

PARISH OF POBAL

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:

17th January 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 (via Webcam only)

All weekday Masses are currently suspended until further notice.

Anniversaries: Today - Sunday 17th Jan (11.00am) Mary Ann & Elizabeth McCormick, Edenmore.

Francie Jackson, Edenmore Heights.

Peggy Noble, Tempo.

M.M.M. Luke Padian, Glengesh.

Tom, Bridget, Thomas Jnr, Noel & Geraldine McMulkin.

Anthony McMulkin, Largy

James McMulkin, Glenview & Brendan McCusker, Omagh.

Pat Cox, Mullanaskea.

Sunday 22nd Jan (11.00am) Seamus McCusker, Drumackin.

Jack & Bridget Shannon, 4 Glenview Park.

Eamon Jackson, Glenn

Let us Dream: The Path to a better future - Pope Francis: The leading role of Women: This section in Pope Francis' book is very interesting. A sign he says is something that stands out and strikes us. A sign of hope in this crisis is the leading role of women. Women have been at the same time among the most affected and the most resilient in this crisis. Affected because they are the most likely to be on the front line of the pandemic—about seventy percent of all those working in health care worldwide are women—but also because they are the harder hit economically while working in the informal or unpaid sector. The countries with women as presidents or prime ministers have on the whole reacted better and more quickly than others, making decisions swiftly, and communicating them with empathy. What does this sign invite us to think about? What might the Spirit of God be saying to us? I think of the strength of the women in the gospel following the death of Jesus. They were not paralyzed by tragedy, nor did they flee. For love of the master, they went to the tomb to anoint him. Like so many women in this pandemic, they were able to hold it together. They were able to get around obstacles in their path and keep hope alive in their families and in the community. Because they did so, they were the first to receive the astonishing news: “He is not here, for he has been raised”(Matt: 28: 6).

The Lord first announced the new life to women because they were present, attentive, open to new possibilities. Could it be that in this crisis the perspective women bring is what the world needs at this time to face the coming challenges?. Could the spirit be prompting us to recognise, value and integrate the fresh thinking that some women are bringing to this moment? I am thinking in particular of women economists whose fresh thinking is especially relevant for this crisis. Their call for an overhaul of the models we use to manage economics is attracting attention. Theirs is a perspective born of their practical experience of the “real” economy, which they say has opened their eyes to the inadequacy of standard textbook economics. It is often their unpaid or informal work, their experience of maternity, or running households in addition to high level academic work, that make them aware of flaws in the dominant economic models of the last seventy years. I don't mean to put them in the same basket just because they are all women. They are each different from each other, and no doubt disagree about many things. Yet it is striking that these influential economists, have put the focus, on care for creation, and for the poor. I see them advocate a more “maternal” economy; one that isn't focused on growth and profit, but ask how economies can be geared to helping people to participate in society and thrive. In these women I see ideas formed by their experience of motherhood, and of care for the home in their economic thinking. They have a concern about the grotesque inequality of billions facing extreme deprivation, while the richest one percent, own half of the world's financial wealth. Pope Francis continues: I see too thinking which has at its heart, a concern that all of humanity have access to land, lodging, and labour. All of these speak to the priorities of the Gospel and the principles of the churches social doctrine.

Mass on Sundays: *Sunday Masses will only be available online for the next 4 weeks. Anniversaries currently booked for Friday night will be included in the 11.00am Sunday Mass. Sunday Masses in Tempo will be streamed. Sunday Masses in Cradien and weekday Masses in both Churches will cease until further notice.*

Anyone in the Parish who has a Communion Pyx and not using it are asked to kindly return it to the Parochial House.