am	Private Intention
Thursday	6 th Feb	10.00am	Private Intention
Saturday	8 th Feb	7.00pm	Francis Murphy

Church of St. Anne, Mullaghbuoy

Sunday	2 nd Feb	10.00am	People of the Parish
Thursday	6 th Feb	8.00pm	No Mass
Sunday	9 th Feb	10.00am	Private Intention

Church of St. James, Grange

Sunday	2 nd Feb	11.30am	Mike and Madge Boyle Jimmy and Elizabeth Boyle Mary Killen and dec'd family members Doris Carron Rosetta Walsh, Newry Delma Dwyer M.M.
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Monday	3 rd Feb	8.00pm	Dec'd members of O'Rourke family, Templetown
Wednesday	5 th Feb	10.00am	Private Intention
Friday	7 th Feb	8.00pm	Private Intention
Sunday	9 th Feb	11.30am	Mgr. John McGrane Blaise, Dolly and Tommy Long Mary McCormack, South Commons John and Margaret Flynn and dec'd family members Owen, Eileen and John Traynor and Eileen Long Peter Carroll, Benagh Terence, James and Brigid McGrath & dec'd family members Noel Ryan M.M.

Saturday is the Feast of St. Brigid – 1st February

Abbess, Secondary Patron of Ireland - St. Brigid's crosses will be blessed at vigil Mass

Sunday is the Presentation of the Lord

Candlemas Day. World Day for Consecrated Life

Monday is the Feast of St. Blaise

Throats will be blessed at Mass on Monday evening

Friday is the First Friday

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

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

Divine Mercy Prayer Chaplet

Divine Mercy Prayer Chaplet in Church of St. James, Grange every Sunday evening from 7.30pm-8.00pm

Church Gate Collection

This weekend - St. Vincent de Paul

Next weekend - Epilepsy Ireland

Prayer Meeting

All are very welcome to Prayer Meeting each Monday night from 8pm – 9.30pm in "Bethany" 34 Point Road, Dundalk A91 WOC9

Divine Mercy National Conference 2025

Conference from Friday 21st Feb – Sunday 23rd Feb.

A coach will depart from the Magnet, Dundalk for The Divine Mercy Conference in the RDS, Dublin on Saturday 22nd February – 1 day admission €35 – for further enquiries contact: Laurena 085-1833110

Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025

This year the Armagh Diocesan pilgrimage takes place from Monday 5th – Saturday 10th May 2025. Cost €995pps – anyone interested in travelling on the Diocesan Pilgrimage should hand in their name to any member of the Cooley Lourdes Committee together with deposit of €300 as soon as possible

This will be the only Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Cooley Parish this year

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. Further info and booking contact info@marian.ie or 01-8788159

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

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

This Sunday 2nd February in St. Nicholas' Church, Dundalk at 3pm featuring Holy Hour, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Confessions and Anointing of the Sick

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 Community Projects Limited – Vacancies

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| 1 - Environmental worker - Cooley | closing date 28 .02.25 |
| 1 - Cleaner Cooley Complex | closing date 07.03.25 |
| 1 - Caretaker Cooley Complex | closing date 07.03.25 |

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, Padraig O'Connor, Mulligan's Shop, Omeath, Cecelia Murphy, Lordship.

Cooley Active Retirement Group

Cooley Active Retirement re-opens in Cooley Complex on Thursday 6th February 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; 13; 30; 31; - not won - Jackpot €7,800

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

Cooley Connect Well

Wednesday 5th Feb – Celebrating St. Brigid & Spring time with social mornings, Sew, Knit & Crochet skills from 10.30am, followed by Chair exercises at 12oc & painting until 3pm in St. Mary's Parochial Hall, Cooley. Also Organic Gardening Course and lots more!

February events are supported by the local Community, Louth Co. Council & LMETB. For info phone 083-3924117

Monthly Car Boot Sale – Today Sunday 2nd February

Monthly Car Boot Sale in St. Mary's Parochial Hall, Cooley A91 DD1F on Sunday 2nd February from 10am – 3pm. Stalls €20 per table. Organised by McDonnell family in aid of North Louth Hospice & Homecare

Coffee/Tea Morning and Cake Sale

Coffee/Tea morning and Cake Sale in Mullaghbuoy Community Centre this Sunday 2nd February from 10.30am to 1pm. Fundraiser to support crucial research for Sarcoma cancer - an aggressive soft tissue and bone cancer. For info contact Darcie 0044-7791941204

Bingo Night in aid of Rathcor National School

Friday 14th February in St. Mary's Parochial Hall, Cooley. Kids session at 6.30pm Adults session at 7.30pm

Little People After School

Little People After School in Foy Centre, Carlingford from 1.30pm – 5.30pm daily. NCS funding available commencing 4th February. Contact Eimile 087-3671813