

## PARISH OF POBAL

Third Sunday of Advent:

13<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

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. (Mass will be streamed on Tuesday & Thursday)

**Eucharistic Ministers:** **Tempo:** Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Siobhan McManus & Maire McKeagney.

**Cradien:** Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Lorraine Moore.

**Anniversaries:** **Tempo: Friday 18 Dec (8.00pm)** Michelle Flynn, Edenmore Road,  
Seamus McCaffrey, Letterbailey.

**Cradien: Sunday 13 Dec (9.30am)** Breege McCauley, Shankill

**Bishop Duffy strongly encourages people who can't get a seat in the church to view Christmas Mass on line.** Bishop Larry has described it as impossible for the usual large numbers to attend Christmas Mass due to Covid 19. He has reminded us that such Masses will be “widely available over Webcam”. He strongly encourage families to tune in from the “domestic churches” of their living rooms, and join with those who are gathering in their local churches in welcoming the birth of the Christ child. Christmas is about more than one day. Families are welcome to attend Mass at some point during the twelve days from Christmas Eve to Epiphany (January 6<sup>th</sup>), he said, and he has reminded Catholics that the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days remains suspended during the pandemic. The Bishops also encouraged “the faithful” to keep Christ at the centre of Christmas this year”, and said that the age old tradition of having a Christmas Crib in the home, and gathering there as a family to pay or sing a carol will be especially meaningful this year.

**THE JESSE TREE:** I ask people who may not know the meaning of the JESSE TREE to look at the Notice Board at the back of the church. Here you will find the meaning of the JESSE TREE. Jesse was the father of David and the Jesse tree gives us the family tree of Jesus. It also gives us a journey through the scriptures. The many people who are interested in family trees will find the family tree of Jesus very uplifting and instructive. It will help you bring to mind what you learned at school. It will also give everyone a journey through the bible. It starts with Adam and Eve, then Abel, and Noah and then the Patriarchs, Abraham etc, Isaac and Rebecca, and Rachael and their son Joseph, the settlement in Egypt, Moses and the Exodus etc.

**Bishop Larry asks us to make the Crib a place of pilgrimage this Christmas:** Bishop Larry has asked that all children with their parents come to the Crib in Parish Churches this year. It is especially important this year as not all will be able to celebrate Mass together in the Churches. We can have a limited number in the church because of the regulations on Corona Virus. However you can come for the 15 days of Christmas if you cannot get a booking for Christmas Eve or for Christmas Day. Make sure to Book, and don't be disappointed. The Crib is a big Book from which we can read and see how much Gods loves us. Our children need to know this love after a difficult time over the months. Thank God for the vaccine, and pray for all those who died during the pandemic, and for all carers in hospitals and homes. **A SERVICE OF REPERATION FOR AN ACT OF PERFECT CONTRITION IN THE SEASON OF ADVENT:** In preparation for Christmas, we will have this Service in the Church of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday Evening 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 8.00pm. We can accommodate 50 people for this celebration, and we will also use the webcam for all who want to join on line.

**St Vincent De Paul:** Donations for hampers will be collected in the Church over the next week. Items such as tea, coffee, biscuits and small gift items are welcome. They will be donated to families in our local community.

**Death:** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Iris O'Rourke, formerly Hillview Enniskillen and Edenmore Heights, Tempo whose Funeral Mass was celebrated in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tempo on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020. May God console all who mourn her loss.

**Christmas Masses:** **Cradien:** 6.00pm Christmas Eve; 9.30am Christmas morning. **Tempo:** 8.00pm Christmas Eve; 11.00am Christmas morning.

Places are limited and filling up fast – (Cradien is now fully booked for Christmas morning). If there are no places available, you will be placed at top of the list for Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December, the Feast of the Holy Family.

**Mass on Sundays:** *Advance notice of your intention to attend Sunday Mass must be given to the designated person to book your place.* The Number to book your place in Tempo Church is **07501 084259 (Tues and Thurs 2-5pm) or (07718 821060) (Fri 7-9pm)**. The number to book your place in Cradien is **07866174766 (Thurs & Fri 2-5pm)**.