

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (Cf. Jn 17:17)

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Your word is truth, O Lord,  
consecrate us in the truth.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** (Lk 12:13-21)

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' My friend, he replied, who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims? Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight 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, /

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

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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 and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:  
**Our Father, ...**

Deliver us, Lord, ...  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever. 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** (Wis 16:20)  
You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

**The People's Mass**

3 August 2025

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**THE INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**Entrance Antiphon** (Ps 69:2-6)  
O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

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. 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** (Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23)

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes.  
Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own

to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (Ps 89:3-6.12-14.17)

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

- 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. 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.
- 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.
- 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.

**SECOND READING** (Col 3:1-5.9-11)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you, too, will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator, and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything, and he is in everything.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. (cont'd on back page)

**PARISH NEWSLETTER**

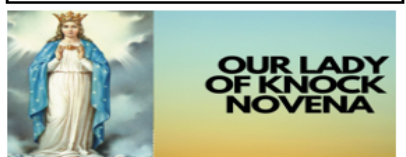
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Croom Church Eircode: V35 R972  
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**Banogue Adoration:** Tuesdays 3pm - 6pm  
**Croom Hospital Mass:** Sunday 8am, Thursday 11am,  
Followed by Holy Hour. Public Welcome

**Last Sundays Offertory Collection:**  
Banogue €330  
Croom €900



**National Novena to Our Lady of Knock 13 - 21 August**  
In this special Jubilee Year, the theme for this year's National Novena to Our Lady of Knock is 'Pilgrims of Hope'. Hope is at the very heart of the Knock Apparition and throughout this year's novena, we will explore how hope came through in the most unexpected places.

Daily ceremonies at 3pm and 8pm in Knock Basilica. Daily workshops take place at 12.45pm and themed guided prayer sessions will be available in Knock Prayer Centre.

**Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service**  
This service provides online and in person, couples and relationship counselling to individuals and couples who wish to improve the quality of their relationship or to co-parent in a positive way for the benefit of their children. Information is provided in leaflets inside the church doors.

**Gospel Reflection**  
**Reflection on the Gospel**  
The shop window is like a mirror; We look into it and see something which we want to possess or buy. Different things attract different people. We can almost see ourselves in some of the showpieces buy something and we'll appear successful, buy something else and we may be popular, something else and we'll look stunning, something else and we'll be one of the in-group.

Mirrors of possessiveness, being caught by the attraction of what we might own and of being looked up to for what we have.

Jesus' story today is about a man who stored it all up, and then found he had too much to bring with him, wherever the future might call him. He was rich in the sight of the world, and impoverished in the sight of God.

There's a transparency about us all when we are with God. All are equally loved in the eyes of God, just for who each person is, not for where we live, or for who our friends are, or for a youthful body or expert mind.

Loved and valued for who we are, and how we want to love and care for others, and how we want to contribute to the world.

All are loved, and all can make some contribution to the betterment of the world, by how we love and give to others.

When we give in love we lose nothing. We gain and so we are richer in the sight of God

**Blood Donation Clinic**  
Patrickswell Community Centre  
Thursday 7th August 3.20pm to 6.40pm  
New and returning donors' welcome

Irish hospital's demand for blood continues to rise month on month. 3,000 blood donations are needed each week just to keep pace.

**Blessings**  
Count your blessings Instead of your crosses,  
Count your gains Instead of your losses,  
Count your joys Instead of your woes,  
Count your friends Instead of your fears,  
Count your smiles Instead of your toats,  
Count your courage Instead of your fears,  
Count your full years Instead of your lean,  
Count your kind deeds Instead of your mean,  
Count your health Instead of your wealth,  
Count on God Instead of yourself

**Reflection**  
The sky may be full of stars, but switch on a light and they disappear. It makes one realise how easily the earthly lights can extinguish the heavenly ones, Lord, help us to seek the things that make us rich in your sight, and grant that the glitter of this world may not dim our hopes of heavenly glory.