

The People's Mass

8 June 2025
PENTECOST SUNDAY / C

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a child of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of children, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.
The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE

(The sequence may be said or sung.)

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.
Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure;
Come, thou light of all that live!
Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow.
Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.
Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:
If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay;
All his good is turned to ill.
Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:
Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.
Thou, on us who evermore
These confess and these adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:
Give us comfort when we die;
Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.
Jesus said to his disciples:

(Jn 14:15-16, 23-26)

Glory to you, O Lord.

'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever. If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own; it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.'

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,

At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow.

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.

After the Consecration

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

Communion Antiphon (Acts 2:4-11)

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon (Wis 1:7)

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

In the name of the Father, ... Amen.
Grace to you and peace ... 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.

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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING (Acts 2:1-11)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with

the Holy Spirit and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely,' they said, 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34)

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

- Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are!
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **R**
- You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **R**
- May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. **R**

SECOND READING (Rm 8:8-17)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.
People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Banogue Adoration: Tuesdays 3pm - 6pm
Croom Hospital Mass: Sunday 8am. Thursday 11am,
Followed by Holy Hour. Public Welcome

Last Sundays Offertory Collection:
Banogue €300
Croom €1,000



Trocaire Collection 2025

The total amount for the Trocaire Collection for this year has amounted to €1,015 for Banogue Parish and €3,600 for Croom Parish. Also, cheques to the value of €800 were sent directly to Trocaire. Again, a massive thanks for all who have generously supported this most worthy cause. We are reassured that the expenses involved in running Trocaire are kept to a minimum.



Limerick Garden Festival
Milk Market Limerick Sunday
15th June.



Pilgrimage of Hope

Pilgrimage Walk in Kilmallock for Jubilee Year of Hope requested by Bishop Brendan Leahy, Sunday 15th June 2025 at 4.00pm.

You are invited to join us for this Ecumenical celebration on a walk around Kilmallock town led by Bishop Brendan Leahy & Canon Kevin O'Brien. The walk will begin in the town centre and proceed to St Peters & Pauls Church of Ireland, the Collegiate Church, the Dominican Priory and finish at SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, pausing at these sights for prayer and reflection. Light refreshments will be served in the Pastoral Centre afterwards. All are invited to attend.

Mass of Remembrance

Mass of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

Mass of Remembrance and Thanksgiving will take place in Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Castletroy, Sunday 15th June at 3.00pm. Family and friends are invited to remember those who have died under the care of Milford Care Centre.



Limerick's Novena

The Annual Redemptorist Novena of our Lady of Perpetual Help Mount St. Alphonsus 13th to 21st June.

6 novena sessions daily (7.30am, 10.00am, 11.30am, 6.00pm, 7.30pm and 9.00pm) Blessings of Family and Children at every celebration on June 15th.

Novena Celebration for First Communion Classes Monday 16th June at 11.30am. Novena Counselling Service June 16th to 20th Confession everyday (except June 15th).



Limerick Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 19th to 24th June

Those who are interested in travelling should contact the Lourdes Office. Also, there are a limited number of places still available in the Assisted Pilgrim Section. Registered nurses are still being actively recruited to volunteer on the pilgrimage. All enquires to the Lourdes Office 061 350000 ASAP. Final Places are now available.



Reflection for Pentecost

The coming of the Holy Spirit changed the apostles. People change when they are given hope, and especially when they are loved. All of us have a capacity for goodness. We have hands that can care, eyes that can see, ears that can hear, tongues that can speak and above all hearts that can love. Lord, grant that the Holy Spirit may help us to use to the full the gifts we have been given, so that we may be effective witnesses for you in the world.