

PARISH OF POBAL

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

25th July 2021.

Letter of Pope Frances to Grandfathers, Grandmothers and to the Elderly

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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 25th July – Ciaran & Catherine Gallagher.

Cradien: Sunday 25th July – Noel Cox.

Anniversaries: Tempo: Friday 23/07 (7.00pm) Paddy Conlon, Edenmore.

Ryan McCaffrey, Tempo & Enniskillen.

Sunday 1/08 (11.00am) Thomas & Veronica Gallagher, England & Drumackin

As I have often observed, we will not emerge from the present crisis as we were before, but either better or worse. And God willing - this may prove not to be just another tragedy of history from which we learned nothing –

if only we keep in mind all those elderly persons who died for lack of respirators—If only this immense sorrow may not prove useless, but enable us to take a step forward towards a new style of life. If only we might discover once for all that we need one another, and that in this way our human frailty can experience a rebirth. No one is saved alone. We are all indebted to one another. We are all brothers and sisters. Given this I want to tell you that you are needed in order to help build, in fraternity and social friendship, the world of tomorrow; the world in which we together with our children and grandchildren will live once the storm is has subsided. All of us must take an active part in renewing, and supporting our troubled societies. Among the pillars that support this edifice there are three that you more than anyone else can help to set up. Those three pillars are Dreams, Memory, and Prayer.

The Lords closeness will grant to all, even the frailest among us, the strength needed to embark on a new journey along the path of Dreams, Memory, and Prayer. The Prophet Joel once promised: “Your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men will have visions”. 3: 1. The future of the world depends on this covenant between young and old. Who if not the young, can take the dreams of the elderly, and make them come true? Yet for this to happen, it is necessary that we continue to dream. Our dreams of Justice, of Peace, of Solidarity can make it possible for our young people to have new visions, in this way, together we can build the future. You need to show that it is possible to emerge renewed from an experience of hardship. I am sure that you have had more than one such experience, in your life you have faced any number of troubles and yet were able to pull through. Use those experiences to learn how to pull through now. Dreams are thus intertwined with memory. I think of the painful memory of the war, and its importance for helping the young to learn the value of peace. Those among you who experienced the suffering of war must pass on this message. Keeping memory alive is a true mission for every elderly person: keeping memory alive and sharing it with others. Edith Bruck who survived the horror of the Shoah, has said that even illuminating a single conscience is worth the effort and pain of keeping alive the memory of what had been She went on to say: “For me memory is life”³: I also think of my own grandparents and those among you who had to emigrate and know how hard it is to leave everything behind, as so many people continue to do today, in hope of a future. Some of these people may even now be at our side, caring for us. These kind of memories can help to build a more humane and welcoming world. Without memory, however we can never build a house. Never. And the foundation of life is memory.

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Finally, Prayer. As my predecessor, Pope Benedict, himself a saintly elderly person, who continues to pray and work for the church, once said: the prayer of the elderly can protect the world, helping it perhaps more effectively than the frenetic activity of many others.

Readers: **Tempo:** Tommy Fee

Cradien: 1st – Helen Cleary, 8th – Aileen Cox, 15th – Thomas Cox, 22nd – James Naan, 29th – Tony Cox.

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