

PARISH OF POBAL

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

12th September 2021.

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, Friday 7.00pm. Cradien: Thursday 9.30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Tempo: Sunday 19th Sep – Ciaran & Catherine Gallagher.

Cradien: Sunday 19th Sep – Shannon Naan.

Anniversaries: Tempo: Friday 17/09 (7.00pm) Kevin McCarron, Coolcran.

Deacons in the Church: Last Sunday we wrote about Deacons in the Church. We talked about their names – **Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, Philip, Prochorus, Nicanar, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas of Alexandria**—(Chapters 6 and 7 of Acts of Apostles). These were added to the leaders of the Church as the numbers of Christians were increasing. We mentioned also that as the numbers of Christians increased there was language problem between those who spoke Greek and those who spoke Hebrew. The followers of the Greek language complained that those who spoke Hebrew were treated better than those who spoke Greek when the bread was being divided among the poor. So the leaders called together a meeting to discuss this complaint. At this meeting they picked and ordained these first Deacons to help with the distribution of the bread and with the preaching of the Gospel. Soon Stephen got into conflict with those who didn't believe that Jesus was the son of God, and he was stoned to death. We also said that we should learn his speech before he was put to death. In the homily last Sunday we talked about the reading of scriptures in preparation for the Synod. We said that we Christians are people of the Scriptures, and in reading them in preparation for Sunday Mass, and Visits to the Blessed on Fridays we would become a listening people-- a people who listen to the Word of God in Scripture, and who listen to what God is saying to us in other people and in our daily living.

The two chapters in the Acts of the Apostles (6 and 7) should be read in front of the Blessed Sacrament. It may take a few visits to do so, but it takes time to become a listening person. The Book of Scripture is the book of the Christian Family, and the Book of each Family in our parish. We will end today with a prayer for the Synodal Pathway:

“Lord of all hopefulness, as we embark on this journey together may we listen and discern, and be guided by the Holy Spirit who constantly breathes new life into our world, our hearts, our families, homes, and parishes. May renewal and reform, fresh hope, and healing come for all people of God in Ireland!. By virtue of our Baptism may we each play our part in transforming the Church through a flesh outpouring of the Holy Spirit which is your gift and promise, upon our land. Grant us the encouragement we need to bring faith, hope, and love in abundance to meet the challenge before us, and fulfil the Church's mission of proclaiming to the world God's love and salvation in Jesus Christ. Mother of the church guard and guide us on our pilgrim way on earth: Amen”

Trocaire: I received a letter from Siobhan Hanley - Head of Northern Ireland Region of Trocaire on Monday last. Her letter was filled with praise, joy and gratitude. She expressed her gratitude and praise to the people of Northern Ireland for their generosity in giving to Trocaire in 2021. Obviously Trocaire had worried that they would not receive as much as usual due to the pandemic. But they were joyfully surprised. They received £4,861,549. This included the £2 million in extra funding that has been approved by the UK Government to fund a life changing programme in South Sudan. The Government had pledged to match public donations in Northern Ireland to Trocaire Lenten Appeal earlier this year up to a maximum of £2 million. Trocaire exceeded their Match funding Target.

Cavanacarragh Tractor Run today Sunday 12th September 2021. Leaving Cavanacarragh Hall at 3.00pm. £15.00 per tractor, plus free burger and soft drink for all drivers. Refreshments are also available for all to purchase before the tractor run. We look forward to another successful run and fun day for all the family in aid of two worthy charities – Sands NI and Friends of the Cancer Centre. Sponsored by Slevin Plant Hire.

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.