

PARISH OF POBAL

Second Sunday In Ordinary Time:

16th January 2022:

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, Fri 7.00pm. Cradien: Thursday 9.30am.

Eucharistic Ministers: Tempo: Sunday 23rd Jan – Lisa Farry & Adrian Slevin.

Cradien: Sunday 23rd Jan – Shannon Naan.

Anniversaries: Tempo: Friday 21/1 (7.00pm) Frank & Brigid McDonald, Ballyreagh.

Eamon Jackson, Glen & deceased members of Jackson family.

Seamus McCusker, Drumackin.

M.M.M. Jim Durnion, Tempo & deceased members of Durnion & Maguire families.

Tom & Brigid McMulkin, Tom Jnr, Noel, Anthony & Eugene,

Geraldine, Brendy McCusker, Omagh, Nuala McMulkin

James McMulkin, Glenview Park.

Cradien: Sunday 16/1 (9.30am) Pat Cox, Mullanaska and deceased family members.

Baptism: We welcome into the Community of Faith - Aoife Erin Smyth, Calvacy, who was baptised in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tempo on Saturday 8th January 2022. May her home be filled with love, happiness, prayer, and joy!

Synod is a call to co-responsibility in the Church: I was reading the Editors Comment-Michael Kelly- in the Irish Catholic last Saturday. I came across a word I had never heard of before. The word is Negaholism. Now I had heard of the word Alcoholism, but I never heard of the word Negaholism. Did you ever hear of that word yourself? Negaholism is a term that is used to describe the state, or **condition of being addicted to negative thinking**. I am told that counsellors and therapists more and more see it as a psychological addiction that has an impact on a person's over-all quality of life. Obviously it is not good for your health. People who have this tendency often preset themselves as good people, and they are acting out of goodness. Someone who is accused of being over negative will often respond **“that they are simply telling it as it is”, or “confronting reality”**. Sometimes this is true for there are few things more annoying than a clueless optimist who wants to ignore facts... **But negativity can often be propelled by a desire to challenge consensus, and what is deemed ethically and morally acceptable...** Of course we shouldn't be afraid of people expressing negative sentiment. But we also need to be wary of when people are motivated not so much by a desire to challenge group-think, but what may have become an addiction to negativity. **People who are addicted to negativity- and I fear we have many of them in the church today - are generally angry about something, and rarely express happiness**. They are almost never satisfied, maintaining **the appearance of fighting for “a cause”** that gives the impression of being part of a solution, rather than part of the problem. This is a real and present danger as we take more tentative steps on the Synodal journey that Pope Francis has called the church to. **Prophets of doom are rarely in short supply--** we know all the issues that are facing the church in Ireland at this time. But naming the issues is only the beginning. We cannot be stuck in a cycle of negativity, by always naming the negativity list; **we need to come up with solution. But the people who are always negative usually have no solutions**. The Pope has stern words for believers who are **crippled by negativity: “sometimes these melancholy Christian's faces have more in common with pickled peppers than the joy of having a beautiful life”** he said back in 2013. **“If we keep this joy to ourselves it will make us sick in the end in the end, our hearts will grow old, and wrinkled and our faces will no longer transmit that great joy, only nostalgia and melancholy which is not healthy”-** he added. The great reformers in the church were not people who specialised in analysing the situation in which they found themselves with endless negativity. They faced the challenge with courage and made a lasting impression on the church and society.

Sunday of the Word of God will be marked next Sunday 23rd January 2022. Pope Francis has made this Sunday Word of God Sunday in his effort to get us to pray the Word of God. I hope all of us are now reading the Gospel of the following Sunday with our children with themselves, and with the family. “Please do whatever he tells you!

Mass on Sundays: Advanced 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 and Thurs 2-5pm) or **07718 821060** (Fri 7-9pm). The number to book your place in Cradien is **07866 174766** (Thurs & Fri 2-5pm)

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