## PARISH OF POBAL

Second Sunday of Easter:

Website: pobalparish.com and Webcam - www.churchservices.tv/Tempo.

Fr. John Halton, Parochial House, Tempo, Tel. 895 41344. **Priest:** Cradien 9.30am.

Sunday Masses: **Tempo: 11.00am**,

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

Eucharistic Ministers: Tempo: Sunday 18th April – Lisa Farry & Adrian Slevin.

Cradien; Sunday 18th April – Noel Cox.

**Anniversaries: Tempo:** Fri 16<sup>th</sup> April (7.00pm) – Brian McCaffrey, Shillanmore (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

M.M.M. Jim Noble, Beech Tree Lane.

Mickey Breen, Tempo.

Baptism: We welcome into the Faith Community - Oral Mary Shannon, Glen Road, Glen, who was baptised on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2021 in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tempo. May her home be filled with love, prayer, happiness, and joy!

*Easter 2021*: I was so glad to see so many back out for Easter – for the Easter Ceremonies and for Mass. It was very uplifting. It also showed that Mass with a community makes so much sense. Mass without a community is not the same. In the scripture Jesus always called people together to nourish them with his Word and with the Eucharist. Thanks for making Mass meaningful and uplifting. We hope to see more people out for Mass as the weeks pass. If at all possible, a Catholic should never miss Mass on Sunday. I ask those who may have become slack in their celebration of Mass to come back to the community on Sunday. Mass is the mark of a Catholic. Allow the gaze of Christ to touch you, and call you! Let this be our Easter promise. The involvement of the laity in the different ministries also put things into perspective. This is the way that Christ intended it to be. And wasn't he so right. I thank those who became involved in proclaiming the Word of God, and distributing Holy Communion; the team of workers who cared for the people as they came to Mass, and made them both safe and welcome. I congratulate also the choir who helped the Holy Spirit enliven the ceremonies and Mass. They did a great work, and have done so over the year. Their work is so important, and we appreciate it greatly. And so does Christ. We are told in scripture that at the last supper they sang also. That's the way Jesus wants it. We appreciate the choirs greatly. The Parish Pastoral Council is the most important organising group in the parish, and they become even more important as the years pass. They show us that if we fail to prepare we prepare to fail. We cannot underestimate their work, and we are delighted to see them do it with selflessness and happiness. The people who care for the churches are to be highly commended for the Churches looked spotless. Cleanliness is Godliness. I must say we miss our Mass Servers at this time. We appreciate their presence and work, and they keep Christ looking young. I was very happy that the Stations of the Cross, and the rosary was recited each week on line and the stations of the cross were prayed in Cradien on Good Friday, and they were carried out by lay people. We are going in the right direction. And we have other church related ministries whom we often forget. Of late they have come to work in the pastoral centre-the Old Priests house. These are the people who count our money each week, and record the money in the Computer. There are eight of them, and again we should never forget their importance. This work is continuous and involves a great deal of service, and commitment. This week they also counted the Trocaire Collection which to date amounts to £2,909.00. Again we say thanks, and we await the other people's contribution in the coming weeks. A set of four people count the money for a month, and the second set of four do it for the following month. The St Vincent De Paul Society also work from a room in the Pastoral Centre as a constant reminder to us all that the Poor must never be forgotten. We thank all. Let's not forget the bulletin each week. I hope you like it, and read it. We thank Geraldine.

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.

Hearts on Fire: A series of video resources for the young people preparing for Confirmation, and their families and school communities have been compiled for the Diocese of Clogher and are available via Hearts on Fire Confirmation preparation – clogherdiocese.ie. Accompanying workbooks have been delivered to schools.

11<sup>th</sup> April 2021.