

PARISH OF POBAL

First Sunday of Lent

9th March, 2025

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 – Sunday 30/3/2025

Weekday Masses: **Tempo:** Friday 7.00pm.

Eucharistic Ministers: **Tempo:** Sunday 16th March – Dermot Foy & Grainne McGoldrick.

Confessions: in St Michael's Church, Enniskillen each Saturday 11am – 12 noon and 5pm – 5.45pm.

Anniversaries: **Tempo:** **Friday 14/03 (7.00pm)** Jim & Peggy Noble, Beech Tree Lane.

M.M.M. Bridie Owens, Letterbailey & Slieve League Home.

Stations of the Cross: each Monday evening at 7.00pm in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tempo.

Rosary: will be recited on Wednesday evening at 7.00pm in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tempo.

We invite parishioners to come along on both these nights during Lent.

Reflection: Each of us has a sense of purpose planted within us, guiding our desires, our aspirations, and our actions. That sense is God's presence still at work within us. Yet, despite this inner calling (from God), many things can obscure our sense of direction. Temptations arise - distractions that offer temporary satisfaction, possessions or achievements that seem to define our worth, talents and abilities that we believe will make us more impressive. When we chase these fleeting rewards, we risk losing sight of who we are meant (by God) to be. We stray from our true path, and our lives can veer off course. In doing so, we contradict our own essence - the very person we are called to become. In doing so, we turn from God.

Such temptations are a universal human experience. In a world driven by materialism, power, and self-promotion, Jesus' rejection of these temptations speaks directly to us.

Jesus rejects the temptation of material comfort. He says that true fulfilment comes from seeking God first.

Jesus rejects the temptation to test God. He teaches us that genuine faith does not demand proof but rests in trust and obedience. Jesus rejects the temptation of power and influence. He challenges us to prioritise faith over personal gain.

The customary practices of Lent - prayer, fasting, almsgiving - are meant to turn us away from the false and short-term satisfactions of life. Such practices turn us towards a way of life that is truer to ourselves and more faithful to God. "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel."

Alternating Sunday Mass Arrangements between Cradien and Lisbellaw: For the time being, during the school year, there will be 9.30am Mass in Cradien on the first and last Sundays of the month only, the middle Sundays of the month will be in Lisbellaw.

Sunday Collections: 2/03/25 – Monthly £1,201.00;

Confirmation: for children of St Mary's P.S. and St Patrick's P.S. will take place in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tempo on Saturday 5th April 2025 at 11.00am

Diocese of Clogher Lourdes Pilgrimage 4th – 9th July, 2025. Total Price €1050.00 or Sterling Equivalent excluding travel insurance. Price includes flights, full board accommodation/meals, Transfer from designated places throughout the Diocese to/from Belfast International Airport. To book Pilgrim Places; Contact John Hueston, Lisnaskea. Tel: 028 677 24329.

St. Mary's Silver Band: will be playing after 11.00am Mass on St. Patrick's Day. They will be holding their Annual collection and appreciate your generosity. They will travel to Enniskillen to take part in their celebrations at Enniskillen Castle.

Parish Envelopes: It is nearing the time of year again to update our records for the new Parish Envelope year beginning in April 2025. To enable us to update our records we ask you to let us know of any changes in your household – if you are new to the Parish, or have not received a box of envelopes in the past and would like to contribute to the upkeep of your Parish – please let us know. You can also contribute to your Parish by setting up a Standing Order – forms are available in both Churches.

Pobal Parish Pastoral Council: meet on Thursday, 13th March at 7.30pm in the Parish House. We look forward to seeing you there.

Date for the Diary: Blessing of Graves Sunday 27th July 2025 at 12 noon.