

**GOSPEL**

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

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 suffered death and was buried, / and rose again

and became man, all born, / and will come again to judge the living and the dead. / His Kingdom will have no end. / Amen.

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. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

**After the Consecration**  
The mystery of faith.  
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

**THE COMMUNION RITE**

Showing the Eucharist 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** (Ps 30:20)  
How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

**The People's Mass**

31 August 2025  
22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

**THE INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**Entrance Antiphon** (Cf. Ps 85:3-5)  
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you. In the name of the Father, ... Amen. The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

**Penitential Act**  
Brethren (brothers and sisters), ...  
A brief pause for silence follows.  
I confess 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. Christ, 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** (Eccles 3:17-20, 28-29)  
A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.  
My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord;

for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (Ps 67:4-7, 10-11)

**In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor.**  
1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy. O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **℟.**  
2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place. God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **℟.**  
3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life. It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **℟.**

**SECOND READING** (Heb 12:18-19, 22-24)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.  
What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a "first-born son" and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (Jn 14:23)

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. **Alleluia!**

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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 €200  
Croom €900

**First Friday**  
Next Friday is the first Friday of September.  
Masses: Banogue 9.30am; Croom 7.00pm

**Season of Creation**  
This begins on this Sunday and concludes on 5<sup>th</sup> October which is the feast of St Francis of Assisi. Sunday is a day of prayer for the care of all creation. The theme for this year is "Peace with Creation". This peace recognises the dignity of all created things in the delicate of ecosystems of life. We see how everything is connected; nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves. We are part of nature, and we must allow space and resting places for all our species on this planet. The cry of the earth must be addressed. We all must care for the earth and for nature and not destroy it.

**A blessing for Creation**  
As we go forth with joy and hope to care for God's creation, walking gently on the earth, in right relationship, nurtured by your love, taking only what we need, giving back to the earth in

gratitude, honouring all with reverence, reconciling and healing, mindful of those who will come after, recognising our proper place as part of, not apart from, your creation. Ignite your Spark within us, That we may know ourselves as truly human and always part of the Web of Life.



**YOU'RE NOT ALONE**  
Would you be willing to provide companionship to an older person locally? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested, please apply via the ALONE website at [www.alone.ie](http://www.alone.ie) or for further information please contact Caroline on 086-0591399 or via email [caroline.bradley@alone.ie](mailto:caroline.bradley@alone.ie)  
If you are over 60 and would like to know more about the services ALONE can offer you, please call 0818 222024.



In today's gospel Jesus teaches us about heaven as he invites all to the banquet; we are welcome by God for who we are, for what we have given, for what love we have created in life, and tried to give, even with mistakes. For what God praises in us may surprise us; the simple moments where we have made a difference in the lives of others and big moments

where we have made our effort to help create a world according to the mind of God.



**At the beginning of School Term**

Loving God, Another term begins and we come back to school refreshed and restored by the break, Grateful for those we share our lives with, for the memories of the past few weeks, for the opportunities we have, which are denied to so many in our world today. We come back to school pleased to see our friends, determined to make the most of our talents, to grow in understanding of the kind of person we are called to be, to turn over a new leaf, perhaps, to make up for the times we were less than our best self. We come back to school and are grateful for the energy and enthusiasm a new term brings, for the optimism and good humour in the air. Bless our school, keep us safe and well, keep us on the right path, bless our teachers and support staff who look after us and help us to grow in

knowledge and skills. Bless the new pupils and staff as they begin their journey with us, may they very quickly feel at home. Bless all our efforts to build up the kingdom of God, to make the world more just and compassionate beginning here, in this school of ours, our home from home.

**Celtic Prayers**

Dear Lord, give me a few friends who will love me for what I am, and keep ever burning before my vagrant steps the kindly light of hope and though I come not within sight of the castle of my dreams, teach me to be thankful for life, and for time's olden memories that are good and sweet. And may the evening's twilight find me gently still. Bless those minding cattle, and those minding sheep, and those fishing the sea while the rest of us sleep. May the rains sweep gentle across your fields, May the sun warm the land, May every good seed you have planted bear fruit, And late summer find you standing in fields of plenty. And if God sends you down a stony path, May he give you strong shoes.

**Croom Senior September Social 2025**  
Sunday 07-09-25  
2- 5 pm  
Croom Sports Hall, High St. Croom, Co. Limerick.  
Hosted by Billy O'Brien  
Tickets €15 each  
Includes drinks, music, dessert & refreshments  
Tickets are available at reception in Croom Civic Centre ☎ 081 602 742