

PARISH OF POBAL

Twenty Seven Sunday in Ordinary Time:

3rd October 2021,

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 Oct – Siobhan McManus & Maire McKeagney.

Cradien: Sunday 10th Oct – Noel Cox.

Anniversaries: **Tempo:** Friday 8/10 (7.00pm) Francey Callaghan, Main Street.

Stations of the Cross: Last Sunday I talked briefly about the “Stations of the Cross” in Tempo Church. As I said these “Stations” are very good, but unfortunately they are too small for the size of our Church. Stations of the Cross should be easily seen by our children and adults. They are images of the sufferings of Christ during his suffering and death. Sometime before the beginning of the virus, I had made enquiries about replacing them. However they were very expensive and we hadn’t enough money to get them. In fact we still haven’t enough money as yet to buy new ones. But the idea hasn’t gone out of my mind. Stations of the Cross are very important in a church as they remind us of the love that God has for each of us. Therefore they are a call to us to pray to the Son of God who suffered so much for us. However, we must be able to see each Station if we are to hear that call. Children are drawn to images for one picture is better than a thousand words. In fact this is true for all of us. We need an image in our brain if we are to hear the call to respond in prayer. During my Golden Jubilee, I had a phone call from a nun to congratulate me on my fifty years. As I hadn’t seen her for many years I asked her what she was working at now as she had retired from teaching. Her answer brought back to my mind the “Stations of the Cross”. She said: “well I am helping to close convents, and I am selling the contents of churches that are no longer in use”. Naturally I asked her if she had “Stations of the Cross” available. “**Yes, she said we have a set of Stations of the Cross in a Convent Church down in Tipperary**”.

“I did know that it is a long way to Tipperary” but immediately I was interested. She sent me a photograph of a couple of them, and all seemed very good to me. Some day later she phoned to say that she could get them transported from Tipperary to Moate in County West Meath. With a new car at the front door Moate didn’t seem too far away, so on the 12th July 2021 I went to Moate to collect them. The Man who had brought them from Tipperary was there to meet me at his own House. He seemed to know everything about them and was enthusiastic and very friendly. He told me that the first thing I should do was to get them cleaned. However the first thing I did was to ask advice from Fr Peter O Reilly who is now our parish priest here in Pobal Parish. He was very affirming in his praise. Later I sent photographs of the Stations to Mr Karl Pederson who was the architect for the renovation of the Church, the graveyard, and the other work in the parish. He too was very excited about these Stations, and soon he had contacted a lady in Monaghan who works on such material in her workshop. She will begin this work shortly. She is on Holiday at this time. Last week the architect was in our church taking some measurements and fittings of the stations. He has now sent me a copy of some stations showing me how they look on the walls.

Baptism: We welcome into the Community of Faith - Jensen Reggie Slevin, Manor View, Tempo, who was Baptised in the church of the Immaculate Conception, Tempo on Sunday 26th September 2021. May his home be filled with love, prayer, joy and Happiness!

World Mission Sunday: 24th October 2021. World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father’s annual appeal in support of overseas missions. It takes place in every single parish where the church is present.

Mass on Sundays: *Advance notice of your intention to attend Sunday Mass must be given to the **designated** person to book your place.* To book your place in Tempo Church: Telephone **07501 084259** (Tues & Thurs 2-5pm) or **07718 821060** (Fri 7-9pm). The number to book your place in Cradien is **07866 174766** (Thurs & Fri 2-5pm). The wearing of masks is mandatory in Churches.