

GOSPEL

(Lk 4:1-13)

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. Glory to you, O Lord. Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness...

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose.'

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you,

and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time. 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

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 and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say: 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. And with your spirit. Lamb of God, you take away the sins ... Showing the Eucharist to the people, the priest says: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

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 (Mt 4:4) One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

The People's Mass

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THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon (Cf. Ps 90:15-16) When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, ... And with your spirit.

Penitential Act Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries. A brief pause for silence follows.

You were sent to heal the contrite 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, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING (Deut 26:4-10) A reading from the book of Deuteronomy. Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

'My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that

you, Lord, have given me.' You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 90:1-2, 10-15)

- Be with me, O Lord, in my distress. 1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' 2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you have commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. 3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. 4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory.

SECOND READING (Rm 10:8-13) A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans. Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Mt 4:4)

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Recent Death Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of John L O'Sullivan, Ballycennan who was laid to rest in Rellig Mhuire during the week. May he rest in peace.



St Patrick's Day This occurs on Monday, 17th March. There will be masses in Banogue at 10am and in Croom at 11.30am. No vigil mass on Sunday 16th March. We remember all our exiles who are living in the different countries throughout the world.



Accord Marriage Preparation Programme

Accord organises marriage preparation programmes for couples who are planning to marry. These take place regularly in locations all around Ireland. It is advisable to book a place at least 6 - 9 months before your wedding at www.accord.ie



Trocaire Lenten Campaign

We continue to encourage support for this campaign by using Trocaire boxes during lent. Every penny counts and all funds collected are used to support the poorest of peoples in Third World Countries.

Extract from the Bishop's Lenten Pastoral Letter for Lent

The theme for this jubilee year is that we are all pilgrims of Hope. Hope is Gift and Task. Pope Francis reminds us that as well as being a gift that consoles us, hope is also a task. Hope prompts us to build a better world. Sometimes, in the past, it was said that Christianity proposed a vision of hope that was too individualistic. We were only concerned it was said with the salvation of our individual soul and getting to heaven. The world around us and our relationships were forgotten. There is some truth in that but today we realise more that it is precisely our hope in God's plan for our world and its future that prompts us already here on earth to do our part to generate a new more fraternal world, a world of peace, a united world. Often in recent years the parable of the Good Samaritan is put before us as an inspiring example in carrying out our task of being bearers of hope. Pope Francis has said 'The parable shows us how a community can be rebuilt by men and women who identify with the vulnerability of others who reject the creation of a society of exclusion, and act instead as neighbours, lifting up and rehabilitating the fallen for the sake of the common good.'

Bishop Brendan's Lenten Message can be viewed in full on the parish website https://www.croomparish.com/



Reflection at Beginning of Lent

Lent calls us to repentance. But if our repentance doesn't involve a change of heart, it will not lead to a change of life. It will be like decapitating weeds whilst leaving their roots intact. But if we change our hearts, then our lives will also change. Lent, grant that enlightened by the word of God, and nourished by the food of the Eucharist we may turn our hearts away from evil and set them firmly on pleasing you.