

# The People's Mass

27 July 2025

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circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (Jn 1:14-12)  
Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** (Lk 11:1-13)  
The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, 'My friend, lend me three loaves because a friend of mine on his travel has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him'; and the man answers from inside the house, 'Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed. I cannot get up to give it to you.' I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

"So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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 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.

**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

Showing the Eucharist to the people, the priest says:

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** (Ps 102:2)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

**Entrance Antiphon** (Cf. Ps 67:6-7:36)

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

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. Or: Kyrie, eleison.

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

Christ, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, 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** (Gn 18:20-32)

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The Lord said, "How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know."

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, "Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinners? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not

spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?" The Lord replied, "If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them."

Abraham replied, "I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?" "No," he replied, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there." Again Abraham said to him, "Perhaps there will only be forty there." "I will not do it," he replied, "for the sake of the forty."

Abraham said, "I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak; perhaps there will only be thirty there." "I will not do it," he replied, "if I find thirty there." He said, "I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there." "I will not destroy it," he replied, "for the sake of the twenty." He said, "I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more; perhaps there will only be ten." "I will not destroy it," he replied "for the sake of the ten."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (Ps 137:1-3, 6-8)

On the day I called,

you answered me, O Lord.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,

you have heard the words of my mouth.

Before the angels I will bless you.

I will adore before your holy temple.

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love

which excel all we ever knew of you.

On the day I called, you answered;

you increased the strength of my soul.

3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly

and the haughty he knows from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of affliction

you give me life and frustrate my foes.

4. You stretch out your hand and save me,

your hand will do all things for me.

Your love, O Lord, is eternal,

discard not the work of your hands.

**SECOND READING** (Col 2:12-14)

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

"You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been

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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Croom Church Eircode: V35 R972  
Banogue Church Eircode: V35 WN59  
Banogue Adoration: Tuesdays 3pm - 6pm  
Croom Hospital Mass: Sunday 8am. Thursday 11am, Followed by Holy Hour. Public Welcome

**Last Sundays Offertory Collection:**  
Banogue €400  
Croom €1,450



peace.

### Recent Death

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Gerard O'Brien, Maxwell Lane, Croom. Also, Mary Finnerty, Galway, wife of the late Garda Tony Finnerty, Croom. May they rest in

### First Friday

Next Friday is the first Friday of August.

Masses: Banogue 9.30am; Croom 7.00pm



### Prayer of St Ignatius of Loyola Feast 31st July

Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve; to give, and not to count the cost, to fight, and not to heed the wounds, to toil, and not to seek for rest, to labor, and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we are doing your will. Amen



### Reflection

Jesus urges us to ask, seek, and knock. This means our faith must be an active one. But sometimes we are too proud to ask, so we don't receive. And we are too timid to knock, so the door doesn't open to us. Lord, grant that we may not wait for things to happen, Help us, rather, to be bold and energetic, yet humble and trustful, so that we may receive the good things our heavenly Father want us to have.

### Prayer

The theme of the Gospel this weekend is that we all need to pray and to be able to teach the children to pray. We have a duty to hand on the practice of praying to the children in our care. Jesus said "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these"

### Prayers for the Young

**Morning Prayer**  
Father in heaven I give you today,  
All that I think or do or say,  
My ears to hear, my eyes to see,  
My hands and feet and all of me.  
To live and work like Jesus in all I do and say.  
Amen



### To the Guardian Angel

Angel of God, my guardian dear,  
To whom God's love commits me here,  
ever this day/night be at my side,  
to light and guard to rule and guide  
Amen



### Night Prayer

God our Father, I come to say,  
Thank you for your love today.  
Thank you for your family,  
And all the friends you give to me.  
Guard me in the dark of night,  
And in the morning send your light.  
Amen