

decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Jn 10:27)
Alleluia, alleluia!

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Mk 6:30-34)
The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark. Glory to you, O Lord.

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

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. ...
Hosanna in the highest.

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 ...
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 ...

Communion Antiphon (Ps 110:4-5)
The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

The People's Mass

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THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon (Ps 53:6-8)

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

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.

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 (Jer 23:1-6)

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.
'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my

people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures; they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 22)

1 The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **2**

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff, with these you give me comfort. **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. **5**

SECOND READING (Eph 2:13-18)
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Banogue Adoration: Tuesdays 3 – 6pm.

Croom Hospital Mass Sunday 8am. Thursday 11am. Followed by Holy Hour.

Public Welcome

Last Sundays Offertory Collection: Banogue €300

Croom €1,000

Recent Deaths

We pray for the happy repose of the souls of William Daly, Ballingarry and late of Toureen and Christina (Crissie) Sheahan, Maghera, Honeypond, Croom. May they rest in peace.

Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network - Apostleship of Prayer

Morning Prayer

Glorious Father, by raising Christ your Son you conquered the power of death and opened for us the way to eternal life. May my prayer today renew my love for you and give life to all the good works I want to do.

I offer you my heart this day and all that I am for the intentions of Pope Francis this month: let us pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence, may find welcome and new living opportunities in their host countries.

Evening Prayer

Father, as I prepare for sleep tonight, let me know the warmth of your love. In your mercy, soothe my pain, whether in my body, mind or soul. Grant me a restful night of sleep so that when I awake, I'm strengthened to do your will. Through Christ our Lord Amen.

Pope Francis, 2024

Jesus' love goes before us, his look anticipates our needs. He can see beyond appearances, beyond sin, beyond failures and unworthiness. He sees beyond our rank

in society. He sees beyond this, to our dignity as sons and daughters and He came precisely to seek out all those who feel unworthy of God, unworthy of others.

Reflection

Jesus looked at the people, and seeing that they were like sheep without a shepherd, he took pity for them, and taught them at length.

Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd.

Take pity on us, for at times we too are like sheep.

Save us from a blind following of the herd.

Help us to listen to your voice and to follow you.

See that we follow not the wrong path, and lead us along the path of life eternal.

Poem about Leisure – W H Davies

A poem that stresses the need for relaxation, reflection and rest in our lives

What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.
No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare as long as sheep or cows.
No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.
No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, like skies at night.
No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can dance.
No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began.
A poor life this if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

