

## PARISH OF POBAL

Second Sunday of Advent:

5<sup>th</sup> December 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 10am, Wed & Friday 7.00pm. **Cradien:** Wed & Thursday 9.30am

**Eucharistic Ministers:** **Tempo:** Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Ciaran & Catherine Gallagher.

**Cradien:** Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Shannon Naan.

**Anniversaries:** **Tempo: Friday 10/12 (7.00pm)** Sarah, Alex, Willie Carters and Oliver Carters, Edenmore.  
Luke Padian, Glengesh (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

**Parish Living:** Many good things have happened in parishes since Vatican 11. We now believe that our God is a loving God. We no longer fear God for he knows us by name, and he is a God of forgiveness. He is very close to us. This new understanding of God changes our relationship with God. It changes our prayer, and our celebration of the Mass. We are uplifted and affirmed by the one who loves us. The second good thing we think of today in the parish is our call to togetherness, and our call to community. Our Parish is no longer a clerical parish, as can be seen in the architecture of its churches. The rails are gone; the Table of the Lord have come forward to invite our people to celebrate as a family. Our church is homely. It is a people's church, and not just a clerical church. Our church now speaks of **collaboration, participation, and a sense of togetherness**. The transformed way of participation is expressed through a transformation of ministry. In the old days ministry was the domain of the clergy. **The laity didn't minister; they were ministered to, but now that has changed.** We have Eucharistic ministers, ministers of the word, Liturgy groups, Baptism teams, finance committees, visitation groups, baptism teams, etc. The Baptismal Font constantly reminds us that the call to participate comes from baptism, and not from the clergy. We are not helping the priest by participating; we are carrying out our call which comes from Baptism. So our mood and our experience of parish have changed.

But there is also a downside to how we experience parish today. The downside can be seen in three areas of parish involvement. The three areas are experienced in 1: **our Passivity**, 2: **Our Privacy**, 3: **and our Complacency**. The church of the past was a clerical church. It was a provided-for church. The priest ministered to the people, and the people were the recipients of ministry. We had a great number of priests, nuns and brothers. They did all the ministering. The laity were on the receiving end. That was their role to be recipients of ministry. In other words they were **disempowered**. Image a family where the children are never asked to do the dishes or clean their rooms. As they grow up the parents continue to do everything for them. It means that they are disempowered. They are not invited to enter into their responsibility. Something upon these lines is what came about in the church. **People were conditioned into passivity** for generations. This is the first problem which the church faces. The synod is about a reawakening in parishes, so that people are **empowered again**. "To be continued".

**Wedding:** We Congratulate Marie McCarron, Gardeners Cross, Tempo, and Darach Murphy, Lisnaskea who conferred the Sacrament of marriage on each other in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tempo, on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2021. May their home be filled with love, happiness, prayer, and joy!

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Masses as follows:**

**Cradien:** 9.30am; **Tempo** 7.00pm.

**Christmas Masses:** **Tempo:** 8.00pm Christmas Eve; 11.00am Christmas morning.

**Cradien:** 9.30am Christmas morning

All who are coming to Mass on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day must be sure to book a seat.

**Mass on Sundays:** We are still accepting names for attendance at Sunday Masses: To book your place in Tempo Church: Telephone **07501 084259** or **07718 821060**. The number to book your place in Cradien is **07866 174766** (Thurs & Fri 2-5pm) **The wearing of masks is mandatory in Churches.**