

PARISH OF POBAL

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time:

23rd January, 2022.

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, Fri 7.00pm. Cradien: Thursday 9.30am.

Eucharistic Ministers: Tempo: Sunday 30th Jan – Siobhan McManus & Maire McKeagney.

Cradien: Sunday 30th Jan – Patricia McKeever.

Anniversaries: Tempo: Friday 28/1 (7.00pm) Violet & Tommy McPhillips & deceased family members,
Bohulkin

Packie Keenan, Main Street.

Jack & Brigid Shannon, 4 Glenview Park.

Cradien: Sunday 30/1 (9.30am) James and Agnes McHugh, Blacklion.,

Sunday of the Word of God: Pope Francis Speaks on the Word of God. I have been trying to get his message across to our People in Pobal Parish. Have I succeeded? This notice comes from the Diocesan Commission in Clogher Diocese. “Anyway this time last year in the letter **“THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD”** -15 January 2021 Pope Francis wrote about the ministry of the Lector--(Reader of the Word of God). This is what he said. For decades now we have all become familiar with the service that is offered to our parishes by those who read the Word of God when we gather for Liturgy. We are grateful for this service offered by our brothers and sisters and we appreciate how a sensitive delivery of the sacred text can contribute to a prayerful experience at Mass and other Liturgies. Pope Francis recalls that that to proclaim God’s Word to God’s Holy People It is a Ministry that has its roots in Baptism. The Second Vatican Council desired that it should include lay people as well and priests. The Holy Father notes that that we have since come to a clearer understanding of the relationship between lay ministry and the sacrament of ordination. He has decided that the time is now ripe to further promote lay ministries among both women and men including the ministry of Lector or Reader, and he invites local diocese to put in place initiatives to foster this development. This offers a timely opportunity for us here in Clogher Diocese to look at what we can do to enhance e the well established ministry of reading--already so faithfully offered by many of our readers in parishes across the dioceses, and also to call forward potential is a suitable occasion for parishes to offer a reflection along the lines outlined above. With a view to following up with support from the Diocesan Liturgical Commission as parish life returns to more regular patterns over the coming months after the disruption of the Pandemic. On a personal note I do feel that our readers of the Word of God are very good, and have **improved greatly over the years”**. **Just a few areas in which we might improve are as** Follows: **1:** After the first and second reading of the Word of God the Readers should say: **THE WORD OF THE LORD. Never say: “THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD”** **2:** Always be conscious that it is very important to be heard by the people of God. **3:** Always spend Time preparing the Reading beforehand. Never read without preparation and prayer. The reading must come from Faith. The person who fails to prepare is preparing to fail. **4:** Always Read from the Lectionary, and have it opened at the right place. **5:** Bow to the Ambo where the Lectionary is placed. You are bowing to the Word of God. God speaks to us when you proclaim his Word. **6:** We should always have extra Readers that the official reader can call on if they are unavailable for some Sunday.

Catholic Schools Week begins on Sunday 23rd January, Third Sunday in Ordinary time, and its Theme is “Catholic Schools living life to the full”. We are preparing for First Communion and Confirmation yet many of the children for these Sacraments are never seen at Mass on Sunday. If they can go to school surely they can come to Mass. We ask parents to bring their children for First Communion, and Confirmation to Mass each Sunday. Parents shouldn’t need this reminder. This obligation and privilege to parents comes from their Baptism and from the Sacrament of Marriage.

Death: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Geraldine Fee, Shillanamore, whose Funeral Mass was celebrated in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tempo on Monday 17th January 2022. May God console all who mourn her loss.

St Vincent De Paul: Collections will be taking place again on last Sunday of each month, commencing next Sunday 30th January. Your generous support would be appreciated.

The wearing of masks is mandatory in Churches.

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Mass on Sundays: Advanced 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 and Thurs 2-5pm) or **07718 821060** (Fri 7-9pm). The number to book your place in Cradien is **07866 174766** (Thurs & Fri 2-5pm)