homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Cf. Mt 11:25)*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *(Lk 12:32-48)*

(For Shorter Form read between ♦ ♦)

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 is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

♦'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You, too, must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'♦

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

ST PAULS
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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

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
and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

Communion Antiphon *(Ps 147:12.14)*

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

The People's Mass

10 August 2025
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THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon *(Cf. Ps 73:20.19.22.23)*

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

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 *(Wis 18:6-9)*

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in they would joyfully take courage.

This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you.

The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret, and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *(Ps 32:1.12.18-20.22)*

℟ **Happy are the people**
the Lord has chosen as his own.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own. ℟
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. ℟
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. ℟

SECOND READING *(Heb 11:1-2. 8-19)*

(For Shorter Form read between ♦ ♦)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

♦Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.♦

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better

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Last Sundays Offertory Collection:
Banogue €330
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Recent Death

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of James (Jim) Lenihan, Feohanagh, sister of Sr. Eileen Lenihan, Banogue). May he rest in peace.

Friday 15th August: Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady

It is the Croom Parish feast day.

Masses: *Banogue:* 10am; *Croom:* Vigil Mass at 7pm on Thursday

Friday 15th August 11.30am; a special outdoor Mass (*weather permitting)* in Croom Town Park as we bid farewell to Canon Fitzmaurice and honour Tom and Eileen Moloney.

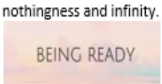
All are warmly invited to attend, with tea and coffee served afterwards in Aubergine. There will be no mass in Croom Church on that day.

Prayer of St Clare of Assisi Feast 11th August

Happy the soul to whom it is given to attain life with Christ, to cleave with all one's heart to him whose beauty all the heavenly hosts behold forever, whose love inflames our love, the contemplation of whom is our refreshment, whose graciousness is our delight, whose gentleness fills us to overflowing, whose remembrance makes us glow with happiness, whose fragrance revives the dead, the glorious vision of whom will be the happiness of all the citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem. For he is the brightness of eternal glory, the splendor of eternal light, the mirror without spot.

Reflection on the Gospel

Life is fleeting, and can be taken away from us in the twinkling of an eye,
However, the brevity and fragility of life brings home to us just how precious is the treasure we carry in earthen vessels.
Lord, give us the kind of faith
that will enable us to live out joyfully
the mystery of our fragile human
condition, which sees us suspended
between earth and
heaven,
between time and
eternity,
and between
nothingness and infinity.



Being ready and noticing the call of God is one hallmark of being a Christion.

Be ready
to notice the need of
God
in the people we meet;
in their need to be heard
at a time of worry,
in their need for care in
illness,
for forgiveness when
we've hurt each other,
for the conversations
that can bring faith in
doubt,
hope in despair
and love always.
For there is the Son of
man,
coming at an hour you
do not expect.

Be ready, says the Lord,
to notice the need of
God
in the millions of hungry
children,
homeless parents,
refugees without a home,
people, even children,
sleeping rough in our own cities;
be ready to care,
to help, to reach out,
for there is the Son of man,
coming at an hour you do not expect.

Be ready, in times and spaces for prayer,
to notice the love of God
reaching you and the world through you,
the forgiveness of God
touching a world of hurt and violence through
you,
and the call of God to be ready,
today and every day,
to be his presence, justice and love among his
people.

Seán O'Tuama

Seán was one of the Maigue Poets in the mid-eighteenth century that used Croom as their meeting place. The exact meeting place was Seán O'Tuama's Tavern in Croom. Seán is buried in the old cemetery in Croom.

A wonderful depiction of Seán O'Tuama by the renowned artist Vikki Jackson.