

## PARISH OF POBAL

Sixth Sunday of Easter:

9<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

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.

**Weekday Masses:** **Tempo:** Tuesday 10.00am, Friday 7.00pm. **Cradien:** Thursday 9.30am

**Eucharistic Ministers:** **Tempo:** Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Lisa Farry & Adrian Slevin.

**Cradien:** Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Shannon Naan.

**Anniversaries:** **Tempo:** Fri 14<sup>th</sup> May (7.00pm) – Fr Pat McCaffrey,

Arlene Meehan.

**Mary our Mother:** John Paul Sartre was in prison in 1940 in one of the camps set up by the Nazi Government. John Paul Sartre was an atheist. There were many Jesuits priests there with him. One day they asked him to write about Mary and Jesus. As with all mothers Mary would have carried, formed, and nourished Jesus for nine months in the womb. How much of her very being would have been visible in his? Working, eating, sleeping, Mary was forming Jesus' body from her own; –his features, his limbs, and his human/divine powers. Did he have her colouring, her eyes, her smile, her way of walking? Would the neighbours have said, For sure: “that’s Mary’s boy- just look at the freckles on his nose”. Atheist John Paul Sartre images Mary looking at her new born son and thinking: This God is my son. The divine flesh is my flesh. He is made from me. He has my eyes, and the shape of his mouth is the shape of my mouth. He takes after me. He is God, and he takes after me. No other woman has ever had her child fall to her lot in this way. A small God I can take in my arms, and cover with kisses. A warm God who breathes and smiles! A God who lives and whom I can touch! Holding him and gazing at him with tender power, she sowed the seeds of an immense courage in his heart. Was it through his mother that he experienced the security, intimacy, and feminine energy that empowered his divine ministry? And at that last moment on the cross bereft and hopeless did his desperate eyes catch the quiet intensity in his mothers uplifted face, and did those memories once again burn through his despair, and bless his breaking heart”. The human love of Jesus was the divine love of God. So is ours. His forgiveness was the forgiveness of God. So is ours. How did Jesus know this? He knew it because of his mother. He drank in that wisdom with her milk. It was on her lap that his “inner authority” was nurtured. His capacity for intimate relationships began with the gaze of delight between him and his mother as he gazed greedily at her breast. Later when his fear terrified him, it was his mother’s eyes that he remembered; when his doubts unbalanced him it was her touch that restored his trust, and when the devil bedazzled him, it was her warm embrace that renewed his confidence. An astonishing Secret-- by Daniel O Leary.

**Confirmation:** The sacrament of Confirmation will be received by the young people in St Mary’s P.S. on Thursday at 6.00pm in The Church of The Immaculate Conception. We ask you to pray for them during this week so that they may enjoy their day and be filled with prayer as they receive the Holy Spirit.

**First Holy Communion:** for children from St Mary’s School on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00am, and for Children from St Patrick’s on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 11.00am. All ceremonies will be in the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Tempo.

**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.