

The People's Mass

12 May 2024
ASCENSION OF THE LORD / B

And to some, his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**
(Mt 28:19-20)
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia!
Go, make disciples of all the nations;
I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *(Mk 16:15-20)*
The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.
Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: In my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

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.
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.

Lord Jesus Christ, ...
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 *(Mt 28:20)*
Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *(Ps 46:2-3, 6-9)*

1. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. **2.**

2. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. **3.**

3. God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. **2.**

SECOND READING *(Eph 4:1-13)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.
I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. It was said that he would:

'When he ascended to the height, he captured prisoners, he gave gifts to men.

When it says, 'he ascended', what can it mean if not that he descended right down to the lower regions of the earth? The one who rose higher than all the heavens to fill all things is none other than the one who descended.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon *(Acts 1:11)*

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

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. **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, / O 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 1:1-11)*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is', he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the

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Public Welcome
Last Sundays Offertory Collection: Banogue €250
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Recent Death

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Paddy Begley, Coventry and late of Anhid and St. Senan's Tce. May he Rest in Peace.

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the boys and girls from St. Mary's Primary School who received their First Holy Communion on this Saturday.

Seán Barrett, Emma Byrnes King, Jack Coleman, Lola Fitzgerald, Faye Harrison, Ryan Hayes, JJ Kavanagh Tucker, Jack Lawlor, Mason Mulready, Daithí O'Donoghue, JJ O'Grady, Paddy O'Kelly, Sofia Povilaitis, Jake Ryan, Lee Twomey and Jake Moore.

First Holy Communion – Banogue Saturday May 18th at 11.00am.



Communications Day May 12th

On this day we give thanks for all those who communicate the Good News of Jesus Christ with courage and conviction. We think of all those in our Parishes who propagate the faith through their own lives of work and good example. We give thanks for all those in our caring organisations who look after the vulnerable in our community and who reach out towards the sick and suffering. A special word of thanks to all those involved in producing the Parish Newsletter and updating the Parish Website. Also, those who are involved in Church Cam Services who transmit the live online coverage of our church services (Masses and Funerals). We acknowledge the continuing great work of parents and all those in positions of authority in handing on the values and the ideals of Christianity and working for the good and wellbeing of our Parish Communities.



Up Banogue

Congratulations to Banogue GAA who will represent Limerick and Munster in the All-Ireland Final of Scór Sinsear with their Novelty Act. The final took place in the INEC Killarney on Saturday May 11th. The Novelty Act is a ten-minute sketch involving not more than 8 people who are all members of their club. In the sketch Banogue performed their own interpretation of Percy French's song 'McBreens Heifer'. This Hilarious sketch includes a mix of music, singing, dancing, acting and wonderful comedy. Banogue came first in the Munster Final with one of the judges giving them 100% and the audience really enjoyed it. We have been in many novelty acts through the years and reached one Munster Final, but this is our first time in the All-Ireland. For most members it's their first time and 5 of the boys play football for Banogue. Taking part are John Paul Costelloe, William Dore, Pearse Gavan, Liz Griffin, Enda Hehir, Mike Larkin, Kieran Larkin and Daniella Meade. Directed by Mary Liston ably assisted by Breda Gavin and Jim Shortt. We hope that they have been successful in bringing home 8 All-Ireland Medals to Banogue. A special thanks to all who have been involved in the production and all those who assisted with the period costumes and props from the 1920's.