

PARISH OF POBAL

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

20th June 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 27th June – Ciaran & Catherine Gallagher.

Cradien: Sunday 27th June – Kevin Fee.

Anniversaries: **Tempo: Friday 25/06 (7.00pm)** Ellie, Fran & Brian Teague, Letterbailey.

Francis & Annie McCaffrey, Letterbailey.

Teresa Campbell, Doon.

Cradien: Sunday 27/06 (9.30am) James Fee, Sharon Hands & Tom Fee, Doon.

The Priesthood: At this time of the year many priests are celebrating their silver, golden or diamond jubilee of ordination. It is a time for thanking God for his goodness in calling people to the Priesthood. It is a time for thanking God who gives young men the inspiration, and grace to respond to that call. It is a time for thanking parents and families, for encouraging vocations to the priesthood, for the family is the fertile ground in which the seeds of a vocation to the priesthood are sown. The good family knows that without the priest there is no Mass, and without the Mass there is no parish. The primary and secondary schools in the parish are an extension of the family, and therefore encourage vocations to the priesthood. Wouldn't it be strange if they didn't? The good teacher talks to his or her children about the priesthood for they know that God calls through other people. And the good parishioner also influences young people in their choice of vocation, for young people are sensitive to the people they know and admire. This is why many people in the past were very conscious that the priest and the family were two sides of the one coin. The priest was on one side of the coin, and his home; and parish was on the other side. The priest was called through the family and parish, and the parish was called through the priest by the Word of God, and by the Eucharist. They depended completely on each other.

St John Paul 11, in writing about vocations to the priesthood talked of the priest as a gift, given through the parish community, and a gift for the parish community. He compared a diocese- who may have a scarcity of priests- to the farmer who has a bad meadow. The meadow has gone wild with rushes, bushes, and white grass. The drains have closed, and so the field has become wet and swampy. The farmer with such a meadow must now renew and drain the field so that it becomes green, fertile, and attractive again. In the same way St John Paul tells us that we must have this kind of renewal in our parishes and diocese. We must renew them so that that they too become green, fertile, and attractive again. In other words we must renew our parishes as the farmer renews his land if we are to have priests. This means that we must renew our understanding and living of our baptism. It is the most important Sacrament of all. We must renew our understanding, and living of the Sacrament of Marriage -- for good marriages make good parishes. Each person in a parish must work in the building of the parish, and in this way call men to the priesthood. Isn't this what we were doing in Vatican 11, and isn't this what our bishops are doing when calling us together in a Synod. We Irish are good at this when we get started, but sometimes like the old car we can find it difficult to start.

Fr John's Golden Jubilee of Priestly Ordination 20 June 1971 – 20 June 2021. Today we join with Fr John in celebrating this marvellous milestone. We give thanks to God for his calling.

Mass on Sundays: We are sorry but both our Churches are fully booked for Sunday Mass this weekend. Parishioners who have not booked are asked not to arrive on the day. Mass can be viewed on the Parish webcam - pobalparish.com and Webcam - www.churchservices.tv/Tempo.

*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.