

PARISH OF POBAL

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ:

6th June 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 13th June – Lisa Farry & Adrian Slevin.

Cradien: Sunday 13th June – Eugene Campbell.

Anniversaries: **Tempo:** Saturday 12/06 (11.00am) Mass for Seamus Higgins, Glenn

Cradien: Sunday 6/06 (9.30am) Pat & Kathleen Murphy, Ballyreagh.

Baptism: We welcome into the Community of Faith - Cillian Patrick Foy, Creagh, Tempo, who was baptised in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tempo on Saturday 29th of May 2021. May his home be filled with happiness, prayer, joy, and peace!

Eucharist/Mass: It was impossible to get to Mass during the lockdown. We can now celebrate Mass with about fifty people in each Church. We set up **a booking system** so that many more people could come to Mass on Sundays, and during the week. We set up a committee in each church so that everyone would be safe in church as the committee would look after their safety and make them welcome. Both these committees have and are doing a great job, and those who come to celebrate on Sunday rightly give them great praise. With the booking system there could be different people at Mass on Sundays, and many could be accommodated. It was intended that the numbers would not change, but the people would change to allow everyone come to Mass sometimes during this unusual time. It was felt that everyone would want and appreciate their ability to come and join the Faith community, and so give praise to the God who loves them, created them, and saved them. However this has not happened as we had wished. Yes, fifty people come to each Church each Sunday, but they are the same people. But where are the rest of the people? We are not talking about older and vulnerable people; we are talking about the younger, agile, healthy, people who are filled with generosity, goodness, and kindness? Could they not share some of this generosity, goodness and kindness with God now, and again. Has Mass become so unimportant that it's not worth making a phone call to book a place? We know that Jesus wept at the death of Lazarus. Is he still weeping?

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: The Blessed Sacrament is exposed each Friday from 10.0am to 1.00am and from 6.00pm to 7.00pm before the Mass. We were told that during the pandemic people had a great deal of spare time, and therefore would come to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. We were also told that there would be many people suffering from health problems after this pandemic is over. One would think that many more would come to the Healing Christ to ask him help them cope with life. Again we were disappointed. The numbers are few and far between. One wonders what people could be doing. Here we have Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament! He wants to talk to us but we have no time to listen. This is a time in which we should pray for one another.

Fr John's Golden Jubilee: We will celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Fr John Halton's Ordination to the Priesthood on Sunday 20th June 2021. He was ordained on the 20th June 1971 by Bishop Patrick Mulligan in St Macartan's Cathedral, Monaghan. To mark the occasion we will have a special Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tempo, and in St Josephs Church, Cradien on Sunday 20th June 2021.

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). We can only have 50 people present at each ceremony and booking is required. The wearing of masks is mandatory in Churches.

Lough Derg 2021: Lough Derg regrets that it will not be possible in 2021 to reopen Station Island for the Traditional Three Day Pilgrimage or even for the autumn programme of Day Retreats. Lough Derg will again offer the opportunity to "Do Lough Derg from wherever you are" on 3rd – 5th July. The outdoor Pilgrimage on the Lough Shore Pilgrim Path will also be available as the summer goes on. Further information from Lough Derg office 0(0353) 71 9861518 or www.loughderg.org.