

## PARISH OF POBAL

Fourteenth Sunday of Year:

4<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Website: pobalparish.com and Webcam - [www.churchservices.tv/Tempo](http://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 11<sup>th</sup> July – Lisa Farry & Adrian Slevin.

Cradien: Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Patricia McKeever.

**Anniversaries:** Tempo: Friday 9/07 (7.00pm) Patrick & Tena McNulty and deceased family members.

Edward & Maureen, Joe & Arlene Meehan, Main Street.

Edward & Teresa Maguire, Drumackin.

**Baptisms:** We welcome into the Community of Faith: Oisin Francis McNabb, Glengesh Road Imeroo, and Charlie Dermot Foy, Glen Road, Tempo who were baptised in the Church of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2021. Also Fiadh Rose Howell, 35 Shankill Road, who was baptised in the Church of St Joseph Cradien, on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2012. May their homes be filled with love, prayer, happiness, and joy!

### **Visiting those who live on their own: They are Prophets living among their own Relatives and Friends**

I will begin with a question. The question is at the heart of the Gospel. How many people, who live on their own, have you visited from the beginning of the pandemic. Have you added one person to your list? Have you added two persons to your list? Is this one person, living on their own? Or is this second person living on their own? Let's expand on this question? How many relatives have you who live on their own? Have you one relative or two relatives living on their own? When did you visit them last? Is it one month? Two months? Or three months?, or have you visited them in the last fifteen months? Let's suppose that you didn't visit them at all? Did you use the pandemic as an excuse? Did you say that it was dangerous to visit them? If you didn't visit them, does that mean that nobody visited them except their carers? What does Jesus say to you about visiting those who live alone? Or about relatives living alone? Let's listen to him again. "I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me. Then the virtuous will say to him in reply. Lord when did we see you hungry and feed me; thirsty and gave you drink; When did we see you a stranger, and make you welcome, naked and cloth you, sick or imprison and go to see you, and Jesus will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine you did it to me". Matthew 25: 35-46. Were your own relatives and friends hungry for company? Were they thirst for company? Did you treat them like a stranger without relatives or friends? Did you ask them how they felt? Now let us turn to Jesus in today's Gospel> It says that Jesus went to his home town, and his disciples accompanied him. He began to preach in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They were astonished at his wisdom, and at the miracles that had been granted through them. *Yet they would not accept them, and Jesus said* "a prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations, and in his own house". The Gospel tells us that our relations are prophets too. They have been witnesses to us to us during our lives. A prophet is a witness. Yet sometimes we don't visit them when they live alone. We too despise them in their own locality, and among their own relations, and in their own house. Let's begin again!

**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 **07840 064262** on next Fri 9<sup>th</sup> July between 7-9pm). The number to book your place in Cradien is **07866 174766** (Thurs & Fri 2-5pm). We can only have 50 people present at each ceremony and booking is required. The wearing of masks is mandatory in Churches.