

PARISH OF POBAL

Fourth Sunday of Advent:

19th December 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 10am **Cradien:** Thursday 9.30am

Eucharistic Ministers: **Tempo:** Friday 24th Dec - Maire McKeagney & Eugene McGrade

Saturday 25th Dec - Adrian Slevin & Siobhan McManus.

Sunday 26th Dec - Lisa Farry & Adrian Slevin.

Cradien: Saturday 25th Dec - Patricia McKeever

Sunday 26th Dec - Lorraine Moore.

God Became Man To Show Us That He Cares. We Come Together To Show That We Care:

Last Sunday I said some short words about the state of many parishes in Ireland at present. We mentioned some of the good things that have happened in them over the last number of years. Some people have put a lot of work into helping in parishes. In this way they have shown that they Care. However, we have still a lot of work to do. I asked some "Small Groups" (five or six) people to come together to show us that they too care. We want our young people to know that as a parish we care for them and for one another. We live in strange times. The church is experiencing winter in many ways. We have very few priests under seventy, and there are very few seminarians studying for the priesthood. Too few young people are coming to Mass. Society has huge problems relating to drugs; the breakup of marriage; and virtually every night the news tells of another murder. We are now in the knife culture. The restrictions and, anxieties and financial problems due to the prolongation of the corona virus have plunged many people into a dark place. We all need hope, and we all need to give hope to each other. Christ came to give hope and he asks us to give hope to others. We should listen to God, when it tells us, that the Word of God came to John in the wilderness.

Aren't we all in a wilderness at this time? We all need more in life--some sort of belief; some sturdy code of morality, some basis for hope. We should ask Jesus this Advent to give us hope in our wilderness this Christmas. We know he will give us that hope if we give hope to others. Can you imagine how much hope we would give our young people, and indeed to adult people if they heard that some groups came together because they cared deeply about them, and about their Parish?. Their coming together would speak loudly in itself, even if they had to find out themselves what to talk about. The Holy Spirit would be on overtime to help them. If the "Small Group" needed help in their searching there are plenty of people to help them and accompany them. These "Small Groups" discussing the development of the parish would open other people's eyebrows, and catch their interest, for now we would be showing our care for ourselves, and our own people. Our parish, like many others needs to become a "Caring Parish", for our people need to know: do they matter? do we care?, and are they welcome?. Jesus became man because he cared. We draw people to our parish when we care. God has given us the capacity to speak and to share. But we don't use this gift enough to praise our people, to affirm our people; and to share our own experience of life with them. We have learned a lot during our life; we have seen a lot during our life; we have heard a lot during our life. But we seem to be afraid to share it even with a "Small Group", and to show that we care. We can only show that we care if we can share our lives with other people. Caring is the Message of Christmas.

Confession in Enniskillen on Saturdays: 11.00am to 12 Noon and from 5.00pm to 6.00pm.

Death: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Jim Durnion, Tempo & Westbridge House, whose Funeral Mass was celebrated in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tempo on Saturday 11th December 2021. May God console all who mourn his death.

Masses for Christmas: **Tempo:** 8.00pm Christmas Eve; 11.00am Christmas morning. **Cradien:** 9.30am Christmas morning

We are sorry but Christmas Eve Mass in Tempo and Christmas morning Mass in Cradien are now fully booked. There is a limited number of spaces for Christmas morning Masses in Tempo. Parishioners who have not booked cannot just arrive on the day.

Mass on Sundays: We are still accepting names for attendance at Sunday Masses: To book your place in Tempo Church: Telephone **07501 084259** or **07718 821060**. The number to book your place in Cradien is **07866 174766** (Thurs & Fri 2-5pm) **The wearing of masks is mandatory in Churches.**