

PARISH OF POBAL

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

26th July 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, and Friday. **Cradien** - Sunday.

Eucharistic Ministers: **Tempo:** Sunday 2nd August - Siobhan McManus & Declan Murphy.
Cradien: Sunday 2nd August - Enda Coyle

Anniversaries: Friday 31st July: Edward & Teresa Maguire, Drumackin.
Thomas & Veronica Gallagher, Drumackin.

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

A Crabbed Old Woman “found by a nurse after an aged woman died)

What do you see, nurse, what do you see? What are you thinking, when you are looking at me. A crabbed old woman, not very wise, Uncertain of habit with far away eyes. Who dribbles her food, and makes no reply when you say in a loud voice: “I do wish you’d try” Who seems not to notice the things that you do. And forever is losing a stocking or shoe. Who nonresisting or not, lets you do as you will, with bathing and feeding, the long day to fill. Is that what you’re thinking, is that what you see? Then open your eyes, nurse, you’re not looking at me. I’ll tell you who I am, as I sit here so still- As I rise to your bidding, as I eat at your will. I’m a small child of ten with a father and mother, Brothers and sisters who love one another- A young girl, of sixteen, with wings on her feet, dreaming that soon now a lover she’ll meet. A bride soon at twenty, my heart gives a leap, remembering the vows that I promised to keep. At twenty five now I have young of my own, who need me to build a secure happy home, A woman of thirty, my young now grow fast, Bound to each other with ties that should last. At forty, my young sons have grown, and have gone, But my man’s beside me to see I don’t mourn: At fifty once more babies play round my knee, Again we know children, my loved one and me. Dark days are upon me my husband is dead, I look at the future, I shudder with dread, For my young are still rearing young of their own, And I think of the years and the love that I’ve known. I’m an old woman now and nature is cruel. ‘Tis her jest to make old age look like a fool, The body it crumbles, grace and vigour depart, There is now a stone where I once had a heart, But beside this old carcass a young girl still dwells, And now and again my battered heart swells, I remember the joys, I remember the joys, I remember the pain, and I’m loving and living life over again. I think of the years all too few gone too fast, and accept the stark fact that nothing can last. So open your eyes, nurse, open and see, not a crabbed old woman, look close— see Me.

Baptisms: We welcome into the Community of Faith - Sadie Kate McDonald, Carn Road, Tempo, who was baptised In the Church of The Immaculate Conception, Tempo on Saturday 18th July 2020. Also - Oliver McCaffrey, Tullyreagh Road, Tempo, who was baptised in the church of the Immaculate Conception, Tempo on Sunday 19th July 2020. May their homes be filled with Love, Prayer, Joy and Happiness!

Prayer to the Holy Spirit: Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your spirit and they shall be created. And you will renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolations. Through the same Christ Our Lord, Amen (I ask all adults and young people to pray this prayer every day before Confirmation)

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)

Readers: **Tempo:** Tommy Fee.