

PARISH OF POBAL

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

6th February 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, Fri 7.00pm. **Cradien:** Thursday 9.30am.

Eucharistic Ministers: **Tempo:** Sunday 13th Feb – Eugene McGrade & Ann Marie Kelly.

Cradien: Sunday 13th Feb – Noel Cox.

Anniversaries: **Tempo:** Friday 11/2 (7.00pm) Kathleen Padian, Glengesh

Maureen McCaffrey, Letterbailey.

Brian McCaughey, Clabby Road

M.M.M. Geraldine Fee, Shillanmore.

LIVING TOGETHER AS HUSBAND AND WIFE BEFORE MARRIAGE: The time before marriage is a time for a couple to get to know each other. It is a time to grow in their relationship. It is a time to learn that marriage is built on friendship and relationship. It is a time when a couple learn that the more **unselfish they become** with each other, the more they grow in their friendship and relationship. They learn to be gentle with each other and to respect each other. They learn that gentleness and respect are the marks of good character. The person who acquires them has acquired a great treasure. They learn that in a relationship they cannot always get their own way. Sometimes this will be difficult and so they learn to say “Sorry”. They learn that they are to become guardians of the other person, and begin to think of the other person before they think of themselves. We often say that the time of courtship is like **going back to school**. In this school the couple learn the many qualities that they need if they are to relate, and to form a deep friendship with another person. They also need generosity; openness; a sense of humour. They need a loving heart; a positive outlook on life; and a positive appreciation of themselves, and their self worth. They must learn how to forgive, how to affirm and how to take a compliment. **They learn also that together in marriage they preach the gospel to others.** They do this by the example of their lives. They do it by being a happy couple, and a couple who like each other’s company, by being themselves together, by their loving hearts and generous disposition, and by bring joy to those they meet. Now they learn that relationship and friendship is the most important gift God has given them.

The couple who live with each other before marriage **bypass this process**, and are **handicapped in their capacity to relate when they do get married**. While they often tell us that by living together they are getting to know each other while the opposite is true. Not alone is the opposite true but in fact by living together before marriage, **at least one of them take away the other persons FREEDOM**. Let’s take an example: **Let’s say the girl moves in with the boyfriend. She has made a very big decision.** She has taken the initiative for someone always has to take the initiative? I know that they will tell you that it is a common decision, **but someone has to take the initiative**. Someone has to move in with someone else. If after some time the boy--friend finds out that he is not happy in the relationship. What happens? It is now very difficult for him to say he doesn’t love her. If he is a decent person he will find it more difficult for he has already behaved like a married man. Perhaps there is a baby and he becomes unhappy-- what happens then. Is he **totally free** to leave. After all he is the father of the baby? This makes it even more difficult to leave. **Where is his freedom now?** **He is pulled in different directions. If he stays he will be unhappy, and if he goes he will also be unhappy.** **Every couple needs time to find out if they are right for each other. They should be given that time** freely. **Let’s not steal that time.**

Sunday Collections: 30/1/2022 - £950.00

Marriages: We congratulate Fergie Maughan, Killyvilly and Christopher Donovan, Galway who conferred the Sacrament of Marriage on each other in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tempo on Wednesday 19th January; also Catherine McCaughey, Clabby Road and Piaras Molloy, Ballygawley whose Marriage took place on Friday 21st January in Church of Immaculate Conception, Tempo. May their homes be filled with love, happiness, prayer and joy.

Death: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Gerard Traynor, born in Kilnock, Trillick and lived in Glen for some years who died in England recently.

The wearing of masks is mandatory in Churches.