

PARISH OF POBAL

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time:

15th November 2020.

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

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Sunday Masses: **Tempo:** 11.00am, **Cradien:** 9.30am

Masses next Week: Tempo –Tuesday 10.00am, Friday 8.00pm. **Cradien** – Thursday 10.00am

Eucharistic Ministers: Tempo: Sunday 22nd November – Eugene McGrade & Ann Marie Kelly.

Cradien: Sunday 22nd November – Shannon Naan.

Anniversaries: Tempo: Friday 20th Nov 8.00pm) Phil Breen, Toneyglaskin
Anne Broderick, Tattinweir

Cradien: Sunday 15th Nov (9.30am) Fr Matt Brady

Sunday 22nd Nov (9.30am) Deceased members of the Moohan family, Cavanacarragh.

The Happy Person: People who work for others are usually happier, than people who think only of themselves. They are a sharing people, who mix easily, and consider time spent helping others to be time well spent. They have various interests, and are community people. They are often big hearted, generous, and caring. They are the kind of people we like to meet, for they find it easy to forgive, or to accept forgiveness. They have the capacity to laugh at themselves. The person who can't forgive suffers from loss of memory. They forget that they themselves have made mistakes, and have caused hurt to others, and need forgiveness. The person who share their time and talents with others, learn how to think of others, and forget themselves. Jesus says: "It is in giving that we receive. It is in dying that we are born to eternal life". He also says: "I have come so that you have life and that you have it to the full". Doesn't the Gospel make sense? Jesus tells us that we can only become our best selves, when we help others in our own parish, and are open to everyone in our own parish. In helping others, we help ourselves. In helping others we become more generous, caring, and a better person. Many people have all these qualities, but they don't know it. They forget that life is like a school where we acquire these qualities by practice. And when we practice them we discover that we had them all the time.

Thank God we have many who help in our parish. We **have many who know, that when they help they become more content, more at ease with life and happier**. They have found the meaning of the Gospel, and they smile. The number of priests serving in parishes has become scarce. However I don't think that it is a time to moan about this scarcity. Rather it is a time to ask ourselves, what we can do about it. And we can do everything about it. Our lay people can pool their talents and gifts together, and together they can bring about the kind of Parish, which Christ wants us to create. We have already examples of this pooling of talents during the pandemic. We have a group of people who welcome parishioners in each Church to Mass on Sunday, and ensure that they feel safe, by directing them to a safe seat. They also create an atmosphere of security, and order as people go to communion. Not only do they do this work with professionalism, but also with a smile. In Cradien we have a second group who have taken over the work of the late Pat Murphy RIP in preparing the Church for Mass, and the other hundred jobs that go with it. Again they work with professionalism, and a smile. May our laity continue to pool their gifts and talents! I know that Pat is smiling, for he is in good company.

Today We Mark The World Day Of The Poor: This is the fourth annual day set aside by the church for reflection and prayer for those less fortunate than ourselves. The Covid 19 pandemic has brought our response to the poor so much into focus, many people in our communities have responded so generously. We must always keep in mind the question: "have we all helped as we should"? The Theme for this Sunday has been chosen by Pope Francis—"Stretch forth your hand to the poor".(Sirach7:32) Today these words remain as timely and important as ever.

Mass on Sundays: **Advance notice of your intention to attend Sunday Mass must be given to the designated person to book your place.** You will be made very welcome, but we can only have 50 people present. 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)**.