

## PARISH OF POBAL

Second Sunday of Advent:

6<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

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. (Mass will be streamed on Tuesday & Thursday)

**Eucharistic Ministers:** **Tempo:** Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Lisa Farry & Adrian Slevin.

**Cradien:** Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Patricia McKeever.

**Anniversaries:** **Tempo:** **Friday 11 Dec 8.00pm** Sarah, Alex and Willie Carters, Edenmore.

**Cradien:** **Sunday 13 Dec 9.30am** Breege McCauley, Shankill

**ADVENT PRAYER RESOURCES** are available on the Diocese of Clogher website [www.clogherdiocese.ie](http://www.clogherdiocese.ie) and via the Diocese of Clogher Facebook page and other social media platforms from this weekend. They include prayers for family and school, links to the Advent Calendar with prayers, reflections and music for each day.

**ADVENT REFLECTION WITH BISHOP LARRY:** You can join Bishop Larry on [www.clogherdiocese.ie](http://www.clogherdiocese.ie) or on the Diocese of Clogher Facebook page at 5pm on each Saturday of Advent as he lights a candle on the Advent Wreath and gives a short reflection on that Sunday's Gospel reading.

### **COVID-19 Support Line for Older People**

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling **0818 222 024**.

**LOUGH DERG SHOP ONLINE:** Lough Derg is now offering Festive Season Cards and Gifts. This is the first time we have launched gifts from Lough Derg for the festive season.

- Limited edition Lough Derg Christmas Candle
- Christmas Card pack – 3 winter images from Station Island – 2 of each design.
- Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards – Fr La will offer a triduum of Masses beginning on Christmas Day for everyone who is enrolled.
- A unique Christmas decoration featuring the Basilica – complete with ribbon.

The usual range of Lough Derg candles and other gifts are also available from [www.loughderg.live/shop](http://www.loughderg.live/shop)

**The Crib:** We have been asked to make the Crib very special this year. We want all our children to visit it with their parents and to study the figures in the Crib. This will mean that the parents will talk to their children about the meaning of the crib. As we know it was St Francis of Assisi who created the first Crib. St Francis knew that the Crib would be a means of showing us how much God loves us. This love is expressed through the baby Jesus who has become one like us in all things. In the crib we also see his mother Mary and his foster father Joseph. St Francis wants us to see how special parents are to God. He shares his love with them and they share their love with us. Finally we see the cattle, the sheep, and the donkey. They are all part of God's creation, and with us share the earth which is our common home. Pope Francis has written to us about our common, and he has asked us to love, care, and respect it.

**Children's Mass for Christmas:** We will be celebrating our Mass on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception 8/12/2020 with our children. The children will stay in their bubbles in school and the Mass will be streamed through the Web. This will insure that all our children will celebrate the birthday of Jesus with Mass on this day. As we know places in the church will be confined, and all who are coming to Mass on Christmas Eve, and Christmas day must be sure to book a seat. The Number to book your place in Tempo Church is **07501 084259 (Tue and Thurs 2-5pm) or (07718 821060) (Fri 7-9pm)**. The number to book your place in Cradien is **07866174766 (Thurs & Fri 2-5pm)**.

**Petitions:** In his Pastoral Letter Our Bishop has suggested that we put petitions on the Altar during Christmas Masses. Pope Francis has told us that when he wants to make an important decision he puts a petition under a statue of St Joseph so we are to make our petitions through the intercession of St Joseph. These petitions can be put in the box at the bottom of the Church.

**Christmas Masses:** Cradien: 6.00pm Christmas Eve; 9.30am Christmas morning.

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

**St Vincent De Paul:** Donations for hampers will be collected in the Church over the next few weeks. Items such as tea, coffee, biscuits and small gift items are welcome. They will be donated to families in our local community.