

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (Mk 11:9-10)  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** (Mt 25:31-46)  
The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew, **Glory to you, O Lord.**  
Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate man one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, 'Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me.' Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?' And the King will answer, 'I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.' Next he will say to those on his left hand, 'Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me.' Then it will be their turn to ask, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?' Then he will answer, 'I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me.' And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life." The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Profession of Faith** (Apostles' Creed)  
I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of

heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
*At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.*  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. 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.  
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, ...  
Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, ...  
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.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins ...  
Behold the Lamb of God, ...  
Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

**Communion Antiphon** (Ps 28:10-11)  
The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

**The People's Mass**

26 November 2023  
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE / A

**THE INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**Entrance Antiphon** (Apoc 5:12; 7:16)  
How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour, to him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

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), ...  
You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:  
Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.  
Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.

You came to call sinners:  
Christ, have mercy. Or: Christe, eleison.  
Christ, have mercy. Or: Christe, eleison.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father  
to intercede for us:  
Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.  
Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. 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** (Ez 34:11-12,15-17)  
A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.  
The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and

darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. It shall be a true shepherd to them.  
As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.  
The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.  
**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (Ps 22:1-3,5-6)  
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.  
1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. 2. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. 3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. 4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. 11

**SECOND READING** (1 Cor 15:20-26,28)  
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.  
Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.  
The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. (cont'd on back page)

**PARISH NEWSLETTER**

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**Last Sundays Offertory Collection:** Banogue €350  
Croom €1100

**Recent Death**  
Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Clare O'Sullivan, RIP, Newcastle West and late of Ballygreenan, Vincent O'Neill Newry and late of Charleville. May they rest in peace.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sheila O'Connor, Cabarras Nursing Home and Tarbert, Co Kerry reposing at her Daughter's residence Eibhlin Shanahan, Carrigeen, from 6 to 8pm this Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

**Adare Blood Clinic**  
Adare Woodlands Hotel  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 17.00 – 20.20  
New Donors Welcome at all Clinics  
Please call 1800 222 111 for appointment.

Giving blood makes it possible for many people to lead normal healthy lives. Every year thousands of patients require blood transfusions in our hospitals because they are undergoing surgery, recovering from cancer or have been in a serious accident.

**St Mary's Conference, Society of St. Vincent De Paul**  
The Annual Church Gate Collection for St. Mary's Conference will take place at all Masses in Croom & Banogue on the weekend of 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> December. Unfortunately, presently in Croom & Banogue, the increased cost of living and rising energy and food bills are putting a lot of pressure on the people we help. Far too many of them are left wondering how they will pay the next bill that comes through the door and are being forced to make the impossible choice between paying for food or paying for heat for their homes. As members of the society, we believe that every adult and

child in our community should have basics such as food, heat and electricity during winter and their families should be able to have an enjoyable Christmas like everyone else. By supporting our annual appeal with a donation, you can help a family through this winter. You can help give them a brighter future.

**Banogue Drama Group**  
Banogue Drama Group will present a 3 Act Comedy 'Love Thy Neighbour' by Jimmy Keary in the local parish hall on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 1<sup>st</sup>, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 8 p.m. sharp. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

**Remembrance of the Dead**  
As we continue to honour our dead during these last days of November, we remember them with affection and gratitude. Also, we look forward to being in their presence again.  
*We give them back to you O Lord, who first gave them to us; yet as you did not lose them by their return.... For what is yours is ours also if we belong to you. Love is undying, and life is unending, and the boundary of this mortal life is but a horizon, and the horizon is nothing save the limit of our sight. Lift us up, strong Son of God, that we may see further, cleanse our eyes that we may see more clearly... And while you prepare the place for us, prepare us also for that happy place that we may be with you, and with those we love forevermore.*