

PARISH OF POBAL

First Sunday of Advent:

28th November 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 10am, Friday 7.00pm. **Cradien:** Thursday 9.30am

Eucharistic Ministers: **Tempo:** Sunday 5th Dec – Siobhan McManus & Maire McKeagney.

Cradien: Sunday 5th Dec – Enda Coyle.

Anniversaries: **Tempo: Friday 3/12 (7.00pm)** Iris and Brendan O'Rourke, Edenmore Heights.

Baptisms: We welcome into the Community of Faith -Thomas Gerald McCaffrey, Glen Road, Killaculla, who was baptised in the Church of The Immaculate Conception, Tempo, on Saturday 20th November 2021. Also Laoise Flynn, Beech Tree Lane, Tempo who was baptised in the Church of St Joseph, Cradien, on Sunday 21st November 2021. May their homes be filled with love, prayer, happiness and Joy!

Weddings: We congratulate Aisling Fee, Mullyknock, Tempo, and Stephan Kearns, Brookborough, who conferred the Sacrament of Marriage on each other in the Church of The Immaculate Conception, on Friday 19th November 2021. Also Emer Cox, Forkhill Road, Tempo, and Eamon McKeown, Belfast who conferred the Sacrament of Marriage on each other in the Church of St Joseph, Cradien on Friday 19th November 2021. May their homes be filled with love, and happiness, and may Jesus walk with them on their journey in *life*.

Advent Wreath: The Advent Wreath dates back to the celebrations of the **winter solstice**, the time of the year when the **Sun** reaches its southernmost point in the heavens. It reaches back therefore to pagan times. The pagans longed for the return of the **Sun's Light**, and so they stopped their regular activity, sacrificed the use of their wagon wheels, and decorated them with lights and greenery. As pagans they awaited the return of the **Sun God** (pagan) thinking of the warmth and light he brought. In fact some were afraid that the God of darkness would win over the God of Light, so they prayed that the God of light would win the victory over the God of Darkness. Their celebrations culminated in "**The Nativity of the Sun**", the turning point of the year. As Christians we too use the same custom to celebrate the feast of light and life--**The Nativity of our Saviour**. The **Advent Wreath** is significant in that it has **candles** standing upright, representing the four Sundays of Advent, and the thousands of years, that Gods people awaited the promised messiah. The round ring of the **Advent Wreath** represents eternity, and the never ending love of God for us. As the circle is never ending so time with God goes on and on. The Evergreens ads to this image, for they are evergreen, and don't die in winter. They are always fresh and new. The Candles remind us of **Christ the Light of the World**. A new candle is lit each Sunday, as the celebration of Christ's coming draws nearer. **Three** candles are purple, reminding us of the spirit of penance which should be in our lives at this time. **A Pink Candle** (for JOY) is lit on the **Third Sunday**, and a **White Candle** is lit on Christmas Eve to represent **Christ the New- Born Saviour**. WE Christians are advised to have an Advent Wreath in our home. The children could make it, look after it, and light the candles each week. We pray with our children, or they could pray with us as they light each candle. A Prayer that we might say is-- "Come Lord Jesus, the Light of the world" The children will lead us to Prayer.

Readers: **Tempo:** Paul & Geraldine McCaffrey.

Cradien: 5th – Helen Cleary, 12th – Aileen Cox, 19th – Thomas Cox, 26th – James Naan.

The Stations of the Cross: The painting and renewal of the Stations of the Cross will take about £2600-00. I would be delighted if some people would make a donation towards this work. Anyone who would like to make such a donation can put it in an envelope and write donation towards the Stations of the Cross on it.

Mass on Sundays: We are still accepting names for attendance at Sunday Masses: 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.**