

PARISH OF POBAL

Twenty Sixth Sunday In ordinary Time:

26th September 2021.

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, Friday 7.00pm. **Cradien:** Thursday 9.30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Tempo: Sunday 3rd Oct – Lisa Farry & Adrian Slevin.

Cradien: Sunday 3rd Oct – Lorraine Moore.

Young people and Mass: There has been a great reduction in the numbers of young people celebrating Mass on Sunday in our parish. This trend is very worrying, and a bleak outlook for the future of our parish. In talking about young people I am talking about young married couples, and young people who are not yet married. Together we should seek to do something about this trend. Otherwise we will allow Jesus get lost again, not in the temple, but in our parish. I wonder have we come to the stage when no one is calling them to come to Mass, and when the witness of adults is already weak. I know that the spirit of God who lives in their hearts is calling them, but they are not hearing that call. When people are no longer in a religious or spiritual atmosphere, the call of the spirit becomes weaker and weaker. We need to make the call to come to Mass louder and louder. This is the job of parents and adults who have the responsibility to create this spiritual environment for them. If adults don't celebrate Mass each week themselves, and if there is no prayer in a home the call of the spirit will die altogether. So we adults should begin here.

We should begin talking about prayer and the Mass in our homes. There is nothing worse than silence. Silence breeds contempt. We should begin also to talk about the sixth commandment for if the sixth commandment is not practised in young people's lives they begin to live life not only in a fog, but in a storm. The many young people who are living together create this storm for themselves and give bad example to others. This storm in young people's lives becomes, not just a storm but a gale when adults themselves don't speak against it, but scheme with the young people by agreeing with it. In this situation young people become confused, muddled, and disappointed with life for they too join with their adults in the false understanding that wrong has become right, and false relationships have become authentic in their lives. They forget that the time before marriage is a time of preparation and respect; a time for practising the kind of unselfishness that they will need in their marriage afterwards. If this lack of unselfishness is not practised before marriage how can they find out if they love each other or not? Sleeping together before marriage is not a sign of love which should be at the heart of marriage, and our adults should be telling them that again and again. Young people need the freedom and distance to find out if they love this other person or not. Unfortunately many adults go with the flow by telling them that everything has changed as if this is the truth, and that everyone is doing it as if this makes it right. Jesus says the opposite, and he should know. I will end these thoughts with a question. If a young couple live together before marriage how do they know that they are free to marry as they walk up the aisle on their wedding day? It is difficult to say "No" after living together for some time. How do they know that they love one another? Where is the sacrifice that is at the heart of Love?

World Mission Sunday: On the 24th Of October 2021. World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal in support overseas mission. It takes place in every single parish where the church is present.

Baptism: We welcome into the People of Faith - Nora Christina Breen, Glengesh, Tempo who was baptised on 18th September 2021 in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tempo. May her home be filled with happiness, love, prayer and joy!

Readers: Tempo: Grainne McQuaid.

Cradien: 3rd – James Naan, 10th – Tony Cox, 17th – Marie Perrett, 24th – Helen Cleary.

Mass on Sundays: *Advance 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 & Thurs 2-5pm) or **07718 821060** (Fri 7-9pm). The number to book your place in Cradien is **07866 174766** (Thurs & Fri 2-5pm). The wearing of masks is mandatory in Churches.