

## PARISH OF POBAL

Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time:

13<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

Website: pobalparish.com and Webcam - [www.churchservices.tv/Tempo](http://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 20<sup>th</sup> June – Siobhan McManus & Maire McKeagney.

**Cradien:** Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Enda Coyle.

**Anniversaries:** **Tempo:** Friday 18/06 (7.00pm) Mary Porter, Manor View.

**Baptism:** We welcome into the Community of Faith: Shea Nicky Kille, Ballylucas, Enniskillen who was baptised in the Church of St Joseph, Cradien on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2021. May his home be filled with joy, happiness, joy, and peace!

**LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME AND DO NOT STOP THEM:** We know too well that it is good for our children to play sports. We are grateful to those who organise football and sports for them. However we are not happy to see our young children, some whom have only received First Communion, being enticed away from Mass on Sunday by having football training while Mass is being celebrated in the Church/ or at 12-00 noon which means they cannot attend Mass. Jesus says: “Let the children come to me and do not stop them” Of course it is the responsibility of parents to encourage their children to go to Mass on Sunday, and to accompany them. But all parishioners have a responsibility to help them. We all know that the Church founded by Christ is going through a hard time, and Jesus needs help from everyone at this time. He is **not** saying to us to stop children playing sport, but he **is** asking us not to put obstacles in their way of coming to Mass. We know from some parents that few parents in our parish agree with the times set out for children on Sunday. They should let their voice be heard, for their responsibility is to be treasured. Parents are the first teachers of their children in the ways of Faith. They should have a say in all that involves their children. Parents know intuitively how to protect their children on Sunday mornings and to demand better for them, while Mass is being celebrated in the Church. This is at the heart of their vocation. Our Diocese has been very generous in making grounds available to our children, and parishioners to play games. However they didn't make the grounds available so that children would be asked to play games at an inappropriate time on Sunday Morning. After all Sunday is the Lord's Day. And Jesus has a say. Jesus has told us how it is to be spent. We, as a parish have enough generosity to let the children come to Jesus on Sunday, and not put obstacles in their way. We should show our appreciation to the Diocese for its generosity to our children, rather than belittling that generosity. I know that this reminder will awaken our conscience, and help us find a suitable time, for the children of the parish. The good of our children and of their parents spiritually, mentally, and physically is always the deciding factor! The Altar in a parish is the centre of a parish. Jesus calls us around the Table of the Lord on Sunday. We should never quieten his voice. I hope this notice is taken with the same loving mentality with which it is given, and that parents will make their voice heard to accompany the voice of Jesus. “Let the children come to me and do not stop them”

**Fr John's Golden Jubilee:** We will celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Fr John Halton's Ordination to the Priesthood on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021. He was ordained on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 1971 by Bishop Patrick Mulligan in St Macartan's Cathedral, Monaghan. To mark the occasion we will have a special Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tempo, and in St Josephs Church, Cradien on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

There will be a Prayer Service in St Joseph's Church, Cradien on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm.

**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.

**Deaths:** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Seamus Higgins whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on 4<sup>th</sup> June in St Anne's Church, Manchester; also George Walsh, Irvinestown whose Funeral was celebrated in the Church of the Immaculate Conception on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June. May God console all who mourn their loss.