

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Cf. Acts 16:14)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glorify you, O Lord.
Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

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, / 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 and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven ...

Deliver us, Lord, ...

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 ...

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

(Ps 129:7)

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

The People's Mass

17 August 2023
20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon (Ps 83:10-11)

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, ...

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 guilt, 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 (Jer 38:4-6,8-10)

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people, too, by talking like this. The fellow does

not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered, 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 39:2-4,18)

Lord, come to my aid!

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me, he heard my cry.

2. He drew me from the deadly pit, from the miry clay. He set my feet upon a rock and made my footsteps firm.

3. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. Many shall see and fear and shall trust in the Lord.

4. As for me, wretched and poor, the Lord thinks of me. You are my rescuer, my help, O God, do not delay.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING (Hab 12:1-4)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful death of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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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 €250
Croom €1,050

Sunday Gospel Reflection

Reflection

Jesus talks so much about reconciliation, forgiveness and love that we may wonder about all his words of division.

He says he will not always bring peace, but because of him people will be divided, even in families.

Where now is the calm in the storm, or the offer of rest and refreshment?

We know that we can be divided about what is right and just. Families and societies can be divided about the cares of life, the cares of marriage, the care of the young, the care of the poor.

In the face of poverty and hunger, of abuse and violence, for the word of Jesus is divisive, for it highlights the rights of all, born and unborn, rich and poor, young and old, sick and well, to the gifts of the earth, to the gifts of wealth, and the care of society.

While we love all, we want justice for all, and our following of Jesus may bring division.

May we be encouraged to do what is right, strong to take the side of God, and open to reconciliation and compassion for all.



Prayer for Busy/Difficult Days

Lord, help me to remember that nothing is going to happen to me today that you and I together cannot handle.

The Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity to accept the things, I cannot change; the courage to change the things I can; and the wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time; accepting hardships as the pathway to peace; taking as he did, this sinful

world as it is, not as I would have it; trusting that he will make all things right if I surrender to his Will; in this life and supremely happy with him forever in the next. Amen.



The Memorare

Remember O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection implored thy help,

or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother. To thee I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful, O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy clemency, hear and answer me. Amen.

A MASSIVE THANK YOU

Canon Willie would like to thank all those who attended the mass in the Town Park on last Friday, 15th August. In particular thanks is due to the organising Committee for the arrangement of the mass, the lovely choir, sacristan and the staff of the Civic Centre for the putting out of the chairs and the provision of teas and refreshments afterwards. Also, the many good wishes and the kind presentations from the different groups in Croom and Banogue. A big welcome for the new Parish Priest, Canon Denis Mullane as we wish him every blessing in his new appointment.

We acknowledge the eleven years of dedicated service of our sacristan Tom Moloney and with the able assistance of his wife Eileen and we wish them a happy retirement.