

PARISH OF POBAL

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

16th August 2020.

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

Masses next Week: **Tempo** - Sunday, Tuesday, Friday. **Cradien** - Sunday.

Eucharistic Ministers: **Tempo:** Sunday 23rd August – Eugene McGrade & Ann Marie Kelly.

Cradien: Sunday 23rd August – Patricia McKeever.

Anniversaries: **Cradien: Sunday 16/08 9.30am** Johnny Woods, Breagho

Friday 21st August: (8.00pm) John & Lizzie McPhillips, Killaculla.

M.M.M. Anthony McMulkin, Largy

Please note that we can only have 45 people present at any Mass, parishioners are encouraged to use the Gallery

Judge me by the footprints I leave behind:

A story is told about a soldier who was finally coming home after having fought in Vietnam. He called his parents from San Francisco. “Mom and Dad, I am coming home, but I have got a favour to ask. I have a friend I’d like to bring with me”. “Sure”, they replied, we’d love to meet him”. There’s something you should know, the son continued, he was hurt pretty badly in the fighting. He stepped on a landmine and lost an arm and a leg. “He has nowhere else to go, and I want him to come and live with us”. “I’m sorry to hear that son”. “Maybe we can help him to find somewhere to live”. “No mom and Dad, I want him to live with us”. “Son said the father; you don’t know what you’re asking. Someone with such a handicap would be a terrible burden on us. We have our own lives to live, and we can’t let something like that interfere with our lives. I think you should just come home, and forget about this guy. He’ll find a way to live on his own” At that point, the son hung up the phone. The parents heard nothing more from him. A few days later, however, they received a call from the San Francisco police. Their son had died after falling from a building, they were told. The police believed it was suicide. The grief-stricken parents flew to San Francisco, and were taken to the city morgue, to identify the body of their son. They recognised him, but to their horror they also discovered something they didn’t know, their son had only one arm, and one leg.

The parents in this story are like many of us. We find it easy to love those who are good looking, or fun to be around, but we don’t like people who inconvenience us, or make us feel uncomfortable. We would rather stay away from people who aren’t as healthy, beautiful, or smart as we are. Thankfully, there is someone who won’t treat us that way, someone who loves us with an unconditional love; that welcomes us into the family forever, regardless of how messed up we are. So we pray today, that God will give us the strength we need to accept people as they are, and to help us all be more understanding of those who are different from us. Jesus shows us how to do this in the Gospel today.

Confirmation: Young people are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Should they not be thinking about going back to Mass along with going back to school? What do parents think?

New Boiler and Hot Water: are now installed in St Josephs Cradien. The work was carried out by Hanna Company. We now need to paint the windows and doors.

Mass on Sundays: Make sure to contact the designated person to book your place for Mass. You will be made very welcome, but we can only have 45 people present. The Number to book your place in Tempo Church is 07501 084259 (Tues and Thurs 2-5pm) or (07840 064262) (next Fri 21st August 7-9pm). If there are no places available for the current week, you will be placed at top of list for the next week. The number to book your place in Cradien is 07866174766 (Thurs & Fri 2–5pm)