

The People's Mass

9 February 2025
5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 7C

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Jn 15:15)
Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Lk 5:1-11)
The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

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

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Genesareth, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats — it was Simon's — and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master, Simon replied, 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boats to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Profession of Faith (Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.

Communion Antiphon (Cf. Ps 106:8-9)
Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. 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.

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, ...

The peace of the Lord be with you always. Amen.

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.

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THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon (Ps 94:6-7)
O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ... 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.

You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: 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, / I receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / I 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 (Is 6:1-8)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out one to another in this way: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips; and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be my messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 137:1-5,7-8)

Before the angels I will bless you, 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. All earth's kings shall thank you when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the Lord's ways: 'How great is the glory of the Lord!'

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 hand.

SECOND READING (1 Cor 15:1-11)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you — believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

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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 €1,200

Recent Death
Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maura Cantwell (nee Sheehy), Church Road, who was laid to rest in Rellig Mhuire last Monday. May she rest in peace.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
8 MARCH

International Women's Day
Celebrating Women of Spirit & Faith. (Through spoken word, reflection, music, song and verse).

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Patricia Kieran MIC Saturday March 8th, Patrickswell Community Centre (V943K59) 9.30am – 3.30pm
Booking essential as places limited.
To register please contact Ann at 087 9304666 by Wednesday March 5th.

Facilitated by Lay Ministers Ann Mulcahy, Nessa Breen & Sr. Betty Baker. All are Welcome.
Suggested Donation €20 on the day.

Saint Gobnait: the Gaeltacht's Saint
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St. Gobnait Feast Day 11th February
St. Gobnait lived in the 6th century. She founded a church in Ballyvourney, Co. Cork. She is widely venerated in the Gaeltacht areas of Ireland.
May God bless you, Holy Saint Gobnait.
And may Mary bless you, and I bless you myself.
For it is to you that I come, to plead my case with you, to request my healing.
From you on God's part

ST. VALENTINE
DEFENDING MARRIAGE AND LOVE

Prayer for St. Valentine's Day
Saint Valentine, true servant who shed his blood in defence of the sacraments and faith in Jesus Christ, intercede for us today, we pray. Gain for us the strength to be steadfast like you in witnessing to the true faith to the end of our days and help us never to lose hope in the Lord who is always near us. Intercede for those men and women who are preparing for marriage: help them to know one another and the true meaning of the sacramental bond they are preparing to enter. Intercede for those who are joined together in the sacrament of marriage, that they may never give up when trials come their way but may remain faithful to each other and to the Lord who blessed their union. May your love for the Lord be an inspiration for our love for each other, for the love between husband and wife, and for the love and charity we extend to all whom we meet. Amen.

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes also World Day for the Sick
Oh God hear our prayer and heal the many illnesses that afflict us in mind body and soul. Bring comfort to those who suffer. Bring consolation to those who despair. Bring strength to those of us who walk with the sick. Bring hope to all for whom the path to healing is long and may not end. Let us never forget your special care for the sick, that they may also know they are precious and loved. Amen