

PARISH OF POBAL

Thirty First Sunday of the Year:

31st October 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 & Friday 7.00pm. **Cradien:** Tuesday & Thursday 9.30am

Eucharistic Ministers: **Tempo:** Sunday 7th Nov – Siobhan McManus & Maire McKeagney.

Cradien: Sunday 7th Nov – Patricia McKeever.

Anniversaries: **Tempo: Friday 5/11 (7.00pm)** Eileen Donnelly and deceased family members, Main Street.

The Month of November is the Month of the Dead. November is a bleak month. The bare trees and dark nights speak their own language. It is no wonder that during this month we pray for our dead. It is no wonder that we think of all those friends who have died and were so important in our lives. Indeed it is a time when we think of our own death. In this month many of us visit the parish graveyard, and find out that the visit takes longer than usual. For we begin to notice and read familiar names on the head stones of those we knew so well. It is important therefore that we keep in mind-- Christ- the one who gives meaning to it all. **It is important that we keep Jesus in mind, for Jesus is risen from the dead and has cast a new light on all the dead.** Jesus is risen from the dead, he has gone back to his father in heaven and he has made it possible of all of us to join him in that great banquet which he has prepared for all of us. The Resurrection is the heart of the Gospel, and the Resurrection gives our visit to the graveyard a new meaning. So during November it is important that we read the many accounts of his **Resurrection** in the New Testament. Our reading of the different times when he appeared to his disciples shines a new light on death, and on our graveyard. In reading them our hearts will begin to burn within us as they did for the two disciples on their way to Emmaus. We will find the different accounts at the end of our each Gospel. Make sure that you too will be changed as you become familiar with them. We could become familiar with the various accounts of his Resurrection as we visit the Blessed Sacrament, for reading the scriptures is a very high form of Prayer for it opens the door into the mind of God. We know this from the scriptures themselves, for God says to us in Isaiah 55:10 "Yes as the rain and the snow come down from heavens and do not return without watering the earth; making it yield; and giving growth to provide seed for the sower, and bread for the eating so the Word that goes forth from my mouth does not return to me empty without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do." Here God is telling us that when we hear his word we become a changed person. So don't forget to lift the New Testament this November. You will be uplifted, changed and you will see life in a new light.

Norms for Indulgences at the Commemoration of all Souls: From 12.00 o'clock noon on the 1st November until midnight on 2nd November, all who have confessed received Holy Communion and prayed for the popes intentions "(One our Father and a Hail Mary)" or any other prayer of one's choice can gain one Plenary indulgence by visiting a church or oratory and there reciting the Our father and the apostles creed, This indulgence is applicable only to the souls departed. Holy Communion can be received from any time between the 1st to the 8th November. The faithful who visit a cemetery and pray for the dead may gain a plenary indulgence applicable to the Holy Souls on the usual conditions once a day from the 1st to the 8th November.

Masses on All Souls on Tuesday 2nd November in Cradien at 9.30am, and in Tempo at 7.00pm.

Youthscape Programme: Are you, or do you know of, someone aged 14-24 not in full-time education or work? Struggling to plan for the future, or just want to get out of the house? Youthscape is a 6-month, free, PEACE IV funded programme based in Enniskillen, Omagh, Dungannon and Donegal. Now accepting young people to start November. Ring 07557178162 or email marie.perrett@swc.ac.uk for more information.

Readers: **Tempo:** Catherine McQuaid.

Cradien: 7th – Thomas Cox, 14th – James Naan, 21st – Tony Cox, 28th – Marie Perrett

Blessing of the Graves: We will have the public blessing of the graves in Edenmore Cemetery on Sunday 14th November 2021 immediately after 11.00am Mass. Do bring a small bottle of Holy Water with you to Sprinkle on each Grave. The Priest will not be walking around each grave. We will bless the Holy Water today Sunday 24th October 2021. It is important to keep your distance at the graves and insure that regulations are kept. A collection for the upkeep of the graveyard will also take place at the graveyard gates.

St Vincent De Paul: will have a collection at Masses on Sunday 7th November. They would like to request if anyone would like to donate items for hampers, these can be left in the Church. Any items such as tea, coffee, biscuits etc, or toiletries and small gift items are very welcome. These will be donated to families in our local community.