

12 November 2023  
32nd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME / A

## The People's Mass

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

**Entrance Antiphon** (Cf. Ps 87:3)  
Let my prayer come into your presence,  
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.  
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,  
*Who answers that Jesus died for us*  
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** (Wis 6:12-16)  
A reading from the book of Wisdom.  
Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.  
By those who love her she is readily seen,  
and found by those who look for her.  
Quick to anticipate those who desire her,  
she makes herself known to them.  
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;  
you will find her sitting at your gates.

**Second Reading** (1 Thess 4:13-18)  
A reading from the first letter of St Paul  
to the Thessalonians.  
We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about  
those who have died, to make sure that you do  
not grieve about them, like the other people who  
have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose  
again, and that it will be the same for those who  
have died in Jesus. God will bring them with him.  
We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching,  
that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's  
coming will not have any advantage over those who  
have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the  
archangel will call out the command and the Lord  
himself will come down from heaven; those who  
have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then  
those of us who are still alive will be taken up in  
the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in  
the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With  
such thoughts as these you should comfort one  
another.  
The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (Mt 24:42-44)  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Stay awake and stand ready,  
because you do not know the hour  
when the Son of Man is coming.  
Alleluia.

**GOSPEL** (Mt 25:1-13)  
The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.  
A reading from the holy Gospel according  
to Matthew. Glory to you, O Lord.  
Jesus told this parable to his disciples: "The  
kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids  
took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.  
Five of them were foolish and five were sensible:  
the foolish ones did not take their lamps, but they  
brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took  
flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom  
was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep.  
But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom  
is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those  
bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and  
the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give  
us some of your oil: our lamps are going out!" But  
they replied, "There may not be enough for us and  
for you; you had better go to those who sell it and  
buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy  
it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were  
ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the  
door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived  
later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us!"  
But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know  
you!" So stay awake, because you do not know  
either the day or the hour."  
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 and down*  
and became man, / 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

**THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**  
*The priest introduces the Prayer of the Faithful*  
Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), ...  
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, ... 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 of the  
world, 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 22:1-2)  
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing  
I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures where he  
gives me repose,  
near restful waters he leads me.

## Parish Newsletter

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Website: <https://www.croomparish.com/>  
Croom Parish - ChurchCamLive.ie  
Banogue Parish - ChurchCamLive.ie  
Last Sundays Offertory Collection: Banogue €450  
Croom €1,070

**Croom and Banogue Website**  
The website has been upgraded and can be accessed at Croomparish.com. Church Services in Croom and Banogue can be viewed by clicking on this link for live streaming. The old link ChurchCamLive.ie is still in use.

**Croom Craft Market**  
Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm in Croom Sports Hall, 40 stalls of Crafts and Gifts.

**Diocese Overview Report**  
The Gospel of the Five Bridesmaids who were ready to meet the Lord is a reminder to us that we need to be alert and prepared for the coming of the Lord. That is not just about us personally. As a community, as a Diocese, we all have to make sure we are preparing for the future. The future is in God's hands, but he also expects us to use wisely our talents and intelligence in preparing for his coming to future generations. This week in parishes across the Diocese we will be distributing copies of a Diocesan Overview that the Bishop hopes people of the Diocese will read and share with others.

First, the Overview provides an informative snapshot of the life of our Diocese with its parishes, religious orders and congregations, movements and associations, initiatives and agencies.

Second, the Overview is like an invitation to us all to consider our place within the family of the Diocese of Limerick. Everyone cannot do everything, but each one can do something. Each of us is called to do our part to ensure the life of the Gospel is nurtured and transmitted to others.

Third, in reading the Overview you'll find statistics of where things are today, giving a greater understanding of the profile of clergy, financial arrangements and the challenges facing us in the Diocese. This report will also be on the Croom Parish Website in the near future.

**Do This in Memory of Me**  
The Programme of Preparation begins this weekend with the enrolment of the First Communion Classes at the 7pm Mass on Saturday evening in Croom and the 10am Mass in Banogue on Sunday. We wish the children, parents and the teachers every blessing throughout this programme of preparation.

**November Reflection**  
Preserving the Bond  
The more the loss of a loved one sinks in, the more his (her) value grows. There is now a large space where the deceased once was, a gap which is impossible to cloak, an emptiness which is impossible to ignore. This space will never be filled again. Nor should we try to fill it, no matter how much pain the contemplation of it causes us. This space has a vital role to play; by constantly reminding us of the deceased, it preserves the bond between us. May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace. Amen.

**November Masses for the Deceased**  
  
Holy Souls  
Envelopes and list for the deceased still available at the back of the church. They can be returned to the church during the month. Each weekday mass during November will be offered up for the names on the November dead lists.