

PARISH OF POBAL

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

20th September 2020

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

Masses next Week: **Tempo** - Sunday, Tuesday, Friday. **Cradien** - Sunday.

Eucharistic Ministers: **Tempo:** Sunday 27th September – Eugene McGrade & Ann Marie Kelly.

Cradien: Sunday 27th September – Kevin Fee.

Anniversaries: **Tempo: Friday 25th Sept: (8.00pm)** Patrick & Mary Slevin, Clarnagh & deceased family members.

Cradien: Sunday 27th Sept: (9.30am) M.M.M. Rachel (Baby) Leonard, Largy

A Parish: A parish is first of all a group of people who are followers of Jesus. This group of people celebrate Mass each week. They give glory and praise to God by celebrating Mass each week. A Parish is a group of people who have something in common. They have faith in Jesus Christ in common, and that faith is expressed in the celebration of Mass. They live in union with Jesus and they work for Jesus. If someone in this the group of people, cease to celebrate Mass each week they cease to be full members of a parish. They are no longer a people with a common faith. A Parish is often described as the “Table of the Lord” surrounded by God’s Family.

A parish is not a geographical area. It is a community of people who live the Gospel together. Of course they may come from a certain area, but it is not the area which makes them a parish. It is Jesus and union with Jesus that makes them a parish. Only people can be a parish. One cannot be a member of a parish by simply living in a certain area. **We become part of a Parish by baptism, and by being part of a group who celebrate Mass each week.** And we become part of a Parish by being a part of a living community, helping each other live the faith together. Some people think they are part of a parish, because they live in a certain area. This is not true. They forget that being a member of a parish has consequences, and one of these consequences is the celebration of Mass each week. There are many other consequences which flow from being a parishioner. **A parishioner helps our children celebrate Mass each Sunday, and become part of the faith community. Jesus say: “Let the little children come to me and do not stop them”. We don’t put obstacles in the way of the children during Mass times in a parish, but we make it easy for children to celebrate Mass each Sunday.** Think about this, and think about it seriously. If we put obstacles in the way of children, or make it difficult for them to celebrate Mass, this would be a grievous sin, a sin against God; and a sin against the children; and their parents. Jesus has harsh words to say about giving scandal to children. Jesus says: **“If any of you should cause one of these little ones who believe in me to stumble and fall, it would be better for you to be thrown into the depths of the sea with a great millstone around your neck”**- cf Matthew 18: 6. We should read the whole of Chapter 18 in Matthew’s Gospel. **It is about scandal, and who is the greatest? Here Jesus speaks directly to me and you.**

World Day of Migrants and Refugees: Next Sunday we mark the World day of Migrants and Refugees for 2020. Pope Francis has chosen the theme: “Forced like Jesus Christ to Flee”, with a focus on the need for pastoral care of displaced persons. It is always an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for them as they face many challenges; and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers. The Church has been celebrating the world day of Migrants and Refugees since 1914. Look up the places in the New Testament where Jesus had to flee. The Migrants and Refugees are now facing the same difficulties.

Morning and Night Prayer: Offer up your morning and night prayer, that we may find a cure for the Corona Virus. If we pray God will listen. If we pray with sincerity God will answer us. “Knock and the door will be opened”.

Confirmation: for the young people from St Patrick’s Primary School is on Thursday 24th September 2020 at 6.00pm in the Church of the Immaculate Conception. Social Distancing will be in operation, and masks are to be worn by adults. Because of numbers we can only have two family members, Sponsor, and young person for Confirmation.

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).