

PARISH OF POBAL

The Ascension of the Lord:

16th May 2021

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

Eucharistic Ministers: **Tempo:** Sunday 23rd May – Siobhan McManus & Maire McKeagney.

Cradien: Sunday 23rd May – Patricia McKeever.

Anniversaries: **Tempo:** Fri 21st May (7.00pm) – James Bannon.

A National Synod for the Catholic Church in Ireland: The Irish Bishop's Conference have announced a new Synod Pathway for the Catholic Church in Ireland leading to the holding of a National Synodal Assembly within the next five years. We are invited to journey together in discernment of what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church in Ireland at this time. We are acutely aware of the high challenges to the faith over the past fifty years; a major decline in the practice of the faith, and in the number of vocations to the priesthood, and the religious life. The bishops are inviting submissions to reflect on what models/methods to adopt in these two years of conversation. For example Parish or Pastoral area meeting, questionnaires, deep listening sessions, written submissions; family focused gatherings; receiving summary of findings of assemblies that have already taken place across dioceses; and or conferences etc. Your feedback which should be no more than four hundred words, and submitted by Pentecost Sunday 23rd of May 2021 ought to focus on the nature of the process for the consultation, i.e. that is how we can go about this initial phase of establishing the conversation. You are invited to offer feedback to the following question. **WHAT WOULD BE YOUR PREFERRED OPTION FOR ENGAGEMENT IN A CONVERSATION PROCESS ABOUT THE SYNOD THE RESPONSES WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE TASK GROUP TO BE PUT IN PLACE BY THE BISHOPS THIS SUMMER TO PLAN AND OVERSEE THE FIRST STEPS ALONG THE SYNODAL PATHWAY.** Submissions should be made via the new Synod Pathway webpage-- www.catholicbishops.ie/synod From Bishop Laurence Duffy

The above short letter has been received in each Parish from Bishop Larry Duffy. It is important that we take it seriously. I have been talking about renewal for many years. Now the time has come at last. We cannot say that we didn't know what was in the pipe line. Therefore each organisation in the parish should meet to discuss the above question, and send a reply to the address given. The Synod is the most important event that will take place in our time. It will determine how we live together as a parish in the future. Perhaps the Teachers, Class Room Assistants and Secretaries in each School; Parish Council; the Eucharist Ministers; The Readers: The Band; the football Club; the St Vincent de Paul Society; the Choirs; The Money Counters: Cradien Church Group; The Bicycle Club; Etc could have a short meeting and send a response from each group as requested. This Synod is for all Ireland. Your meeting will open your mind and hearts to the very idea of a Synod. The first meeting is important if for no other reason than it makes people aware and talking about change, renewal, and parish.

Confirmation: We congratulate the young people from St Mary's Primary School who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday 13th May 2021.

First Holy Communion: for Children from St Patrick's School on Saturday 22nd May at 11.00am in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tempo.

We congratulate the children from St Mary's Primary School who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday 15th May 2021.

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.