

I know my own sheep and my own know me.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** (Jn 10:11-18)  
The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. **Glorify to you, O Lord, Jesus said:**

'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

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.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
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 that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

**Communion Antiphon**  
The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

## The People's Mass

21 April 2024  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
(Day of Prayer for Vocations) / B

#### THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

**Entrance Antiphon** (Cf. Ps 32:5-6)  
The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;  
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

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** (Acts 4:8-12)  
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.  
Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel,

that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (Ps 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29)

**1** The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men: it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. **1x**

2. I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **1x**

3. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. **1x**

**SECOND READING** (1 Jn 3:1-2)  
A reading from the first letter of St John.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;

all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (Jn 10:14)  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

#### PARISH NEWSLETTER



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Croom Church Eircode: V35 R972  
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Croom Hospital Mass: Sunday 8 a.m. Thursday 11 a.m. Followed by Holy Hour.  
Public Welcome

Last Sundays Offertory Collection: Banogue €250  
Croom €1,000

#### Recent Death

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Jerry English, Croom Cottage, Croom. May he Rest in Peace.

#### Trocaire

We thank all those who have supported the Trocaire Collection. The amount collected was €2,770 in Croom and €1,200 in Banogue.

#### Croom Meals on Wheels

A new Meals on Wheels service has been announced by Croom Family Resource Centre for Croom and surrounding areas. Serving individuals at home who are unable to make their own meal. Service will be provided every Tuesday and Thursday. There are different meal options available and price for dinner and dessert is €7. For more information on this service please contact Sonia or Lauryn on 061 602878 or call into us at Croom Family Resource Centre.

**Information and Support for Birth Mothers** whose babies were placed for adoption may be found at [www.birthinfo.ie](http://www.birthinfo.ie) or by calling the relevant section of TUSLA at +353 818 445 500.

**Anam Cara's** upcoming Bereavement Information and Support Evening for Parents that is taking place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 in Milford Care Centre at 7pm - 9pm. Please contact [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or 085 288 8888.



#### Prayer for Vocations on Good Shepherd Sunday

Creator God, Life is your gift to me. Through Baptism, you invite me to share the gift of my life in service to others. Be with me as I choose each day to show your presence in our world. Give me the courage and generosity to respond to your love, to your call. I pray especially for priests, brothers, sisters, and all those who endeavour to serve You in witnessing to the Gospel. Keep them close to You. Open the minds and hearts of many other men and women that they may accept your challenge to build your Kingdom. Amen

#### Reflection

Jesus is the Good Shepherd, who leads us through life's dark valleys. The valley we most fear is the valley of death. But Jesus himself walked through that dark valley and emerged into the dawn of Easter. He will not abandon us when our time comes. Lord may your gentle and sure light guide us on the unfolding road, so that we may talk with confidence towards the light that never fades and the life that never ends.