

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Jn 15:15)

Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

(Lk 14:25-33)

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. Glory to you, O Lord. Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.'

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build a tower but was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

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.
Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

THE COMMUNION RITE

At the Saviour's command ...
Our Father, who art in heaven, ...

Showing the Eucharist to the people, the priest says:

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

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 41:2-3)

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

The People's Mass

7 September 2023

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THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon

(Ps 118:137-124)

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right: treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

In the name of the Father, ... Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, ...

And with your spirit.

Penitential Act

Brethren (brothers and sisters), ...

A brief pause for silence follows.

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

For we have sinned against you.

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

And grant us your salvation.

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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

(WIS 9:13-18)

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth

been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.
The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 89:3-6.12-14.17)

1 O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

1 You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. **13**

2 You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. **14**

3 Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. **15**

4 In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **16**

SECOND READING

(Phm 9-10.12-17)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon.

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains. I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him — I could say — a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me: he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.
The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Banogue Adoration: Tuesdays 3pm – 6pm
Croom Hospital Mass: Sunday 8am. Thursday 11am,
Followed by Holy Hour. Public Welcome

Last Sundays Offertory Collection:
Banogue €200
Croom €1,000



Recent Death

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maura Hedderman (nee Mullane), Tinahely Co. Wicklow and formerly of Croom. May she rest in peace.

Why Sunday Matters

An invitation to reflect on Sunday Mass

A message from the Irish Bishops

As we journey through this Jubilee Year of Hope the Irish Bishops invite us to reflect on the importance of Sunday Mass. Sunday has always been a day of the Lord; the day of resurrection, the day of rest, the day of the Eucharist. Sunday remains at the heart of the Christian practice. It is

on this day that we gather as a community, united in our love for Christ to be nourished in body and soul.

Attending Mass at the weekend is a community experience. We experience God's love in a personal way and we give thanks to him for the many good things in our lives. We are Christian and we are in communion with Christ who gives us meaning and identity purpose.

The journey of faith comes with its own sense of challenges. Many feel disconnected from the Church. There are the pressures of modern life, increased levels of anxiety and mental health difficulties, especially amongst young people. Through our sharing in the Eucharist, we have the opportunity to be transformed to receive God's blessing and to become the best versions of ourselves.

In that sense we can be a gift to those around us, bring the hope and joy of the gospel to each other.



Tom Maloney

On this weekend Tom Maloney performs his duties as Sacristan for the final time. He has been the Sacristan of St Mary's Church here in Croom for over eleven years. During that period, he has carried out his duties with the utmost commitment and professionalism. We thank him for his dedicated service and courtesy to all and sundry.

Tom wishes to thank the parishioners for their kindness and good wishes.

We also thank Tom's wife Eileen for all her assistance and support. We wish both of them many years of happiness and good health.

Sunday Gospel Reflection

Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

Each of us has our own cross to carry; the weaknesses of body, mind or spirit, which affect our lives, or loneliness, illness, failure, and our personal secret problems. All of us carry burdens which are known or unknown to others.

Our cross may be caused by others; we may be victims of greed and violence, or of others' addictions. For the Lord himself carried the cross of poverty and misunderstanding, of bereavement when Joseph died, of loss of friends like Lazarus, of the pain of his mother as he went to death; he has carried burdens like ours.

And each cross is different; at times we feel we could carry another's cross more lightly.

And we resent the crosses of our lives caused by others.

The Lord has suffered and promises us the companionship we need.

He weeps with us, suffers with us, promises friendship now and forever.

Our way of the cross, like his, is to carry the burdens that life brings and with his helping hand to carry the cross of others.