

PARISH OF POBAL

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time:

22 August 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 29th Aug – Eugene McGrade & Ann Marie Kelly.

Cradien: Sunday 29th Aug – Noel Cox.

Anniversaries: Tempo: Friday 27/08 (7.00pm) Margaret & John McCaughey, Coolcran.

Bridget & Phillip McKeane, Coolcran.

Frank McCaughey & deceased family members.

Elizabeth & Gerard McNally, Edenmore Crescent.

Going to Mass during the Pandemic: We are not bound to celebrate Mass on Sunday during the pandemic. However as we know many people do come to Mass on Sunday. They book in because the numbers allowed are limited. However there is another possibility for People who don't like or don't want to book in for Sunday Mass. We have Mass during the week, and not enough people are availing of these Masses. Yet there is plenty of space in the church during the week to come to Mass. If one doesn't go to Mass on Sunday they might like to come during one day in the week. As the moment many of the people who come to Mass on Sunday are the same people every Sunday. If others come on week days this would make room for many more. So I invite many more to come to Mass during the week. Those who love the Mass, and miss the Mass should come on one weekday instead of Sunday. Some may be afraid of the crowd on Sunday, but there is plenty of space during the week. In this way you will hear the Word of the Lord, and receive his Body and Blood. I feel that we can lose the faith more easily than we think.

We should always put ourselves in the atmosphere and presence of God so that we hear his voice. We should always put ourselves in the presence of his word, so that we can hear his voice, and live in the way he has asked us. Long absence from the celebration of Mass is not good for the soul or the heart. Long absence from public prayer is not good for any of us. Mass is the treasure of the Catholic Church, and everyone takes care of a treasure. The good Catholic hungers for the Mass, but if we hunger for a long time, the hunger goes of us. We know this from ordinary life. If we can play games, go to pubs, or mix in crowds we can come to Mass unless we have underlying reasons for not doing so. Older people should not come on Sunday for obvious reasons. But more could come. I am very disappointed with the numbers who come to pray before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays. There could and should be many more. We have talked about the Eucharist in Johns Gospel Chapter 6 and here we find an in-depth analysis of the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. We have said that Jesus was really truly present in the Eucharist to be worshipped in prayer and meditation. His Jewish followers began to quarrel with Him when He said: "I am the bread that has come down from heaven" and they left him when he said when he called for Faith and he said: The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world" "Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day". It is important that we do not go away like his first followers, but that we like St Peter says Where shall we go for you have the words of eternal life" Pray that we will not be like those who left Jesus, but pray that we can give him some time before the blessed Sacrament on Friday. Here our hearts will be softened, our minds opened and we will be changed. Remember chapter six of St John's Gospel. Know it by heart. I am throwing out reminders, but as I have already said the obligation of celebrating Mass on Sunday does not apply during the pandemic.

The Annual Tractor Run for Marie Curie and for the up-keep of the Graveyard – takes place today 22nd August 2021. begins at St Mary's Community Centre 3.00pm out to Langham's Estate, then up the Fintona Road past Baxter's Shop onto the Tempo-Fivemiletown Road, and back to Tempo for Refreshments and Raffle in the Community Centre. **Tickets will be sold for the upkeep of the Graveyard.**

Mass on Sundays: 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.