

PARISH OF POBAL

The Baptism of the Lord;

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9th January 2022

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 16th Jan – Eugene McGrade & Ann Marie Kelly.

Cradien: Sunday 16th Jan – Enda Coyle.

Anniversaries: Tempo: Friday 14/1 (7.00pm) Francie Jackson, Edenmore Heights.

M.M.M. Paul McCusker, Bath, England.

Baptism: Vatican 11 has clarified the meaning of baptism in our lives. In this sacrament we become brothers and sisters of Christ and brothers and sisters of one another. We become part of the family of the Parish, and in becoming part of the parish we work for Christ in the parish. We become equal members of his body, and equally responsible for building up of the body of Christ in the parish. Each person is gifted with various gifts which they use in building up the Body of Christ. Each one of us has a “Ministry” in the parish. We use our gifts for Christ and for one another. Each of us is called through Baptism to work for the parish, and to work for one another. Because the sacrament of Baptism is so central we are called to work for the parish. There are no exceptions to this calling. St Paul in the scriptures is very adamant in pointing out this responsibility. He reminds us that we have been given different gifts, and we are to use these gifts for Christ and his people. He calls these gifts a “Ministry” and each of us has a “Ministry” in the Parish, and the call to use these gifts for the parish comes from Baptism. In the past we tended to associate “Ministry” with priests and religious alone. But all baptised have a “Ministry”, not just priests. If some people worked in the parish it was seen as helping the priest, but this was a mistaken notion of “Ministry”. This mistaken notion of “Ministry” has done much harm. It meant that many baptised people left all the ministering to the priest alone, and separated Faith from Good works.

But Faith without good works is empty. In working in the parish we are not just helping the priest, but we are working for Christ and his people. We are using our gifts for Christ and the people. This call comes to every baptised person. Each person is called to mission through baptism. This is probably the most important emphasis that came from Vatican 11. But many of our people have not got this emphasis as yet. Everyone has a “Ministry” in the parish coming from Christ. Their “Ministry” does not come from the priest. The priest has also a “Ministry” and it too come from “Baptism”. We are all called to work together for Christ. Our “Ministry” may differ from one another, but we all work for Christ who calls us. If we forget that “Ministry” comes from Baptism, then baptism becomes an empty, superstition ceremony from which Jesus has been expelled. First Communion becomes the same; and Confirmation the same. They become occasions bereft of Faith.

St Pauls Sunday Missal: I ask all to read the Gospel of the following Sunday with Night Prayer during 2022. Please buy St Pauls Missal at the back of Church at £7-50.

Death: We pray for the Happy repose of the soul of Bernadette McDonagh whose Funeral Mass was celebrated in the Church of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday 4th January 2022. May God console all who mourn her loss!

Mass on Sundays: Advanced 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 and Thurs 2-5pm) or **07718 821060** (Fri 7-9pm). The number to book your place in Cradien is **07866 174766** (Thurs & Fri 2-5pm)

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