

The People's Mass

11 May 2025
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / C

great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Jn 10:14)
Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Jn 10:27-30)
The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.** Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'

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 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. ...

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.

As the priest breaks the consecrated Host the following is sung or said:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins ...

Showing the Host 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

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

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. Grace to you and peace ... 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 13:14-43-52)
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their

talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this, and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 99:1-3.5)

℟ We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

or Alleluia!

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy. ℟

2. Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him. We are his people, the sheep of his flock. ℟

3. Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. ℟

SECOND READING (Apoc 7.9.14-17)
A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the'

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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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 €280
Croom €1,050



Recent Deaths
Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of John Fogarty, Anbid and Margaret O'Brien, ~~Dogman~~ and Church Road, Croom. May they rest in peace.



Limerick Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 19th - 24th June
Those who are interested in travelling should contact the Lourdes Office. There are a limited number of places still available in the Assisted Pilgrim Section. Registered nurses

are still being actively recruited to volunteer on the pilgrimage. All enquiries to the Lourdes Office 061 350000 as soon as possible.



Limerick Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Rome

There are still some vacancies on this pilgrimage for young people over the age of 18. Anyone that is interested should contact the Limerick Diocesan Office on 061 350000.



First Holy Communion Croom
We congratulate all the children from the second class from St Mary's School, who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday in Croom Church.

We thank all those teachers who prepared them. We also congratulate the parents and guardians of these children on this big occasion.

First Holy Communicants
Alex Lawlor, Sally Costello, Masha Lebed, Daniel Nixon, Olly Sheerin, Lauren Daffy, Faye Duffy, Sarah Mulcahy, Alfie Kayce, Muku Mbundinga, Tino Mbundinga, Ngoni Mbundinga, Haseena Costello, Eva O'Shea, Glyssa Donovan, Sarah Gilbert, Luke Quajn, Cameron O'Dwyer, Ava McNamara, Mason Harrison, Gemma Lawlor, Sophia Begley, Grace Cartwright, Qisij Sexton and Daniel Cahill Hayes.



First Holy Communion - Banogue
This takes place next Saturday 17th May in Banogue Church at 11.00am.

Reflection of Jesus as Good Shepherd
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 in the unfolding road, so that we may walk with confidence towards the light that never fades and the life that never ends.



Reflection: Working with Love
All work is empty save when done with love. If you cannot work with love but only with distaste, it is better that you should leave your work and sit at the gate of the temple and take alms from those who work with joy. For if you bake bread with indifference, you bake a bitter bread that feeds but half of man's hunger. And if you grudge the crushing of the grapes, your grudge distills a poison in the wine. Work is love made visible.



We rejoice at the election of our new Pope Leo XIV, and we wish him every success as he leads the Church for the foreseeable future.

Memorial cards of the late Pope Francis are available inside the entrances of the Church.