

PARISH OF POBAL

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

– 7 February 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 (via Webcam only)

All weekday Masses are currently suspended until further notice.

Anniversaries: Today - Sunday 7th Feb (11.00am) Terry and Mary Dolan, Magonragh.

Sunday 14th Feb (11.00am) Maureen McCaffrey, Letterbailey (1st Anniversary)

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK will be celebrated next Thursday, 11th February – the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year is *“You have but one teacher and you are all brothers” (Mt 23:8). A trust-based relationship to guide care for the sick.* A special Mass to mark the occasion will be broadcast on the Diocese of Clogher Facebook page from St Patrick’s Church, Clogher on Thursday evening at 8pm. The celebrant will be Canon Noel McGahan, Spiritual Director of the Clogher Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

ASH WEDNESDAY is on Wednesday week, 17 February. As it will not be possible to have the ancient practice of receiving ashes this year, families are invited to join Masses online in local parishes. Also, the text of a Family Prayer Service for Ash Wednesday will be made available via www.clogherdiocese.ie nearer the time.

TRÓCAIRE- Lent is an important time for Trócaire. This year the theme is around solidarity with those families affected by war in South Sudan. Trócaire Boxes are being made available in a safe manner for each household and donations may also be made online via the iDonate button on www.clogherdiocese.ie

Continuous Rosary in Ireland for Peace and Charity Beginning Ash Wednesday, 17th February 2021. To make this work there needs to be a minimum of two parishioners per parish, one with surname beginning A-L and one with surname M-Z to say the rosary twelve times per year. For more information visit - www.continuousrosary.com

Shielding at Home: We have learned many things during this time of Covid19. But words are never enough. This is a time for new beginnings. Pope Francis has written a book on these new beginnings which has been just published. “During a virus or crisis in our lives, he says, we are sifted, our way of life gets shaken up, and our way of living gets challenged. We can never come out of a crisis the same person as we went into it. If we get through it we come out either a better person, or a worse person, but never the same person. The question for us, he says is: How are we going to come out of this crisis? A crisis is a time of trial. We are all tested in life. This is the way we grow”. When the pandemic is over, how am I going to show that I have grown? How will I help my parish grow? This is a very important question for all of us at this time. We live at a time when we have fewer Priests. Our own Parish of Pobal has no Parish Priest. This is surely the big challenge after the virus is over. So our lay people have to take over the organisation of our Parish. We know that we can’t produce priests over night, so we must start with ourselves. We know that much progress has taken place over the years. We have many people who have already put their hand to the plough, and are working hard to create a better parish. However half of our parish has yet to hear the call to become part of a working parish. Many of our young people never see this half of the parish involved in parish life, and therefore do not hear the voice of God calling them to become his friends. We know that young people only hear the call of Jesus through the example of our adults. If they don’t see this example they don’t hear Christ talking to them. As a living parish we need to become more aware of the importance of example. And we need to show this example to our young people. Without our example we fail our young people. We can have the best kept parish in Ireland, but without the example of our adult people we are failing our young people. They are starving for our good example! It is now the responsibility of our people to keep this parish alive. Are we up to the challenge?

Mass on Sundays: *Sunday Masses will only be available online at present. Anniversaries currently booked for Friday night will be included in the 11.00am Sunday Mass. Sunday Masses in Tempo will be streamed. Sunday Masses in Cradien and weekday Masses in both Churches will cease until further notice.*

Anyone in the Parish who has a Communion Pyx and not using it are asked to kindly return it to the Parochial House.