

PARISH OF POBAL

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:

29th August 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 5th Sep – Lisa Farry & Adrian Slevin.

Cradien: Sunday 5th Sep – Eugene Campbell.

Anniversaries: Tempo: Friday 3/09 (7.00pm) James, Mary Bridget & Robert Woods Knocknastacken.

Andrew Slevin, Edenmore Crescent.

Rita McGovern, Lettan

The Tractor Run: The weather-forecast predicted that the weather would be good for Sunday last. However it was overcast in the morning, but the parishioners were in high spirits. It was as if they would make the God who loves us, make the sun come out. All preparations were in place for the big day by Ciaran and Gerry together with their generous and smiling helpers. They had now decided not to use the community Centre so that everyone would be protected from the virus. Everything would be done in the open air. So the front of the Community Centre became an exhibition centre with bottles of wine, whiskey and brandy. There was also a spade if it should be needed. The ticket sellers were all ready with tickets in hand already selling as if the tickets would become scarce. And when one observed the amount of ten pound, and twenty pound notes that were been handed over you wouldn't be surprised. This time there would be no scarcity of sellers and no scarcity of tickets, as more sellers stood idly by ready to help as the crowds began to grow bigger. First came the little tractor which I was told was of more value than most. Then came the driver of the yellow tractor, which made us all stand and stare. Some of us had never seen a yellow tractor before. Then came other tractors all shiny and cleaned for the event, and last but not least came the larger ones which people of a certain age would find difficult to drive. But even if they could drive them they wouldn't be let, for they had been taken over by young men with their girlfriends wearing their best finery and all dressed up for the day. The carnival atmosphere was now beginning to take over. It was great to see and many stood watching as they dreamed of by gone days.

One felt that the flow of tractors would never stop as all these young, smiling, and confident people got their rose with pride and enthusiasm. Again money was no obstacle. The farmers came to make it a day to be remembered and so they did. A very special group of people were now coming in the gate with their beautiful children all dressed in their best finery. These were the proud young mothers and fathers with their children. They knew that they were making the future present, and so did the rest of us. It was like a home coming after months of isolation, and seclusion. People were greeting each other with affection for they hadn't seen each other for months. Children however began to mingle as if they had been there for months, and their youth and innocence created within us the hope we needed. Here there was no place for division or disunity as all the different churches and church communities became one, and were at home in each other's company. We were proud to see it. Then there was the photographer who walked around with a quiet professionalism while he took in everything, and made it permanent for everyone to see. The tractors left from the community centre, to be welcomed again on the grounds of Tempo Manor by its owner. The sponsors - Campbell's contracts, and Leam Agri - mingled also with a satisfied smile. While the football club could not be present because of an important match, yet their presence was felt through their generous gifts and donations. And Liam was at his best pulling out the winning tickets and handing over the prize to the winners. The amount raised for Marie Curie was £580.00 from Church gate collection and £1220.00 from tractors totalling £1800.00. Graveyard Fund £1747.00 raised through ticket sales and donations. Special thanks to all who made it such a wonderful success!!

Cavanacarragh Tractor Run on the 12th September 2021 for the Sands Charity, and Marie Curie Cancer Care Leaving Cavanacarragh Hall 3.00pm. More details later.

Deaths: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Margaret Green, Ballylucas whose funeral Mass was celebrated in St Michael's Church, Enniskillen on Saturday 21st August; also Lena Hardy whose Funeral Mass was celebrated in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tempo on Wednesday 25th August 2021. May God console all who mourn their loss.

Readers: Tempo: Maire McKeagney. Any young readers who would like to read the Prayers of the Faithful at Sunday Mass, please contact Annette on **07718 821060**

Cradien: 5th – Marie Perrett, 12th – Helen Cleary, 20th – Aileen Cox, 27th – Thomas Cox.

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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). The wearing of masks is mandatory in Churches.