

PARISH OF POBAL

The Fifth Sunday of Lent:

3rd April 2022

Website: pobalparish.com and Webcam - www.churchservices.tv/Tempo.

Priest: Fr. John Halton, Parochial House, Tempo. Tel. 895 41344.

Sunday Masses: Tempo: 11.00am, Cradien 9.30am.

Weekday Masses: Tempo: Tuesday 10.00am, Friday 7.00pm. Cradien: Thursday 9.30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Tempo: Sunday 10th April – Eugene McGrade & Annmarie Kelly.

Cradien: Sunday 10th April – Enda Coyle

The early Christians called Easter Sunday the mother of all Feasts. The liturgy of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday is the most important feast of the year - a **feast not to be missed**. The Resurrection of Jesus is the **central part of our Faith** for we celebrate the suffering, death, and Resurrection which is made present in the Mass. **Lent therefore is a preparation for Easter Saturday Night, and Easter Morning on which we celebrate the Resurrection.** As I say Lent is a preparation for Easter. We prepare by our prayer, fasting, and alms giving, **but we also prepare by becoming familiar with the ceremonies or Liturgy of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter night and Easter Sunday. As our liturgy for these days is the high point of the Christian year we should be familiar with the liturgy of these days. Our prayer should come from this liturgy and we should be very familiar with this Liturgy.** We are all educated in our time; we have St Paul's

Sunday Missal so we should be preparing NOW for Holy Week. Please do start now. Ignorance of what happens during this week cannot be justified in our time. So we open the Ceremonies now and let's begin now.

1: **We start on Holy Thursday.** Naturally the Mass is central on this Day. In the cathedral the Bishop Blesses the Oils for the Sacraments, and for the Sick. Our prayer on that day focuses on the Mass. The Blessed Eucharist is carried in procession in the church. No one should be absent for these ceremonies. 2: **Good Friday:** On the following day we have the Word of God with the Gospel from St John. **Three people read the Gospel.** This is not a long Gospel. I don't know how it got its name. **It is the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ.** 3: The Gospel is followed by the **Ten Solemn Intercessions.** **Make sure you know who we are praying for in these intercessions.** The seventh prayer is for people who do not believe in Christ. The eighth prayer is prayed for those who do not believe in God. Make sure you are not one of them. 4: This is followed by the **Adoration of the Cross and Holy Communion.** 5: **On Holy Saturday Evening** we have the Paschal Fire lit outside the Church. Through His suffering Christ has burned away our sins. The Paschal Candle is lit from the Paschal Fire. 6: THE PASCHAL CANDLE REPRESENTS CHRIST RISEN FROM THE DEAD. (To be continued.)

Confirmation - will be celebrated in Tempo on Sunday 15th May at 3.00pm. **Make sure to give in your name to serve the Mass of Confirmation. If you have served before you will be welcome.**

Special Collection for Ukraine: Collection will take place at Masses today Sunday 3rd April - Please be as generous as you can. Thank you.

Auction in aid of Ukraine will take place at St Mary's Community Centre, Tempo on Saturday 9th April, starting at 10.00am with Bouncy Castle from Bounce About and entertainment from Party Bees, Ice Cream van will be in attendance.

Auction will start at 1.00pm, viewing from 11.00am. Already we have a lovely Charlois heifer calf, 2 nicely marked ewe lambs, a donkey foal, household goods, sticks, etc but we need more, basically everything and anything for this great cause. Hall open 7-8pm each evening to accept goods. We would like if all goods were in by Thursday evening (7th April) so they can be photographed and put on Facebook. Refreshments available alongside Bake Sale. Contact Mark on 07749 216218.

Stations of the Cross: each Monday evening at 7.00pm in the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

Rosary: will be recited on Thursday evening at 7.00pm in Church of the Immaculate Conception. We invite parishioners to come along on both nights.

We ask that you please continue to wear a face covering in the Church buildings. Thank you for your continued co-operation.