

GOSPEL (Mk 1:12-15)
The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glorify to you, O Lord.** The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.
After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'
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, / of 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), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
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:
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, 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, we pray, from every evil, ...
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.
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 4:4)
One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

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THE INTRODUCTORY RITES
Entrance Antiphon (Cf. Ps 90:15-16)
When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And with your spirit.
Penitential Act
Brethren (brothers and sisters), ...
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, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
The Gloria is not said.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD
FIRST READING (Gen 9:8-15)
A reading from the book of Genesis.
God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you; everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'
God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'
THE WORD OF THE LORD Thanks be to God.
RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 24:4-9)
1: Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.
1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **2:**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **3:**
3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **4:**

SECOND READING (1 Pt 3:18-22)
A reading from the first letter of St Peter.
Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death; in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.
THE WORD OF THE LORD Thanks be to God.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Mt 4:4)
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Last Sundays Offertory Collection: Banogue €300
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Recent Death
Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Esther Ryan (nee Brennan), Caherconlish late of Castleroberts. May she Rest in Peace.

Deceased Members of Croom United FC
Mass for the deceased members of Croom United Football Club will take place on Friday 22nd March in Croom Church at 7.30pm.

Lenten Reflection
The Essential Examination of Conscience
Love God and love your neighbour. The two basic Commandments are to love God and to love our neighbour. Have I really believed that God loves me and do I love God? Have I loved my neighbour? St Paul's Letter to the Corinthians provides a useful guide for a general examination of conscience. "Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. (1 Cor 13:4-7).

There are many ways to "examine your conscience". For instance, you could take the beatitudes and see how you have lived them. You could think about the seven deadly sins: pride, greed, wrath, envy, lust, gluttony and sloth (the opposite of the heavenly virtues (humility, sobriety, patience, concord, faith and chastity and good works).



Prayer to St Valentine
God of love, you give us St Valentine as an example of love. As we have celebrated the feast of this loving and caring Saint we ask you to bless our friendships. May the love and affection that we share with each other, always come from a sense of care and respect.

A Prayer of blessing on the Valentine Cards
Generous and loving God, you love us as only a Parent can; without conditions or human limits, you fill us with your grace and love. Bless the people we make these cards for. May these cards bring joy and happiness to those who receive them.

