

PARISH OF POBAL

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

27th June 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 4th July – Eugene McGrade & Ann Marie Kelly.

Cradien: Sunday 4th July – Shannon Naan.

Anniversaries: **Tempo: Friday 2/07 (7.00pm)** Tom & Brigid Slevin, Cavanacross and deceased members of the Cox and Slevin families.

Cradien: Sunday 27/06 (9.30am) James Fee, Sharon Hands & Tom Fee, Doon.

Our Children should not be asked to play Football during Sunday Mass: We have made a very small request of parents on Sunday 13th June 2021. We are worried about our children and young people who are asked to play football on Sundays during Mass time. We feel that everyone should be worried. We ask again that the times for sport should be changed to a more suitable time. *This request is small and easily accommodated.* It is a request that comes from Jesus in the scriptures Mark: 10 13—16. Here in the Word of God Jesus asks us not to put obstacles in the way of children, and to help them come to him for the celebration of Mass. “Let the little children come to me and do not stop them”. We should not stop them. Our request should not upset anyone. We are talking about your children, and the children of our parish. The request is not earth shattering. All it takes is a big heart, and very little organisation. It is the heart that matters. It would be unreasonable to react against the request. We simply ask that the time for children’s sport to be changed so that it does not clash with the celebration of Mass on Sundays. Every right thinking Catholic wants this for their children, and young people, and every right thinking adult knows that Jesus calls on them to do so. Jesus is anxious for the good of his children, and those who listen to his voice will be rewarded a hundred fold. Jesus has harsh words to say to us if we give scandal to our children and young people. “It was better, he says, that a stone be tied around our neck, and that we be thrown into the sea than, that we give scandal to these little ones”. Those who have an open heart, a positive outlook on life, and a sense of humour want to work with Jesus and for Jesus in this very small way. A positive response from everyone creates a healthy atmosphere for everyone. It creates a happy, and life giving atmosphere and makes those who change their outlook for the children’s good a better people. People are always admired when they do the right thing. Much has been given to us but the changing of times, so that children and young people can get to Mass is not much to ask. We will be rewarded for good practice, and we will gain the respect, admiration, and support of the community when we show respect for their children. If we don’t show this respect we will lose the respect, admiration, and support of the people. Let us be generous, thoughtful, and kind, so that others can be generous, thoughtful, and kind to us. Respect must be earned. Children have rights!

Fr John’s Golden Jubilee: I am overcome with gratitude to all who have joined with me in celebrating the Golden jubilee of my Ordination to the Priesthood. I wish to say thanks to all. It has meant a lot to me. Our celebration was done with an obvious understanding of the meaning of the priesthood, and the meaning of parish. It was also done with our children in mind. The importance of the priesthood was well celebrated in each school, and in each Church. It was a prayerful and joyful occasion which will have an impact on us all for some time. It was celebrated with great joy and jubilation, and with the kind of organisation which made it look simple. I thank all who gave me presents, and gifts and all who affirmed me with such generosity and goodness. The experience will stay with me for a long time to come. THANKS!

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). We can only have 50 people present at each ceremony and booking is required. The wearing of masks is mandatory in Churches.

Readers: **Tempo:** Jean McCusker.

Cradien: 4th – Thomas Cox, 11th – James Naan, 18th – Tony Cox, 25th – Marie Perrett.