

PARISH OF POBAL

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

18th October 2020.

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Sunday Masses: **Tempo:** 11.00am, **Cradien:** 9.30am

Masses next Week: **Tempo** – Sunday, Tuesday 10.00am, Friday 8.00pm. **Cradien** - Sunday.

Eucharistic Ministers: **Tempo:** Sunday 25th October – Eugene McGrade & Ann Marie Kelly.

Cradien: Sunday 25th October – Noel Cox.

Anniversaries: **Tempo: Friday 23rd Oct (8.00pm)** Mrs Agnes Flynn & son Patsy, Glenview Park.

Michael Goodwin & his son Michael, Edenmore Crescent.

Fraternity between Brothers and Sisters: Pope Francis has written his third Encyclical. It is called “Fraternity between Brothers and Sisters” He takes this title from the works of St Francis. St Francis asks his followers to live a way of life marked by the flavour of the Gospel. He calls on us for a love that transcends the barriers of geography and distance, and declares blessed all those who love their brothers and sisters “as much when he or she is far away from him as when he is with him”. In his simple and direct way, St Francis expressed the essence of a fraternal openness that allows us to acknowledge, appreciate and love each person, regardless of physical proximity, regardless of where he or she was born or lives. St Francis felt himself a brother to the sun, the sea and the wind, yet he knew that he was even closer to those of his own flesh. Wherever he went he sowed seeds of peace, and walked alongside the poor, the abandoned, the infirm and the outcast, the least of his brothers and sisters. There is an episode in the life of St Francis that shows his openness of heart, which knew no bounds, and transcended differences of origin, nationality, colour or religion.

It was his visit to Sultan Mali-el-Kamil, in Egypt which entailed considerable hardship, given Francis’ poverty, his scarce resources, the great distances’ to be travelled, and their differences of language of language, culture and religion. The journey undertaken at the time of the Crusades, further demonstrated the breath and grandeur of his love which sought to embrace everyone. Francis’ fidelity to his Lord was commensurate with his love for his brothers and sisters. Unconcerned for the dangers and hardships involved Francis went to meet the Sultan with the same attitude that he instilled in his disciples: “if they found themselves among Saracens and other non believers, without renouncing their own identity, they were not to engage in arguments or disputes, but to be subject to every human creature for God’s sake”. In the contact of the time it was an extraordinary recommendation. We are impressed that some eight hundred years ago St Francis urged that all forms of hostility or conflict be avoided and that a humble and fraternal “subjection” be shown to those who did not share his faith. Francis did not wage a war of words aimed at imposing doctrines, he simply spread the love of God. He understood that God is love and those who abide in love abide in God”- (St John). In this way he became a father to all, and inspired the vision of a fraternal society. Indeed only a man who approaches others, not to draw them into his own life, but to help them become ever more fully themselves, can truly be a father” In the world of that time bristling with watch towers and defensive walls, cities were a theatre of brutal wars between powerful families, even as poverty was spreading throughout the countryside, yet there Francis was able to welcome true peace into his heart and free himself of the desire to wield power over others. He became one of the poor, and sought to live in harmony with all. Francis has inspired these pages. (To be continued).

Fuel poverty: Are you worried about your fuel bills as winter approaches? We are offering a free webinar to look at the causes of fuel poverty and how to reduce your costs for heating and lighting your home. The webinar will take place on Thursday 22nd October 2010 at 10.00 a.m. To register for this event follow this link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/understanding-fuel-poverty-and-its-implications-for-health-and-wellbeing-> On-line attendance at this event will entitle each participant to receive a small package of efficiency measures and aids. The event is being run under the HANDIHEAT project, funded under the NPA programme and supported by the European Regional Development Fund and the ARC Healthy Living Centre. For further details contact 028 686 28741 and speak to Una or Annette.

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 50 people present. The Number to book your place in Tempo Church is 07501 084259 (Tues and Thurs 2-5pm) or (07718 821060) (Fri 7-9pm). The number to book your place in Cradien is 07866174766 (Thurs & Fri 2–5pm).