

# The People's Mass

28 April 2024  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / B

name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (Jn 15:4-5)  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** (Jn 15:1-8)  
The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. **Glorify to you, O Lord.** Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Profession of Faith** (Nicene Creed)

I believe in one God, / the Father almighty, / maker of heaven and earth, / of all things visible and invisible. / I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, / the Only Begotten Son of God, / born of the Father before all ages. / God from God, Light from Light, / true God from true God, / begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; / through him all things were made. / For us men and for our salvation / he came down from heaven,

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, / and became man. / For our sake he

was crucified under Pontius Pilate, / he suffered death and was buried, / and rose again on the third day / in accordance with the Scriptures. / He ascended into heaven / and is seated at the right hand of the Father. / He will come again in glory / to judge the living and the dead / and his kingdom will have no end. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, / who proceeds from the Father and the Son, / who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, / who has spoken through the prophets. / I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. / I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins / and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead / and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The priest introduces the Prayer of the Faithful.

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), ...  
May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

**Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

**Sanctus**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. ...

**After the Consecration**

The mystery of faith.

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

**THE COMMUNION RITE**

At the Saviour's command ...

Our Father, who art in heaven, ...

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, ...

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Lord Jesus Christ, ...

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And with your spirit.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins ...

Behold the Lamb of God, ...

Lord, I am not worthy ...

**Communion Antiphon** (Cf. Jn 15:1-5)

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

**Entrance Antiphon** (Cf. Ps 97:1-2)

O Sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

In the name of the Father, ... Amen.

The grace of our Lord ... And with your spirit.

**Penitential Act**

Brethren (brothers and sisters), ...

A brief pause for silence follows.

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

And, striking their breast, they say:

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us, ... Amen.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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**Gloria**

Glorify to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING** (Acts 9:26-31)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the

apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (Ps 21:26-28.30-32)

**1:** You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever! **1:**

2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **1:**

3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' **1:**

**SECOND READING** (1 Jn 3:18-24)

A reading from the first letter of St John.

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these: that we believe in the

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Banogue Adoration: Tuesdays 3 – 6 pm.

Croom Hospital Mass Sunday 8 am. Thursday 11 am. Followed by Holy Hour.

Public Welcome

Last Sundays Offertory Collection: Banogue €280

Croom €1,150

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May National Pilgrimage for Life**

Join the National Pilgrimage for Life in Knock Shrine, County Mayo, as we pray for the protection of all human life – Starting at 3pm with Mass and Anointing of the Sick.



### Rosary

The Rosary in the Well Meadow begins next Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May at 7.30pm.

and on Wednesdays during May. Everyone is welcome.

### Milford Care Centre

Milford Care Centre will be hosting its annual Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Castletroy, on Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 3pm for those people who have died under our care in Milford Care centre and across our Community Services. We hope that you may wish to join us, and we look forward to sharing with you in this service of

remembrance and thanksgiving. Please feel free to invite family and friends to join you in solidarity and support



### Lough Derg Pilgrimage

Sanctuary of Saint Patrick 2024 Pilgrimage Season

Three-day Pilgrimage

In the tradition of prayer, fasting & vigil.

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May until Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August

Admission €80 Booking Advised

Contact for information on all bookings +353 (0)719861518.

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### Limerick Diocesan 2024 Pilgrimage to Lourdes

20 – 25 June 5 Nights from €899 per person

For information contact Limerick Diocesan Lourdes Office, St. Mnuchin's, Corbally, Tel 061 350000, or email [lourdespilgrimage@limerickdiocese.org](mailto:lourdespilgrimage@limerickdiocese.org)

### Reflection

#### Together with Jesus and Together as One

Lord, we thank you for the bond you formed with us, and for the bond that exists between us because of our union with you. Thanks to this bond we have invisible riches to share with one another. Grant that we may never be separated from you so that we may produce in the world the fruits of faith, hope and love.

We are not meant to be alone, Jesus did not call one disciple, he called many, and they travelled together as friends, helping each other. We too need each other, we reach out to each other, it may even be through snapchat or Facebook, but it's important to know we are not alone. Our friendship tree reminds us of what is important in friendship, the leaves tell us what we look for in a friend, but also challenges us to reflect on how we show these qualities to others, what kind of friend am I?