

PARISH OF POBAL

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

30th January 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:** Tuesday 10.00am, Fri 7.00pm. **Cradien:** Thursday 9.30am.

Eucharistic Ministers: **Tempo:** Sunday 6th Feb – Ciaran & Catherine Gallagher.

Cradien: Sunday 6th Feb – Lorraine Moore.

Anniversaries: **Tempo: Friday 4/2 (7.00pm)** Brian Gallagher, Ellen Gallagher, Manor View.

M.M.M. Mrs Bernadette McDonagh, Leam

The Pearce family, Ballybunnion.

The Fee family, Tattykeeran.

Cradien: Sunday 30/1 (9.30am) James and Agnes McHugh, Blacklion.,

First Communion and Confirmation: May is a very important month for our children and young people. May is a very important month for our parents. During this month our children and young people will receive **First Communion and Confirmation**. Jesus gives these Sacraments to us because he loves us. We prepare our children because we love God, and we love our children and young people. The preparation of our children and young people for these two sacraments is the most important gift parents can give our children. Our schools are called to cooperate with parents in preparing our children and young people for First Communion and Confirmation. Unfortunately we see very little sign from some parents that this preparation is taken seriously. The most important way of preparing our children, and young people for these Sacraments is to bring them to celebrate the Mass each Sunday and to explain the Mass to them. Some parents do this work with great joy, and they bring great joy to their children as they do so. They bring great Joy to all of us also. Their children become happy and so do the parents, for God rewards parents when they carry out his will for them. Unfortunately not all parents cooperate with Jesus in bringing their children to Mass each Sunday. Yet they expect these same children to receive these Sacraments. Yet Jesus says to them: "Let the little children come to me and do not stop them".

One of the greatest sins a parent can commit is to say "NO" to Jesus for in saying "NO" to Jesus they are saying "NO" to their child or young person. They say "NO" by not bringing them to Mass; they say "NO" by not saying prayers with them. They say "NO" by not preparing them. They are telling Jesus that they know better than him, and they are forgetting that their Child has rights as well as themselves. The child has the right to come to Jesus; they have the right to know Jesus, and they have the right to grow in happiness in this world. No parent has the right to take this right from them for they are harming their child for life, and for eternal life. There is little point in getting the child ready on the outside, if they fail to get the child ready on the inside. No point in bringing the child to church on the day of First Communion, and Confirmation and not doing so in preparation and every Sunday after these Sacraments. This would be a direct insult to God; and a direct insult to the children. Jesus says to us: "Do not be deceived--God is not mocked for whatever a person sows, he will also reap"--Galatians 6: 7. He also says: "It were better that a stone be tied around a person's neck, and thrown into the depths of the sea, than that they give scandal to one of these little ones"- The Word of the Lord.

PARENTS: PLEASE BRING YOUR FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION YOUNG PEOPLE TO MASS. TRAIN THEM TO COME TO MASS. GOD WILL REWARD YOU! DON'T LET GOD DOWN, AND DON'T LET YOUR CHILDREN DOWN.

Death: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of P.J Murphy, Glen whose Funeral Mass was celebrated in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tempo on Friday 21st January 2022. May God console all who mourn his loss.

Readers: **Tempo:** Martin Shannon, Doon

Cradien: 6th – Helen Cleary, 13th – Tony Cox, 20th – Marie Perrett, 27th – James Naan.

St Vincent De Paul: Collection today Sunday 30th January. Your generous support would be appreciated.

Sunday Collections: 2/1/2022 - £930.00, 6/1/2022 (Vocations) - £380.00, 9/1/2022 - £1150.00, 16/1/2022 - £1005.00; (Development Fund) £660.00, 23/1/2022 - £820.00

The wearing of masks is mandatory in Churches.

Mass on Sundays: Advanced 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 and Thurs 2-5pm) or **07718 821060** (Fri 7-9pm). The number to book your place in Cradien is **07866 174766** (Thurs & Fri 2-5pm)