

# The People's Mass

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never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are his living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**  
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Cf. Jn 6:63-66)  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Jn 6:60-69)  
The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.'

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

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.*

In preparation for the Diocesan Synod, Archbishop of Dublin, Constanine Dineen, has appointed Canon Willie Fitzmaurice as the Diocesan Synod Secretary. Canon Willie Fitzmaurice is a member of the Diocesan Synod and is currently serving as the Diocesan Synod Secretary. Canon Willie Fitzmaurice is a member of the Diocesan Synod and is currently serving as the Diocesan Synod Secretary.

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 ...  
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, ...  
Lord, I am not worthy ...

**Communion Antiphon** (Cf. Ps 103:13-15)  
The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;  
you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

**Entrance Antiphon** (Cf. Ps 85:1-3)  
Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;  
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.  
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

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.*

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** (Jos 24:1-2, 15-18)

A reading from the book of Joshua.  
Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose

land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord our God and serving other gods. Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (Ps 33:2-3, 16-23)

**Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

- 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. **℟**
- The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal. **℟**
- They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **℟**
- Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him. He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken. **℟**
- Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the good are doomed. The Lord rescues the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **℟**

**SECOND READING** (Eph 5:21-32)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.  
Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man

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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Croom Parish - ChurchCamLive.ie  
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Croom Church Eircode: V35 R972  
Banogue Church Eircode: V35 WN59  
Banogue Adoration: Tuesdays 3 – 6pm.  
Croom Hospital Mass Sunday 8am. Thursday 11am. Followed by Holy Hour.  
Public Welcome  
Last Sundays Offertory Collection: Banogue €325  
Croom €1,200

## Recent Death

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Moss Guiry, Banogue. May he rest in peace.



## Leaving Certificate Results

We congratulate all the students from our local Parish Communities who received the results of their Leaving Certificate on Friday. It is now decision time for them, as they ponder their future options. Whatever choices they make they are not fully alone. The Lord himself, who calms all anxiety, travels with them, to guide them, at whatever crossroads they find themselves and as they make the important decisions of their lives.



## Looking towards the future

Lord God, be with us, we ask you, all the days of our future. Be with us now, the one we can trust, who promises us a love that is faithful forever.

May we help each other with sincerity and truthfulness, as we make decisions that affect our lives. And may we offer our talents and gifts in the service of your people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.



## Parent's Prayer for children returning to school

Heavenly Father,  
Thank you for the gift of children. Please watch over them as they begin a new school year. Bless their teachers, school administrators, bus drivers, school support staff, friends and classmates.  
Keep them safe every day. We pray they may feel Your presence and know that You are always with them. Help them recall my loving words of support for them. Give them wisdom to make good choices, and an openness to learn new things. Fill them with knowledge and positive thinking. Help them overcome obstacles and shield them from negativity.  
Surround our children with good friends who also know and love You. Help them treat each other with kindness, fairness and respect. May they treat each person they encounter as another child of God. Grant them the Grace to place their trust in You so they may know Your peace. Amen

## At the beginning of School Term

Loving God,  
Another term begins and we come back to school refreshed and restored by the break, Grateful for those we share our lives with, for the memories of the past few weeks, for the opportunities we have, which are denied to so many in our world today.

We come back to school pleased to see our friends, determined to make the most of our talents, to grow in understanding of the kind of person we are called to be, to turn over a new leaf, perhaps, to make up for the times we were less than our best self. We come back to school and are grateful for the energy and enthusiasm a new term brings, for the optimism and good humour in the air.

Bless our school, keep us safe and well, keep us on the right path, bless our teachers and support staff who look after us and help us to grow in knowledge and skills. Bless the new pupils and staff as they begin their journey with us, may they very quickly feel at home. Bless all our efforts to build up the kingdom of God, to make the world more just and compassionate beginning here, in this school of ours, our home from home.