

## PARISH OF POBAL

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

13<sup>th</sup> February 2022

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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, Fri 7.00pm. **Cradien:** Thursday 9.30am.

**Eucharistic Ministers: Tempo:** Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb – Lisa Farry & Adrian Slevin.

**Cradien:** Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb – Eugene Campbell.

**Baptism:** We welcome into the community of Faith - Connie Margaret McDonagh, 12 Drumcor Road, Leam who was baptised in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tempo on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> of February 2022. May her home be filled with love, happiness, prayer and, joy!

**Pope Francis on Listening:** I would like to draw attention to the word “listen” which is decisive in the grammar of communication, and a condition for genuine dialogue. We are losing the ability to listen to those who are in front of us, both in the normal course of everyday relationships, and in debating the most important issues of civil life. At the same time listening is undergoing an important new development in the field of communication, and information through the various podcasts and audible messages available that serve to confirm that listening is still essential in human communication. A respected doctor, accustomed to treating the wounds of the soul was once asked what the greatest need of a human being is. He replied: **The boundless desire to be heard.** This desire often remains hidden but it challenges anyone who is called upon to be an educator or formator or who otherwise performs a communicate role, Parents and teachers,, pastors and pastoral workers, communication professionals or others who carry out political or social service. From scripture we learn that listening means not only the perception of sounds but is essentially linked to the dialogical relationship between God and humanity. “Hear O’ Israel, the opening words of the first commandment of the torah- is continually reiterated in the bible to the point that St Paul would affirm that Faith comes through listening. Romans: 10:17. Among the five senses the one favoured by God seems to be hearing, perhaps because it is less invasive, more discreet than sight and therefore leaves the human being more free. Human beings tend to flee the relationship, to turn their back and “close their ears” so that they do not have to listen The refusal to listen often ends up turning into aggression towards the other., as happened to those listening to the deacon Stephen who covered their ears, all turned on him at once. Acts:5:57. It is only by paying attention to whom we listen, to what we listen, and to how we listen, that we can grow in the art of communicating the heart of which is not a theory or technique, but the openness of heart that makes closeness possible.

We all have ears but many times, even those with perfect hearing are unable to hear another person. In fact there is an interior deafness worse than the physical one. Indeed listening concerns the whole person, not just the sense of hearing. The true seat of listening is the heart. Though he was a very young man, King Solomon proved himself wise because he asked the Lord to grant him “a listening heart”. Saint Augustine used to encourage listening with the heart to receive words not outwardly through the ears, but spiritually in our hearts. St Francis of Assisi exhorted his brothers “to incline the ear of the heart”. There is a kind of hearing that is not really listening, but it’s opposite: Eavesdropping. The first service we owe to others consists in listening to them. We should listen with the Ears of God that we may speak the Word of God. St James tells us: Let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak 1:19 Let us, together, practice our listening skills by listening to God as he speaks to us in the word of God at Mass. This is the message of Pope Francis for World Communications Day.

**Sunday Collections:** 6/2/2022 - £1677.00

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