

PARISH OF POBAL

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

10th April 2022

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

Eucharistic Ministers: Tempo: Sunday 17th April – Lisa Farry & Adrian Slevin.

Cradien: Sunday 17th April – Shannon Naan

The Easter vigil on Holy Saturday night: I want people to meditate on the ceremony of Holy Saturday Night. At the front door we have the paschal fire. It is a fire of celebration, joy and happiness for Jesus is risen from the dead. The people now gather in the church while the priest and ministers come down the aisle and then to the fire. One of the ministers carries the Paschal Candle. **This candle is very important for it represents Christ rise from the dead. It is important also because on the side of the Candle is written the year in which we live, and symbols of the five wounds of Jesus. The writing of the year 2022 reminds us that what Jesus did in the past he is doing for us now. The Signs of the five wounds on the cross tells us what he has done for us in the past. The Roman soldiers drove nails in his hands and feet and then they put a sword into side to make sure that he was dead. The Paschal Candle is now lit from the Paschal fire and carried by the priest up the aisle. He stops three times and holds up the Paschal as he sings “The light of Christ” three times. The people light their candles from the paschal candle- a sign that they too are risen with Christ. When the priest arrives in the sanctuary he puts the Paschal Candle into the stand. Then he incenses the paschal Candle. After the Paschal Candle is incensed he recites or sings the Easter Proclamation. We are told that this is the most beautiful prayer in the Christian year, and we should become very familiar with it. All of us should be familiar with it--**Don’t miss It.** The word **exult** is repeated in it. The word **“Be Glad** is repeated also”. The word **“rejoice”** is also there--**Let this holy building shake with joy.** The words: “This is the night is also repeated. O necessary sin of Adam destroyed completely by the death of Christ. O happy fault. O truly blessed night when things of heaven are wed to those of earth”. Don’t miss the beauty of the Easter proclamation.**

The Second Part of Holy Saturday Night.

As Gods people we are asked to sit down and listen to the Word of God. There are seven Readings. Each one is followed by a psalm and a prayer. **We only read three of them.** Some churches read the seven. In the reading we listen to God as he enters our world. 1: He creates our world. This reading is like a procession- he creates the Light. He creates a vault. He creates earth and seas. He creates lights in the vault. He creates waters with living creatures. Last of all he creates man and woman. The third reading is the story of the exodus, and the reading 5 tells us the meaning of his covenant with us for we are now a new people through his resurrection. After the Gospel of the Mass we have the blessing of Easter Holy Water and if we have a baby for baptism we have the baptism of the Baby.

Ceremonies for Holy Week in Church of Immaculate Conception:

Holy Thursday – 8.30pm

Good Friday - 8.00pm

Holy Saturday - 8.00pm

Ceremonies in St Joseph’s Church, Cradien

Holy Thursday - 7.00pm

Good Friday - 7.00pm

Sunday Collections: 27/3/2022 – Weekly - £895.00; Development Fund - £670.00,

3/4/2022 – Monthly £980.00, Ukraine Collection £2,865.00 + 30 euro

Stations of the Cross: on Monday evening at 7.00pm in the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

Rosary: will be recited on Tuesday evening at 7.00pm in Church of the Immaculate Conception. We invite parishioners to come along on both nights.

We ask that you please continue to wear a face covering in the Church buildings. Thank you for your continued co-operation.