

PARISH OF POBAL

Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time:

27th February 2022.

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: Wed & Fri 7.00pm. Cradien: Wed 9.30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Tempo: Sunday 6 March – Ciaran & Catherine Gallagher.

Cradien: Sunday 6th March – Shannon Naan.

Anniversaries: Tempo: Friday 4/03 (7.00pm) John, Kathleen & Jim Rogers, Mullyknock
Mary Kate & Thomas McHugh and deceased members of
Rogers and McHugh families
Coinneach Brennan,

Ash Wednesday 2/3/2022: We begin the Season of Lent next Wednesday. Mass in Cradien at 9.30am on Wednesday morning and in the Church of the Immaculate Conception at 7.00pm with the distribution of Ashes.

Pope Francis wants more consultation and sharing between lay people, clergy, and Bishops during the Synod.

It is important that we know the meaning of the word Synod. A Synod is about Journeying together as a people. As we journey together we listen to each other, to the Spirit and we share our faith and beliefs with others. The Pope wants something great to happen in the Catholic Church as we journey with the resurrected Christ like the men on the way to Emmaus. We have been in the doldrums for long enough. It is time as St Paul says “to Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you” Ephesians 5:14. It is not overstating things to say in these last year’s we in the church for many reasons have endured the pain of a Good Friday, and the emptiness of a Holy Saturday. But as Jesus himself demonstrated a crisis has within it the seed of a new beginning. Such a new beginning Pope Francis calls synodality (journeying together) Just as Jesus walked with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, we too can share in an Easter experience when the life giving breath of God is breathed out one more upon his Body of Christ we call the church. As Parish communities, we are invited to begin this journey together on the pathway to synodality. Before reflecting on synodality (journeying together) there are realities we must first acknowledge. Our greatest enemy will be finding the enthusiasm and energy to undertake this journey, because like the disciples on the road to Emmaus we too have been down cast- the challenging we have lived through have shattered many of our dreams. One thinks immediately of the devastation caused by the pandemic. What Covid 19 has inflicted on our society and on the world in general would have been beyond our imagining this time two years. So many have died due to Covid 19 some of them our own relations and friends, may have been sick; work and education have been severely disrupted; our liberty to associate with others and to worship as a community have been greatly curtailed. Isolation has fractured many of the relationships we previously took for granted. However, while the suffering by the pandemic has been immense the greatest wound inflicted on the body of Christ has been the revelations surrounding clerical sexual abuse, instructional abuse and the subsequent cover up by Church leaders. We have learned with sickening horror and disbelief of the abominable crimes perpetrated against the most innocent and most vulnerable by those who ought to have been the most trusted. This more than anything else, knocked the evangelical energy out of the church-paralysing us with shame. Further challenge confronting us is the fact, in this social media age, so many of our young people are losing touch with the faith and particularly with the practice of the faith. This is a deep concern for many of us and the truth be told we are not quite sure how to check this reality as there does not appear to be a simple response--but respond we must. Pope Francis, who now invites us the whole church to journey on the Synodal pathway, prays that: The Holy Spirit guides us where God wants us to be, not to where our own personal ideas and tastes would lead us. I consider the synod as very important. We live at a time when we should know what we believe as Christians. Or as St Paul puts it: we should be able to give an account of what is doing in us. The synod will also give us enthusiasm for what we believe. We will learn what parish involvement means, and during the synod will draw us together as his sons and daughters and as his family.

St Vincent De Paul: Monthly collection this weekend Sunday 27th February before Mass.

Sunday Collections: 20/2/2022 - £740.00; Development Fund - £725.00

Readers: Tempo: Mary Moohan

Cradien: 6 – Aileen Cox, 13th – Thomas Cox, 20th – Helen Cleary, 27th – Tony Cox

Whilst some Covid 19 restrictions have been lifted, **we ask that you please continue to wear a face covering in the Church buildings. Thank you for your continued co-operation.**

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Parish Envelopes: It is nearing the time of year again to update our records for the new Parish Envelope year beginning in April 2022. To enable us to update our records we ask you to let us know of any changes in your household – if you are new to the parish, or recently gained employment or have not received a box of envelopes in the past and would like to contribute to the upkeep of your Parish, please let us know.