The People's Mass

28 January 2024
4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom
to mere children.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Mk 1:21-28)
The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.
A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Mark. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.
In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new', they said, 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.
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. ...

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.
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 (Cf. Ps 30:17-18)
Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your merciful love.
O Lord, let me never be put to shame,
for I call on you.

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THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon (Ps 105:47)
Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.
In the name of the Father, ... Amen.
The grace of our Lord ... And with your spirit.

Penitential Act
Brethren (brothers and sisters), ...
A brief pause for silence follows.
You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
You came to call sinners:
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father
to intercede for us:
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
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 (Deut 18:15-20)
A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.
Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again", you said, "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."'
The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 94:1-2.6-9)
℟ O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.
1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. ℟
2. Come in; let us kneel and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. ℟
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw
my work.' ℟

SECOND READING (1 Cor 7:32-35)
A reading from the first letter of St Paul
to the Corinthians.
I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.
The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Cf. Mt 11:25)
Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father,
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Last Sundays Offertory Collection: Banogue €400 Croom €1000

Recent Death
Please pray for the souls of Betty Darcy (nee Sheahan), Knockfierna and late of Main St, Croom and Stiofán Moloney, Anhid. May they rest in peace.



Grandparents Day
Banogue School
There will be a special Mass in Banogue Church on Tuesday next January 30th at 10 a.m. to celebrate the role and lives of the grandparents of the pupils of Banogue School. Afterwards the grandparents are invited to the school hall for refreshments.
Croom School
There will be a special Mass in Croom Church on Wednesday next January 31st at 9.30 a.m. to celebrate the lives of grandparents of the pupils attending Croom National School. Afterwards the grandparents are invited to the school for refreshments.



1st February is the feast of St Brigid the Patroness Saint of Ireland.



Friday 2nd February:
First Friday of the month, the feast of the Presentation of the Lord: also known as Candlemas Day. We appreciate the gifts of candles for the churches. Candles for home and private use will be blessed at the Masses.

Reflection for Grandparents Day
There is a special kind of love that children have for their grandparents. It is filled with respect for their wisdom and what they have done, thanks for the values that they have given us; delight in the stories of our family that they remember and share. It is a special kind of love that is built on a lifetime of caring and giving.
Grandparents are a family's greatest treasure, the founders of a loving legacy, the greatest storytellers, the keepers of traditions that linger on in our memories. Grandparents are the family's strong foundation.
Their special love sets them apart. Through happiness and sorrow, through their special love and caring, grandparents keep a family close at heart. Grandparents bestow upon their grandchildren the wisdom that time and experience has given them.
Grandchildren bless their parents with a youthful vitality and innocence that help them stay young at heart for ever. Together they create a chain of love linking the past with the future. The chain may lengthen but it will never part.

Prayer/Reflection
Speaking with Authority
Ideally words and deeds should always go together.
The weakness of a lot of words arises from the fact.
That they are not proceeded by, or accompanied by, or followed by deeds.
Lord, grant that what we say with our lips.
We may believe with our hearts.
And practise with our lives.