

## PARISH OF POBAL

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time:

24<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Website: pobalparish.com and Webcam - [www.churchservices.tv/Tempo](http://www.churchservices.tv/Tempo).

**Priest:** Fr. John Halton, Parochial House, Tempo. Tel. 895 41344.

**Sunday Masses:** Tempo: 11.00am (via Webcam only)

**All weekday Masses are currently suspended until further notice.**

**Anniversaries: Today - Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Jan (11.00am)** Seamus McCusker, Drumackin.

Jack & Bridget Shannon, 4 Glenview Park.

Eamon Jackson, Glenn.

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan (11.00am)** Violet and Tommy McPhillips, Bohulkin

John and Mary McCaffrey, Edenmore.

**SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD** is marked today. This special day was instituted by Pope Francis in 2019 to allow us focus in how we honour the Word of God in our lives and our communities. But it is not a new feast. Each Sunday we proclaim the Word of God in our celebration of the Eucharist. The Word of God is also proclaimed in other liturgies too, by clergy and by laypeople. This Sunday is a time when the community is called to give greater attention not just to the Word of God itself, but to reflect on how we honour that Word in our celebrations, the books that we proclaim the Word from, and how we live the Word in our daily lives. As the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity draws to a close, it is worth remembering that for much of the year we share the same cycle of readings as used in other Christian assemblies.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY – continues until tomorrow.** We pray that all Christian people may abide in the love of God and bear much fruit through unity.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK:** Today marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week 2021. During this week we aim to celebrate through prayer the unique contribution that Catholic schools, both primary and post-primary, make to supporting each other and living out Jesus' message of the gospel. This year's theme is 'Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith and Resilience'. This is especially important this year as school communities have been so affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. Their faith and resilience is a great light in these challenging times. Resources for the week can be found on [www.catholicschools.ie](http://www.catholicschools.ie)

### **A Prayer for Catholic Schools Week 2021**

Loving God,

Help our school communities to be places of hope, faith and resilience, especially in these days of challenge.

May we become more and more like your son Jesus who, by his words and actions, showed your unconditional love for all people.

May we learn to be like him, trusting in you and reaching out to those around us.

May your Holy Spirit be the source of inspiration and wisdom as we journey together in faith, hope and love.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

**Continuous Rosary in Ireland for Peace and Charity** Beginning Ash Wednesday, 17th February 2021. To make this work there needs to be a minimum of two parishioners per parish, one with surname beginning A-L and one with surname M-Z to say the rosary twelve times per year. For more information visit - [www.continuousrosary.com](http://www.continuousrosary.com)

**Let us Dream: The Path to a Better Future by Pope Francis.** This is a new book written by Pope Francis and published at the end of 2020. It is an excellent book for everyone and anybody. I recommend it very highly. As you know I have been writing a synopsis of it in the Bulletin during the last number of Sundays. You will find these synopses on the parish Website - pobalparish.com. I encourage as many as possible to buy this book. It only costs £10. I will continue the synopsis next Sunday.

**Mass on Sundays:** *Sunday Masses will only be available online at present. Anniversaries currently booked for Friday night will be included in the 11.00am Sunday Mass. Sunday Masses in Tempo will be streamed. Sunday Masses in Cradien and weekday Masses in both Churches will cease until further notice.*

**Anyone in the Parish who has a Communion Pyx and not using it are asked to kindly return it to the Parochial House.**