

PARISH OF POBAL

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

18th July 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 25th July – Ciaran & Catherine Gallagher.

Cradien: Sunday 25th July – Noel Cox.

Anniversaries: Tempo: Friday 23/07 (7.00pm) Ryan McCaffrey, Tempo & Enniskillen.

William & Mary Kerr & James McKeever.

Dympna Fee, Mullyknock.

Jim McElroy & deceased family members, Gorteen.

Baptisms: We welcome into the Community of Faith: Ellie Louis Lee, and Jack Michael Lee, 66 Ballylucas Road, Mullanaska, Enniskillen who were baptised in the Church of St Joseph, Cradien on Sunday 11th July 2021. May their homes be filled with happiness, joy, prayer, and peace!

Message of his Holiness for the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly: “I am with you always.”

Dear Grandfathers and Grandmothers. Dear Elderly Friends, I am with you always (Mt28:20) is the promise the Lord made to his disciples before he went to heaven. They are the words that he repeats to you today, dear grandparents and grandmothers, dear elderly friends. I am with you always. are also the words that I, as Bishop of Rome, and an elderly person like yourselves would like to address to you on this first world Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. The whole church is close to you, to us, and cares about you, loves you, and does not want to leave you alone. The Lord is aware of all that we have been through in this time. He is close to those who felt isolated and alone feeling that became more acute during the pandemic. Tradition has it that St Joachim, the grandfather of Jesus, felt estranged from those around him because he had no children. his life like that of h wife Ann, was considered useless. So the Lord sent an angel to console him. While he mused sadly outside the city gates, a messenger from the Lord appeared to him and said: “Joachim, Joachim! The Lord has heard tour insistent prayer”. Giotto, in one of his celebrated frescoes seems set at night, one of those sleepless nights filled with memories, worries and longings to which many of us have become accustomed. Even at the darkest moments, as in these months of pandemic, the Lord continues to angels to console our loneliness and to remind us; “I am with you always”. He says this to you and he says it to me. That is the meaning of this day, when I wanted to celebrate for the first time in this particular year, as a long period of isolation ends and social life slowly resumes. May every grandfather, every grandmother, every older person especially those among us who are most alone, receive the visit of an angel.

At times the angels will have the faces of our grandchildren, at others, the face of family members, lifelong friends or those we have come to know during these trying times, when we have learned how important hugs, and visits are for each of us. How sad it makes me that in some places these are still not possible. The lord also sends us messengers through his words which are always at hand, Let us try to read a page of the Gospel will be comforted by the Lords faithfulness every day, to pray with the psalms, to read the prophets! We will be comforted by the Lords faithfulness. The scriptures will also help us to understand what the Lord is asking of our lives today. And in every season of life, he continues to send labour ours into his vineyard. I was called to become the Bishop of Rome when I had reached, so to speak retirement age and thought I would not be doing anything new. He is calling you now for in the Christian life none of us can go into retirement. You too are called to hand on the faith to the young, and to care for the little ones. Never forget this!

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.