

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus'. Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!' A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was not an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.'

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.' By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

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.

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. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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 of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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

Many will come from east and west and sit down with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob at the feast in the kingdom of heaven,

(Cf. Mt 8:11)

The People's Mass

17 March 2024
ST PATRICK'S B

As per the indulgent granted by the Holy See in 1974, the Holy Mass of the Solemnity of St Patrick, Principal Patron of Ireland, is celebrated today, including the Gloria, but the Readings for the Holy Mass are of the Fifth Sunday of Lent.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon (Gen 12:1-2)
Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.

I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

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.

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 (Jer 31:31-34)
A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.
See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks –

when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – It is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 50:3-4, 12-15)

- A pure heart create for me, O God.**
1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **℟**
 2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **℟**
 3. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you. **℟**

SECOND READING (Heb 5:7-9)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.
During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Jn 12:26)

Glorify to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!
If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must follow me;

wherever I am, my servant will be there too.

Glorify to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

GOSPEL (Jn 12:20-30)

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

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PARISH NEWSLETTER



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Croom Hospital Mass Sunday 8 a.m. Thursday 11 a.m. Followed by Holy Hour.
Public Welcome
Last Sundays Offertory Collection: Banogue €340
Croom €1,050

Recent Death

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of Frank Mullane, Elm Park and Liam Kelly, Wicklow and late of Donora, Banogue. May they Rest in Peace.

Confirmation Ceremony Croom

We congratulate the children from St. Mary's National School who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday.

We also thank parents, teachers and other staff members who prepared the children for their Confirmation Ceremony. The names of those who were confirmed: Kayden Scott Buston, Nataniel Czukiewski, Finn John Daly, Lukas Grismanauskas, Matas Grismanauskas, Bobby Hayes, Noah Ingle, Alex Kaszuba, Blake O'Brien, Callum Moloney, Jackson Moloney, Padraic Noonan, Eoghan O'Brien, Matthew O'Reilly, James Quain, John Shanahan, Kayla Shinnars, Ryan

Twomey, Siún Galvin, Isabelle Lawlor, Leah Moloney, Lacie Mulcahy, Ella O'Dea, Lily Reynolds, and Aidan O'Brien.

Croom United FC

Mass will be celebrated for deceased members of Croom United FC on next Friday 22nd March at 7pm.

A Prayer for our Emigrants

Bless all those who have left our country and now live in other lands. Give them a strong faith so that they will always put their trust in you and make you known by the example of their lives. May they always be respectful of their heritage and their homeland. We think of all those who are lonely because they are separated from those they love. Help all our missionaries who are working far from home to make your love known. Bless all those who are working in the various humanitarian organisations throughout the world. We pray for all immigrants and foreigners living in our country that they may always be welcomed. Grant eternal rest to all our emigrants who have died and to all the dead. Amen.

St. Patrick's Breastplate A Prayer written by St. Patrick for Protection
Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise.
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me.
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me.
Christ in every eye that sees me.
Christ in every ear that hears me.
I arise today through a mighty strength.

We wish everyone at home and abroad a happy St. Patrick's Day.

