

## PARISH OF POBAL

Twenty Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time:

10<sup>th</sup> October 2021

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**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 17<sup>th</sup> Oct – Ciaran & Catherine Gallagher.  
**Cradien:** Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Oct – Eugene Campbell.

**Frank Duff--The Man who founded the Legion of Mary.** This year we mark the centenary of the founding of the Legion of Marry. The month of October is the month of the Rosary. As Irish people when we talk of the Rosary we immediately think of Frank Duff who became known as the founder of the Legion of Mary, a Lover of the Rosary, and a Layman who encouraged all lay people to become active members in the church. He asked lay people to join with Mary our mother in building up the reign of God in our parishes and in the church. Our union with Mary should be active and prayerful. We should work with her, and we should pray the Rosary to her every day, for the Rosary is the prayer of Mary who draws us closer to Jesus as we work for her and pray to her. The Legion of Mary was born in Dublin on the feast of the nativity of Mary in September 1921. At the invitation of frank Duff (1889-1980) several people had arranged to meet in a building named Myna House. The group was composed of a priest, Fr Michael Toher; an employee at the ministry of finances, some fifteen women, almost all office workers, or store employees; and Frank Duff—a civil servant. They wished to devote themselves to an active spiritual life, similar to that of the St Vincent De Paul. They met around a table on which had been placed a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. After the recitation of “Come Holy Spirit” and the Rosary, Frank Duff spoke of the discovery he had just made after he had read a book written by St Louis Grignion De Montfort (1673-1716).

His first reading of this book had repelled him, he said. The language in it was very difficult. He had to read it more than seven times. But the message in it was very clear for here he learned that Jesus works through Mary to build up his kingdom and to bring all people to his Father. This mediation of Mary struck him very forcibly so that he was now convinced that this doctrine was the source of all life. We go to Christ through Mary, and because we go to Christ through Mary we must become active workers with Mary in our daily life. We must become active workers with Mary to help her save the souls for whom she had suffered so much. It was decided that they would go two by two to visit the United Hospital of Dublin to give spiritual encouragement to the patients and that on the following week they would return to Myrna House to give a report on the results, and to receive new tasks. Every Meeting would begin with the Rosary. Gradually the group grew and organised itself. It took the name of the Legion of Mary because it was efficiently organised like a Roman Legion. In this way it avoided giving the group an Irish or local identity since it intended to extend itself to all the countries in the world. It is a lay organisation under church guidance, the Legion has a twofold purpose---the spiritual development of its members,-- and advancing the reign of Christ in cooperation with Our Lady. We pray to Mary and we work with Mary. How did we Catholics forget the work involved in being a Christian?

**World Mission Sunday: 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021.** World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father’s annual appeal in support of overseas missions. It takes place in every single parish where the church is present.

**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). The wearing of masks is mandatory in Churches.