

## PARISH OF POBAL

Second Sunday of Lent.

28<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

Website: pobalparish.com and Webcam - [www.churchservices.tv/Tempo](http://www.churchservices.tv/Tempo).

**Priest:** Fr. John Halton, Parochial House, Tempo. Tel. 895 41344.

**Sunday Masses:** Tempo: 11.00am (via Webcam only)

**Weekday Masses:** Tuesday 10.00am, Friday 7.00pm via Webcam only.

**Anniversaries:** Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb (11.00am) Rosaleen McCusker, Imeroo.

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March (7.00pm) Coinneach Brennan, Tempo/Lurgan (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)

**Stations of the Cross:** each Monday evening at 7.00pm in Church of Immaculate Conception, Tempo.

**Rosary:** will be recited each Thursday night at 7.00pm in Church of Immaculate Conception, Tempo

### **Baptism and Involvement in Parish Life:**

Bishop Larry is very anxious that more lay people become involved in their own parish. This is the mind of God in our time for the call comes from Jesus himself. We are called in Baptism. Let's not disappoint Jesus. Let us carry out his call to us. I am delighted that some lay people are celebrating the Stations of the Cross on Monday Night, Rosary on Thursday Night, and the proclamation of the Word of God on Tuesday and Friday nights during this pandemic. They are showing us the way. I ask others to join with them during this pandemic, and I thank them. I ask new people to give their names to Geraldine. From a practical point of view we need to keep our parish alive, and active and living the Word of God. We have fewer priests but this doesn't mean that we have fewer parishes. It does mean that if lay people don't become more involved some parishes will die. And you will let it die. Nobody wants that result. In fact with the help of the lay people a parish can become more alive. The on line talks on during Lent are meant to get this point of view across. I hope you are finding them interesting. Our parish is filled with people well able to offer help, and encouragement in the parish. The faith of the parish will improve and develop with the involvement of lay people. Our young people will follow the example of adults if they are seen at Mass, and leading the parts of the Mass. I have heard some people say that we are now part of Enniskillen Parish but this is not true.

We are still our own parish and nothing has changed except the priests. Priests must now retire from administrative work at 75 yrs. But our lay people have not retired, but are still called to make our Parish better than the best. We are our own parish so let us not develop a defeatist attitude by saying we are part of Enniskillen. No, we are not. Surely our lay people can run, organise their own parish. Maybe laziness is the problem! We are called on to pray for vocations to the priesthood, and we are called to get involved in the parish. These two requests from God are one and the same thing. The faith of the people is what makes a parish. It is you the people who make a parish, and if you fail nobody else can do it. You are letting the parish die. Just to let everyone know that Pobal Parish still has its own Parish Account and is run financially from its own Parish Account.

**Talks on Line: Please don't forget. These talks are very important.** They are a continuation of the talks already begun in the parish before the pandemic. **They are organised by Clogher Diocese in Dialogue Group.** The next talk is given by Dr Gareth Byrne Mater Dei College, Dublin on School and Parish and Parish Life on the 10<sup>th</sup> March.

**Our Parish Envelopes for the New Year April 21 – March 22** are due to be distributed at the end of March. To enable us to update our records more accurately 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 complete the attached slip and return it to the Parochial House. You can also contribute to your Parish by setting up a Standing Order.

### **Parish Envelopes 2021/2022**

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