

so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Mk 1:40-45)
The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark. Glory to you, O Lord. A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to', he said, 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him. 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), ...
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, ... Amen.
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
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Antiphon (Cf. Ps 77:29-30)
They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

The People's Mass

11 February 2024
6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon (Cf. Ps 30:3-4)
Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.

For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.
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. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, 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 (Lev 13:1-2,44-46)
A reading from the book of Leviticus.
The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or
scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case

of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man
must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the
priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprosy: he is unclean. The priest must
declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of
the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear
his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must
shield his upper lip and cry, 'Unclean, unclean.' As
long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and
therefore he must live apart; he must live outside
the camp.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.
RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 31:1-2,5,11)

1 You are my refuge, O Lord;
you fill me with the joy of salvation.
Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.
O happy the man to whom the Lord
imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile. **1**
2 But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.
I said: 'I will confess
my offence to the Lord.'
And you, Lord, have forgiven
the guilt of my sin. **1**
3 Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!
O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart. **1**

SECOND READING (1 Cor 10:31-11:1)
A reading from the first letter of St Paul
to the Corinthians.

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever
you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do
anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks
or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to
everyone at all times, not anxious for my own
advantage but for the advantage of everybody else,
so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.
The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Cf. Eph 1:17-18)
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Ash Wednesday

Wednesday February 14th

Morning Masses: Banogue 9.30 a.m. Croom 9.30 a.m.

The Holy Ashes will be blessed at these Masses and distributed afterwards. Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent when Christians throughout the world prepare for the great feast of Easter by loving God and loving their neighbour more. Prayer, almsgiving, and fasting are the three great spiritual pillars associated with Lent.



Trocaire was set up in 1973 by the Irish Bishops to help the Poorer Peoples of the world. Trocaire works in over 20 countries to relieve poverty and create a better standard of living. It helps people cope with the devastating effects of climate change which has caused many droughts in some countries. This Lenten Campaign focuses on Malawi an African Country which has suffered greatly from climate change in recent years. Dry and rainy seasons used to be normal, but this is not the case anymore. There is frequent drought but when the rains come, they cause flooding that washes away the plants and crops as well as causing damage to people's houses.

This Lent Trocaire will help families adapt to the unpredictable extremes of weather by protecting riverbanks and provide better access to water supplies. Through Trocaire the people of Ireland have made a huge contribution to the poorest of the poor to help them to cope with the most difficult of living conditions. All contributions this Lent to Trocaire will be greatly appreciated.



Holy Face of Jesus

Devotions to the Holy Face were approved by the Pope in 1958 and declared the Feast of the Holy Face to take place on Shrove Tuesday. The Face of Jesus on the Holy Shroud of Turin is the inspiration for this feast and the image represents the suffering of the innocent in every age. The Holy Face Devotion and the Holy Face Medal continues to spread among Catholics worldwide. This feast day will be celebrated at the morning Mass in Banogue on next Tuesday (Shrove Tuesday) at 9.30 a.m.

Lenten Reflection

The Spirit of God tells us that we should fast because it will awaken us to our own poverty and to the many millions of people who do not have enough to eat.

The Spirit of God calls us in the season of Lent to renew our Baptismal promise to live a Christian life of faith, hope and love.

The Spirit of God reminds us that we are responsible for everyone, everywhere, until the end of time.

The Spirit of God challenges us to live a life of forgiveness for this is the only way to be set free from the overwhelming power of sin.

The Spirit of God whispers in our hearts that wealth and appearance, background and prestige are not important – everyone is worthwhile, lovable and to be cherished simply because they are alive.

The Spirit of God embraces the sick and the handicapped for people who are deeply aware of their limitations are often the people who are most alive.

The Spirit of God believes that the great spirit of life is not quenched in death but is transformed into a new and deeper life.