

**GOSPEL**

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

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.'

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap, because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

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.

**Communion Antiphon (Ps 9:2-3)**  
I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

**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 ...

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. Amen.

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

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# The People's Mass

23 February 2025

7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

**THE INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**Entrance Antiphon (Ps 12:6)**  
O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

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. **Lord, have mercy.**

You came to call sinners:  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us, ... **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 (1 Sam 26:2-7, 9-12-13, 22-23)**  
A reading from the first book of Samuel.

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

**SECOND READING (1 Cor 15:45-49)**  
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Cl. Acts 16:14)**  
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David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13)**  
The Lord is compassion and love.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **℟**
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **℟**
3. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **℟**
4. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **℟**

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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

**Parish of Banogue and Croom**  
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**Diocesan Web Page:** [www.limerickdiocese.org](http://www.limerickdiocese.org)

**Link for Live Church Services:**  
Croom Parish - [ChurchCamLive.ie](http://ChurchCamLive.ie)  
Banogue Parish - [ChurchCamLive.ie](http://ChurchCamLive.ie)  
**Croom Church Eircode:** V35 R972  
**Banogue Church Eircode:** V35 WN59  
**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 €1,200

**Family Prayer**

**Family Prayer**  
Lord, we thank you for the gift of family for the love that surrounds and sustains us every day. May we always support and stand by each other. We think of family members who are far away we ask you to bless them and to keep them safe in your loving care until we meet again. Father of all, we come to you as little children, confident of your loving kindness. We pray together. Our Father.....



**A Parent's Prayer**  
Dear Lord,  
I thank you for the gift of my children. I thank you for the gift of faith that you have given me. I ask you to keep me faithful and to give me the grace to pass this on to them, so that they grow up loving you and knowing that they are loved by you. Keep them safe. I worry so much about them sometimes because the world in which we live today has so many dangers. I cannot possibly watch over them constantly and so I ask you to do this. Give them good friends who will help them mature and develop into caring adults. I thank you for their health and I ask you to give them continued good health. I know that they are precious in your sight. I know that you love them even more than I do and so I entrust them to your care. I consecrate myself and all my family to your divine mercy.

**Prayer for those in Anxiety**  
Heavenly Father, when I feel crushed by my own worries lift my mind and help me to see the truth. When fear grips me tight and I feel I cannot move, free my heart and help me to take things one step at a time. When I can't express the turmoil inside, calm me with your quiet words of love. I choose to trust in you, each day, each hour, each moment of my life. I know that deep down I can cast these cares on you that you have taken these anxious thoughts and by dying on the cross you have set me free. I choose to trust in you each day, each hour, each moment of my life. I know deep down I live in your grace, forgiven and restored by your sacrifice you have set me free.

**TROCAIRE**  
Working for a Just World

**Lenten Trocaire Campaign 2025**  
The Trocaire Campaign begins in Lent. The Trocaire organisation was set up in 1973 to promote overseas aid to the people who live in the developing world; to those especially who suffer from the ravages of drought and climate change. Also, Trocaire reaches out to all those who are caught up in conflict and war. Trocaire has an obligation to its supporters to make sure all donations are being spent wisely. Those who contributed to Trocaire last year brought hope and relief to 2.2 million people around the world. Humanitarian relief was provided by emergency programmes across Africa, Latin America, Asia and the Middle East during 2024. Trocaire works with local partners in the worlds most at risk communities and with people in Ireland to tackle the underlying causes of poverty and injustice and to respond to the crisis that they create. In 2023/24 Trocaire raised €60.5 million from its various donors in Ireland. That has made an enormous difference to the lives of the poorest in our world. The Trocaire campaign takes place during Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March.