

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

(Jn 20:29)

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

(Jn 20:19-31)

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.  
In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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. ...

**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** (Cf. Jn 20:27)  
Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

**The People's Mass**

27 April 2025

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY  
(2nd Sunday of Easter) / C

**THE INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**Entrance Antiphon** (1 Pt 2:2)

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, 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. 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 5:12-16)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.  
The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into

the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.  
The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (Ps 117:2-4.22-27)

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.'

2. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

3. O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord grant success. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; the Lord God is our light.

**SECOND READING** (Apoc 1:9-13.17-19)

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.  
My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

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**PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**Parish of Banogue and Croom**  
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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 €1,300

**Recent Deaths**

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Eamonn O'Shea, Skagh and late of Dingle. Eamonn was the Vice Principal of St Mary's School in Croom from 1968 until his retirement in 1993. Eamonn gave a long and dedicated service as a primary school teacher from 1954 until 1993. Ar dheis de go raibh a anam sail.

Anne Moynihan (nee O'Dea), Towerfield Crescent, Croom. May she rest in peace.

**First Friday 2nd May**  
Masses:  
Banogue 9.30am  
Croom 7.00pm

**trocaire**

**Trocaire Collection**  
We thank you for your Lenten Trocaire contributions and kindly remind you to return any outstanding boxes as soon as possible.

**May Eve**  
May Eve prayers revolve around themes of blessing, protection and connection with nature and the supernatural. We pray for the blessing of work in the fields as well as the protection of cows, other livestock and farm property.

**An Old Irish Blessing**

May the road rise to meet you.  
May the wind always be at your back.  
May the sun shine warm on your face and the rain fall soft on your fields.

**St Joseph the Worker - Feast day 1<sup>st</sup> May**  
**Prayer for Workers**  
O God, the creator of all things, who formed the law of labor for the human race, graciously grant that by merits and patronage of St Joseph, we may do the work you assign us and earn the reward you promise. Through our Lord, Jesus.  
Lord God, you have created all things and imposed on man the necessity of

work. Grant that, following Joseph's example, and under his protection, we may accomplish the works you give us and obtain the rewards you promise. This we ask through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen



**An Easter Poem - At the tomb**  
The dawn broke soft, the world still gray,  
She came with spices knelt to pray.  
The stone was rolled, the tomb lay bare,  
Her heart cried out in deep despair.

'Why seek the living among the dead?'  
The angels spoke, her spirit fled.  
Then turned she, heard her name, so clear,  
A voice she loved, a voice so near.

'Rabboni!' cried her heart, her soul,  
The one she sought had made her whole.  
The tomb was empty, death undone,  
For Christ had risen, the Morning Sun.

Mary Magdalene's encounter with the risen Christ is a powerful reminder that God meets us in our sorrow and calls us by name, inviting us to share in the joy of His Resurrection.

**Reflection**  
The fact that we may have a strong faith doesn't mean that life will be plain sailing for us. What faith does is gives us bearings, thus enabling us to live in a topsy-turvy world without getting lost or giving in to despair. Just as swimmers trust that if they don't panic, and if they do a few simple things, then the power of the sea will uphold them, so believers entrust their lives to a power greater than themselves. That power is the power of God, who brought his Son, Jesus, back from the dead.



**The Beatitudes - Our Identity Card**  
"The eight Beatitudes ..... It would be good to learn them off by heart so as to repeat them, to have this law that Jesus gave us, precisely in our minds and hearts."

"It will do us good to read the Beatitudes - perhaps a few times throughout the week - in order to understand this very beautiful path, sure of the happiness the Lord offers us."

**Pope Francis, Weekly Audience 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.  
Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.  
Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.  
Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.  
Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.  
Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you, when people shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.