

PARISH OF POBAL

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time:

23rd August 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 30th August – Lisa Farry & Adrian Slevin.

Cradien: Sunday 30th August – Lorraine Moore.

Anniversaries: Friday 28th August: (8.00pm) Margaret McCaughey, Coolcran.

Bridget & Philip McKeane & deceased family members, Coolcran

Frank McCaughey & deceased family members, Coolcran.

Mrs Elizabeth McNally & son, Gerard, Edenmore Crescent.

Please note that we can only have 45 people present at any Mass, parishioners are encouraged to use the Gallery

Face Covering in Church: In a letter received today Wednesday 19th August 2020 from our Bishop Larry Duffy - Bishop of Clogher, we are encouraged to wear Face Masks in Church. “This is a recommendation from the public health authorities to the Bishops and Church leaders in their recent consultation with them. This suggestion is not a legal command, but will help all of us to reduce the spread of Covid Virus should we follow the request. The wearing of face coverings, in conjunction with hand washing etc, is likely to reduce the spread of corona virus, thus helping to protect others”. I think we should follow this recommendation in Pobal Parish, as I realise that all our parishioners are anxious to protect one another. I do know that some people are exempted from the wearing of these face coverings, but most of us will now be expected to wear them. Some have already begun to wear these face coverings in church, and we congratulate you for leading the way.

Mass and Confirmation: All young adults who are preparing for Confirmation should be out at Mass on Sundays, except they have a serious reason for not coming out. This is the most obvious way to prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will ask them to come to Mass every Sunday after Confirmation. Surely they won't refuse the Holy Spirit! Isn't this what the Sacrament of Confirmation is about? Parents should help these young people now, and after Confirmation to come out to Mass. School is opening very soon also. Prepare for going back now. The Holy Spirit will accompany you to Mass and to school. “Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Who do you say that I am? This is a very important question for all Christians? Who do you think Christ is? Is he God? Is he the Messiah? Is he the Anointed One sent by God to save us?. It is a question for those receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is a question for all parents? It is a question for everyone in our parish? If we say that He is Christ, Messiah, or God, others should see this in our lives. We must be just, honest, and fair in our dealings with others. Justice is the foundation stone of the Christian life. We cannot be dishonest and claim to believe in Christ. We cannot be dishonest and claim to accept Christ as God. The person who is unjust or dishonest has built his house on sand. We must also give praise and glory to God. This is why we were born. Faith without good works is in vain. Do we accept marriage and family life as the special unit of society? If we disrespect marriage by living with someone else before marriage, we are building our house on sand. Jesus doesn't accept the argument “that everyone is doing it”. Do we encourage our young people to go to Mass, or do we organise a football match at Mass times to seduce them to stay at home. If we do we are building our house on sand. These are the real questions which Christ asks today. Jesus puts it like this: Who do you say that I am? Am I God, or have you taken over as God. This is a searching Gospel.

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 45 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). If there are no places available for the current week, you will be placed at top of list for the next week. The number to book your place in Cradien is 07866174766 (Thurs & Fri 2-5pm)