

PARISH OF POBAL

Fourth Sunday of advent:

20th December 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. (Mass will be streamed on Tuesday & Thursday)

Eucharistic Ministers: **Tempo:** Thursday 24th Dec - Maire McKeagney & Adrian Slevin.
Friday 25th Dec - Ciaran & Catherine Gallagher.
Sunday 27th Dec - Eugene McGrade & Ann Marie Kelly.

Cradien: Thursday 24th Dec - Patricia McKeever,
Friday 25th Dec - Shannon Naan.
Sunday 27th Dec - Noel Cox.

Anniversaries: **Cradien:** **Sunday 20 Dec (9.30am)** Barney & Mary McManus, Lisson.

Just two Meditations! These two meditations will help you have a Happy Christmas.

First meditation: We are called to change our way of living.

“Jesus opened his ministry with the call: “Repent and believe the Good News”. Repentance is often presented as a harsh, sad, and totally negative thing, as if it merely consisted in feeling guilty about one’s sins, and doing penance for them. It is something far more positive.

It is discovering something wonderful about yourself; that you have potentialities which you didn’t know you had: that up to now you have been living in darkness--whereas from now on you are determined to live in the Light.

It means acquiring a new vision, taking a new direction; setting yourself more worthwhile goals, living by better values—In a word it means a new life. Understood like this, repentance is exciting, and it always leads to joy. It means that we have heard the Good News, and have embraced it”.

Second meditation is for Parents:

A six year old boy whose parents were non-believers one day asked his teacher to take him to visit a nearby Church. During the visit he said to the teacher: “This is God’s House, so Grandma says. She says that God is love. She says, she prays to him which means she talks to him.

I have never prayed. But I would like to talk to God. I would like to hear what he has to say. There’s a boy in my class at school who believes in god. He’s a catholic. But Papa or Mama are not God believing people, and so I am not. It makes me feel Lonely, not knowing God”. The words of a six year old: “It makes me feel lonely not knowing God”. But sadly his parents were no help to him in his search for God. If we do not possess the light we cannot give it to others.

The Jesse Tree: Shouldn’t we will have a children’s quiz on the Jesse Tree after Christmas. We should.

Mass during Christmas Season: Those who haven’t an underlying illness, and are not over seventy years of age (if possible) should come out to Mass on one day during the 12 days of Christmas. The Feast of the Holy Family - (the Sunday after Christmas day) is a very special Day. And so is the 1st January 2021 –The feast of Mary the Mother of God.

Death: We pray for the Happy repose of the soul of Luke Padian—Glengesh, Tempo, whose Funeral we celebrated on Monday 14/12/2020. May God console all who mourn his death!

St Vincent De Paul: would like to thank all those who left donations in the Chapel and to the parents of children in St Mary’s Primary School for their very generous donations. We have been overwhelmed by everyone’s generosity. If there is anyone in need of assistance at this time please contact our helpline.

Christmas Masses: **Cradien:** 6.00pm Christmas Eve; 9.30am Christmas morning. **Tempo:** 8.00pm Christmas Eve; 11.00am Christmas morning.

We are sorry but both our Churches are now fully booked for all Christmas Masses. Parishioners who have not booked cannot just arrive on the day. Bookings are now being taken for Sunday 27th December, the Feast of the Holy Family.

Mass on Sundays: *Advance notice of your intention to attend Sunday Mass must be given to the designated person to book your place.* 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)**.