

GOSPEL (Shorter Form between # 4) (Lk 18: 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.

Jesus said to his disciples, "There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, 'What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer.' Then the steward said to himself, 'Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes.'

Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, 'How much do you owe my master?' 'One hundred measures of oil,' was the reply. The steward said, 'Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty.' To another he said, 'And you, sir, how much do you owe?' 'One hundred measures of wheat,' was the reply. The steward said, 'Here, take your bond and write eighty.'

The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win your friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity.

The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.

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 ...
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

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 118:4-5)
You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

The People's Mass

21 September 2025
25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon
I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

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. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, 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 (Am 8:4-7)

A reading from the prophet Amos.
Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?'

By lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweeping of the wheat.'

The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 112:1-2,4-8)

1. Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.
1. Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! 2.
2. High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens is his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth? 3.
3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dungheap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. 2

SECOND READING (1 Tm 2:1-8)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy.
My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument. The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Cf. Acts 16:14)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son, Alleluia!

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Croom Adoration: Tuesdays 3pm – 6pm
Croom Hospital Mass: Sunday 8am, Thursday 11am, Followed by Holy Hour. Public Welcome

Last Sundays Offertory Collection:
Banogue €219
Croom €865

Recently Deceased:
We offer our sympathies to the family and loved ones of
Catherine (Rene) Crofton (nee Dudley)
Main Street, Croom RIP
May her gentle soul rest in eternal peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Keyes (nee Benson), Crecora, sister of the late Sean Benson, Banogue. May she rest in peace.

Reflection on today's Gospel
To what do we entrust our lives?
In each man and woman is the need and desire for security. As infants we look to parents totally for security

and as life moves on, we may look to family, peers, friends and children for our security, like rocks on which we feel we will be safe.

And we can entrust ourselves to God, knowing that words for God like Rock, Fountain of Living Water, Eternal Life, are foundations of our security.

Or may we place our trust in money or financial security, or prestige and honour from a job, or entrust our feeling of security to an over-care of the body, and the question from the gospel of Jesus is:
To what do you entrust yourself?

We cannot place full trust at the same time in God and wealth, nor in love and possessions, nor in a long life and trust in God.

God intends that we use created gifts like wealth and honour, and friendship, love and prayer, to bring us to him; but if we are entrusted to them, they may draw us away from him.

May we know the happiness of entrusting ourselves to God and to love, and wanting to use all else in his service.



St Padre Pio - Feast Day 23rd September

St Padre Pio was an Italian Capuchin priest who lived in San Giovanni in South East Italy. He was renowned for his healing powers. Many people came from long distances to be in his presence. He was a man of great piety and devotion to the poor. His services continued right up to the moment of his death. He died in 1968 and is buried in the Church in San Giovanni. St Padre Pio brought thousands back to the faith. Prayer and charity was the great focus of his life. St Padre Pio was created in 2002. There is great devotion to St Padre Pio and there are many St Padre Pio groups in Ireland.



POWERFUL HEALING PRAYER BY ST. PADRE PIO

Heavenly Father, I thank you for loving me. I thank you for sending your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to the world to save and to set me free. I trust in your power and grace that sustain and restore me. Loving Father, touch me now with your healing hands, for I believe that your will is for me to be well in mind, body, soul and spirit. Cover me with the most precious blood of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ from the top of my head to the soles of my feet. Cast anything that should not be in me. Root out any unhealthy and abnormal cells. Open any blocked arteries or veins and rebuild and replenish any damaged areas. Remove all inflammation and cleanse any infection by the power of Jesus' precious blood. Let the fire of your healing love pass through my entire body to heal and make new any diseased areas so that my body will function the way you created it to function. Touch also my mind and my emotion, even the deepest recesses of my heart. Saturate my entire being with your presence, love, joy, and peace and draw me ever closer to you every moment of my life. And Father, fill me with your Holy Spirit and empower me to do your works so that my life will bring glory and honour to your holy name. I ask this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.