

## Cooley Parish Bulletin

### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9th February 2025

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#### **The Bright Field** *by R.S. Thomas*

I have seen the sun break through  
to illuminate a small field for a while,  
and gone my way and forgotten it.  
But that was the pearl of great price,  
the one field that had treasure in it.  
I realise now that I must give  
all that I have to possess it.  
Life is not hurrying on to a receding future,  
nor hankering after an imagined past.  
It is the turning aside like Moses  
to the miracle of the lit bush,  
to a brightness that seemed  
as transitory as your youth once,  
but is the eternity that awaits you.

#### **Recently Deceased**

Jim Gorham, Ballynamoney. Funeral Mass on Monday at 11am  
Cait Halpenny, Rathabbey and Greenore  
Liam Woods, Castletowncooley  
Seán McCann, Lower Glenmore  
Marie Savage, nee Oliver, Carlingford  
Noel Begley, Hackballscross  
Margaret MacArtain, Gyles Quay

#### **Anniversaries**

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

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 7.00pm Francis Murphy, Carlingford and Greenore  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 10.00am Tess McGrane and Jake Garron  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 10.00am No Mass  
Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 7.00pm John Hanlon  
Michael and Helen Moylan and Des and Babs McAleavey  
Nicola Rafferty

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

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 10.00am Private Intention  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 8.00pm Matt, Helen and Michael Campbell, Lower Rath  
Jimmy and Rose McCann  
Pat and Mary Murphy, Castletowncooley  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 10.00am Frances Malone, Rathcor

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

Sunday	9 <sup>th</sup> 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 and dec'd family members Noel Ryan M.M.
Monday	10 <sup>th</sup> Feb 8.00pm	Private Intention
Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup> Feb 10.00am	Private Intention
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup> Feb 10.00am	Private Intention
Sunday	16 <sup>th</sup> Feb 11.30am	Sean McDonald Claire Rogan Patsy and Mary McGrath and dec'd family members Mickey and Rose McShane and dec'd family members

## **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

## **Diocesan Adoration Committee**

Members of the Diocesan Adoration Committee will speak at all Masses in the Parish this weekend

## **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

## **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 18<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome

## **Divine Mercy National Conference 2025**

Conference from Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. A coach will depart from the Magnet, Dundalk for The Divine Mercy Conference in the RDS, Dublin on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 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

### **Pilgrimage to Rome - Jubilee Year 2025**

Pilgrimage to Rome will take place from 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025. The Pilgrimage will be led by Fr. Paddy Rushe, St. Colmcille's Pastoral Area, Co. Louth. The price of €799 includes all travel costs (flight, transfers, luggage) together with B&B accommodation and all tours in Rome.

There are a limited number of places available so please contact the travel agent directly – O'Hanrahan Travel, Church Street, Monaghan 047-81133 or 087-3791443 to make a booking

### **Pilgrimage to Garabandal – 24<sup>th</sup> March – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

5 days - Sharing €280 - Single Room €320 – All pilgrims are required to book their own Air fare privately. Contact: Laurena 085-1833110

### **Launch of St. Oliver Plunkett – 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Launch will take place at St. Peter's Church, West Street, Drogheda on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 11am beginning on the steps of the Church and move then to St. Oliver's Shrine for a short service

### **Conclusion of Celebration of St. Brigid 1500**

An evening of Music and Reflection to conclude the 'Year of St. Brigid' will take place in St. Gerard's Hall, Dundalk, A91 F3FC on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February from 7pm – 9pm.

Guest speakers will be Marjorie Doherty, Pastoral Care, St. John of God Services, Sr. Briege O'Hare OSC, Poor Clare Sisters, Faughart, Carmel Boyle, singer and song writer. Music will be provided by Leah and Shauna Marron, harpists and The Ring of Gullion Comhaltas Group, Forkhill.

Light refreshments served. The event is free but there will be an opportunity to make a donation in aid of Women's Aid, Dundalk

### **Church Gate Collection**

This weekend - Epilepsy Ireland

### **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 28 .02.25

1 - Cleaner Cooley Complex closing date 07.03.25

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

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

Winning Nos: 1; 6; 13; 26; - not won - Jackpot €8,000

**Bingo Night in aid of Rathcor National School**

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February in St. Mary's Parochial Hall, Cooley. Kids session at 6.30pm Adults session at 7.30pm. Lots of Prizes!

**Grange & District Residents' Association – A.G.M.**

Grange & District Residents' Association A.G.M will be held in Long's Bar, Grange on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm.

**Mullaghbuoy Community Centre – A.G.M.**

Mullaghbuoy Community Centre A.G.M. will take place in Community Centre on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm. All welcome

**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**

14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> February – Garden visits and talks with Dominica McKeivitt in Lordship and Ravensdale. Also, Organic Gardening Course and lots more! February events are supported by the local Community, Louth Co. Council & LMETB. For info phone 083-3924117