

PARISH OF POBAL

Christmas Day: 25th December 2021 / The Feast of the Holy Family: 26th December 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: Thursday 6.30pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Tempo: Sunday 2nd Jan – Siobhan McManus & Maire McKeagney.

Cradien: Sunday 2nd Jan – Noel Cox.

Anniversaries: Tempo: Thursday 30th Dec (6.30pm) John McCaughey, Coolcran (1st Anniversary)

Cradien: Christmas Day Saturday 24th Dec (9.30am) Briege McCauley, Shankill

Christmas: For most of us, Christmas is a time of happiness-- the music, the lights, the giving and receiving of gifts, the fellowship of friends and family. But in the midst of our happiness we need to remember that for some people Christmas is the loneliest time of the year. It reminds them of broken relationships, and the togetherness of others serves only to accentuate their own sense of loneliness. Loneliness is without question one of life's most painful experiences. And in some form, at some time, all of us must deal with it. Young people often feel the loneliness of being misunderstood. Heads of a household feel the loneliness of giving leadership. Many older people feel the loneliness of having outlived most of their contemporaries. Those who are poor feel the loneliness of need. Many in broken homes feel the loneliness of rejection. Those who have lost a loved one feel the ultimate loneliness that comes from death. And those who cannot forgive feel the loneliness of a prisoner. They have lost their freedom. Those who fail to love have lost the meaning of life. The Christmas season for some people underlines these feelings of loneliness.

But strangely enough Christmas has also a special message for the lonely. When the angel spoke to Joseph about Mary's pregnancy, he gave the Baby Jesus two names. The first name of course was Jesus, the name with which we are most familiar. But the second name should not be forgotten. The second name is Emmanuel, a Hebrew name which means "GOD IS WITH US". In other words Mary's Baby was God's way of saying to the world -- "YOU ARE NOT ALONE" The coming of Christ is not only a universal message, it is a personal message. God is not only telling the world of his presence in the universe; he is telling you and me of his presence in our lives. God is with each of us, individually and personally. God says to me: "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you. I have called you by your name and you are mine". God, not only came into the world; he came to people one at a time, and shared with them the Good News: -- "GOD IS WITH US". God is always with us. He is Emmanuel. We should never forget to pray to the God within us. He is very near. I wish all a very Happy Christmas, and every blessing in 2022.

Cavanacarragh Hall: Annual General Meeting on Thursday 30th December at 7.30pm. Everyone, young and old are invited to come along and tell us what you want from our Hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

Readers: Tempo: Sharon McCaffrey

Cradien: 2nd – Tony Cox, 9th – Marie Perrett, 16th – James Naan, 23rd – Aileen Cox, 30th – Thomas Cox.

St Paul's Missal for 2022: is now on sale at back of Church, Price £7.50.

Fr John will be absent from Sunday 26th to Friday 31st December 2021.

Confession in Enniskillen on Saturdays: 11.00am to 12 Noon and from 5.00pm to 6.00pm.

Mass on Sundays: Advanced 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** or **07718 821060**. The number to book your place in Cradien is **07866 174766** (Thurs & Fri 2-5pm)

The wearing of masks is mandatory in Churches.