

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to the crowd: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

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.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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.

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

THE COMMUNION RITE

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

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, ... Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And with your spirit.**

As the priest breaks the consecrated Host the following is sung or said:

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

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Antiphon (Ps 129:7)

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

The People's Mass

18 August 2024

20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon (Ps 83:10-11)

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

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

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

Penitential Act
Brethren (brothers and sisters), ...

A brief pause for silence follows.

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:
Lord, have mercy. **Or: Kyrie, eleison.**
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You came to call sinners:
Christ, have mercy. **Or: Christe, eleison.**
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You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:

Lord, have mercy. **Or: Kyrie, eleison.**
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May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Gloria
Glory 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.**

First Reading (Pr 9:1-6)

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

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She has despatched her maidservants

and proclaimed from the city's heights: 'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.' To the fool she says, 'Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared! Leave your folly and you will live, walk in the ways of perception.'

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

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 33:2-3,10-15)

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **℟**

2. Revere the Lord, you his saints. They lack nothing, those who revere him. Strong lions suffer want and go hungry but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing. **℟**

3. Come, children, and hear me that I may teach you the fear of the Lord. Who is he who longs for life and many days, to enjoy his prosperity? **℟**

4. Then keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. Turn aside from evil and do good; seek and strive after peace. **℟**

Second Reading (Eph 5:15-20)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but your lives should redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Gospel Acclamation (Jn 1:14, 12)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Banogue Adoration: Tuesdays 3 – 6pm.

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

Public Welcome

Last Sundays Offertory Collection: Banogue €250

Croom €925

Recent Death

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Josephine Larkin, Ardagh. May she rest in peace.

Season of Creation 2024

The Season of Creation is a worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. It begins on Sunday September 1st and finishing on the Feast of St Francis 4th October.

Theme *To hope and act for creation*

This is an urgent task for us today when our earth is under great threat from climate change and loss of biodiversity which we as humans have caused by our abuse of the earth.

Pope Francis on Creation

Never have we so hurt and mistreated our common home as we have in the last 200 years. Each year sees the disappearance of hundreds of plants and animal species which we will never know, which our children will never see, because they have been lost for ever. The great majority become extinct for reasons related to human activity. Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence, nor convey their message to us. What kind of world do we have to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?



St Bernadette relic Pilgrimage Ireland 2024

The relics of St Bernadette will visit Limerick Diocese from Wednesday 11th to Thursday 12th September. Further details and information will be available soon.

Reflection: The Gift of Creation

Every part of the earth is sacred, every shining pine needle, every sandy shore.

Every mist in the dark woods, every clearing and humming insect is holy.

The rocky crest, the juices of the meadow, the beasts and all the people,

All belong to the same family.

Teach your children that the earth is our mother;

Whatever befalls the earth befalls the children of the earth.

The water's murmur is the voice of our father's father,

We are part of the earth, and the earth is part of us.

The rivers are our brothers; they quench our thirst.

The perfumed flowers are our sisters.

The air is precious for all of us share the same breath.

The wind that gave our grandparents breath also receives their last sigh.

The wind gave our children the spirit of life.

This we know: the earth does not belong to us; We belong to the earth.

This we know: all things are connected. Our God is the same God,

Whose compassion is equal for all.

For we did not weave the web of life: we are merely a strand in it.

Let us give thanks for the web in the circle that connects us.

Thanks be to God, the God of all.

Reflection in the Presence of the Lord

Outside the church the noisy traffic flows past.

People rush hither and thither.

But I have left that world behind, and I am here before you, Lord.

I do not exclude my brothers and sisters. I bring them with me,

for I know that they are equally dear to you.

I have nothing. Yet I have everything because I have you.

Here I experience my true worth, which consists,

not in possessions or achievements,

but in knowing that I am loved by you.

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