

PARISH OF POBAL

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

8th August 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 8th Aug – Lisa Farry & Adrian Slevin.

Cradien: Sunday 8th Aug – Enda Coyle.

Anniversaries: Tempo: Friday 13/08 (7.00pm) James, Annie & Francie Moutray and deceased family members, Cloughtogle.

Baptism: We welcome into the Community of Faith: Erin Kate Caulfield, Morell Lawns, Naas, who was baptised in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tempo on Saturday 31st July 2021. May her home be filled with Love, Happiness, Prayer and Joy!

The Eucharist: St Paul tells us that we must be able “to give an account of the faith that is in us”. We are very happy to have an understanding of the Eucharist given to us by Christ himself. He gives it to us in St John’s Gospel Chapter six. We live in new times when some young people have stopped coming to Mass. Some say that they don’t believe in the presence of Christ in the Eucharist and therefore don’t need to go to Mass. They sometimes tell us that there is no scientific proof of the presence of Christ in the Eucharist while we have Jesus’ words clearly put and clearly given to us in chapter six of St John. Surely the words of Christ and his understanding of the Eucharist are sufficient for us. This is why every Parent, every Teacher, Every Priest, Every Christian, everyone who is a follower of Christ should be familiar with his teaching. Every Parent and Teacher should be proud to quote the words of scripture on the Eucharist to our children, so that the children will follow the practice. We should know by heart what Jesus says about the Eucharist. This is not too much to ask, for many of us had to learn the Old Catechism by heart when we were going to school in the past. Surely our children are no less intelligent now than in past. We are all asked by Christ to come to Mass every Sunday so we should be able to express its meaning by Heart.

We sometimes say that we couldn’t understand it. Yet the Jews understood every word Jesus spoke on the Eucharist. Otherwise they wouldn’t have got angry and walked out on that day in the synagogue. We Catholics have become lax, passive, and minimalistic in knowing the things that matter. We come to Mass without understanding the meaning Jesus gives us of the Mass. Jesus has asked us to come and visit him in the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays but so few are coming that the practice may have to cease. Yet it should be a time to come to know Chapter Six of St John Gospel, and to pray it in our hearts. “Jesus expresses the seriousness of coming to Mass when he says: **“I tell you most solemnly if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. As I who am sent by the Father myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me”**. Jesus had no doubts that missing Mass on Sunday **is a serious sin** and it is also a serious sin to take our children away from Mass to play games on Sunday while Mass is being celebrated. We become empty, unbelieving, and turned in the wrong direction. It is no wonder that he said to the people: **“You will not have life in you” John 6: 53-54.**

The Community Centre: The Hall is already getting into bad repair. If the Parish intends to use it in the future they should get a strong group of men together to clean it, and to keep it clean. This will take hard work. The grounds around it are dirty, unkempt, and frightening to look at it. It gives the impression that no one lives around here. Someone (not the priest) in the parish could call a meeting for this purpose. Cleanliness is Godliness.

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.