

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

(Lk 3:4-6)

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight,  
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

(Lk 3:1-6)

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.  
A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**  
In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign,  
when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod  
tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of  
the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch  
of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and  
Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of  
Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the  
whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of  
repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is  
written in the book of the sayings of the prophet  
Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for  
the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will  
be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low,  
winding ways will be straightened and rough roads  
made smooth. And all mankind shall see the  
salvation of God.

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

return 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.

come again in glory / to judge the living and the  
dead / and his kingdom will have no end. / I  
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Son, / who with the Father and the Son is adored  
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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 ...

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**

(Bar 5:5: 4:36)

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,  
and behold the joy which comes to you  
from God.

**The People's Mass**

8 December 2024  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT / C

**THE INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**Entrance Antiphon**

(Cf. Is 30:19-30)

O People of Zion, behold, the Lord will come to  
save the nations, and the Lord will make the  
glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.  
In the name of the Father, ... Amen.  
The grace of our Lord ... 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.

(The Gloria is not said.)

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING**

(Bar 5:1-9)

A reading from the prophet Baruch.

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and  
distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for  
ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around  
you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on  
your head: since God means to show your  
splendour to every nation under heaven, since the  
name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through  
integrity, and honour through devotedness'.

Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn  
your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled  
from west and east at the command of the Holy  
One, jubilant that God has remembered them.

Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an  
escort, now God brings them back to you like royal  
princes carried back in glory.

For God has decreed the flattening of each high  
mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the

valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can  
walk in safety under the glory of God.

And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide  
shade for Israel at the command of God; for God  
will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with  
his mercy and integrity for escort.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

(Ps 125)

What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs. **℟**

2. The heathens themselves said:  
'What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad. **℟**

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap. **℟**

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears  
carrying seed for the sowing;

they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves. **℟**

**SECOND READING**

(Phil 1:3-6,8-11)

A reading from the letter of St Paul  
to the Philippians.

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy,  
remembering how you have helped to spread the  
Good News from the day you first heard it right up  
to the present. I am quite certain that the One who  
began this good work in you will see that it is  
finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God  
knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ  
Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for  
each other may increase more and more and never  
stop improving your knowledge and deepening your  
perception so that you can always recognise what  
is best. This will help you to become pure and  
blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ,  
when you will reach the perfect goodness which  
Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise  
of God.

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**PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**Parish of Banogue and Croom**  
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[www.limerickdiocese.org](http://www.limerickdiocese.org)  
**Link for Live Church Services:**  
Croom Parish - ChurchCamLive.ie  
Banogue Parish - ChurchCamLive.ie  
**Croom Church Eircode:** V35 R972  
**Banogue Church Eircode:** V35 WN59  
**Banogue Adoration:** Tuesdays 3pm – 6pm  
**Croom Hospital Mass:** Sunday 8am.  
Thursday 11am. Followed by Holy Hour.  
Public Welcome  
**Last Sundays Offertory Collection:**  
Banogue €260  
Croom €900

**SVP** Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
**St Vincent De Paul Collection**  
**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> December**  
The Annual Churchgate  
Collection for St. Marys  
Conference, Croom will take place at all Masses in Croom  
and Banogue this weekend.

**St. Marys National School Christmas Carol Service**



St. Mary's National School would like to thank all those who attended and generously supported the Carol Service on last Thursday evening.

**Lessons & Carols**

Christmas Concert at St. Saviour's Dominican Church, Limerick Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm

**Christmas Arrangements**  
**December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve:**

Confessions Croom Church  
11.30am – 12.30pm

**Masses:**

Banogue 5.45pm  
Croom Children's Mass 4.30pm  
Mass 7pm

**Christmas Day:**

Banogue 10am Mass  
Croom 11.30am Mass

**An Irish Christmas with Moya Brennan**

The Voice of Clannad Live with her Band  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm at St  
Munchin's Church, Clancy Strand Limerick  
Tickets €25

All Proceeds go towards St. Munchin's  
Church Restoration Fund. Tickets  
available from St. Munchin's Parish Office.

**Reflection for Advent**

Hope is the thing with feathers,  
that perches in the soul  
And sings the tune without the  
words and never stops at all

And sweetest in the gale is  
heard and sore must be the  
storm.  
That could abash the little bird  
that kept so many warm.

I've heard it in the chilliest land  
and on the strangest sea  
Yet, never, in extremity, it asked  
a crumb of me

**Reflection for Advent**

Those who walk a crooked path  
bring a lot of trouble on  
themselves  
This is a recurrent theme in the  
Bible.  
But how uncomplicated things  
are for those who walk a  
straight path.  
This too is a recurrent theme in  
the Bible.

God's way is the straight path.  
Those who walk in God's way  
are like a tree that is planted  
beside the flowing waters  
which yields its fruits where  
leaves shall fade.



**Banogue Drama**  
Banogue Drama Group  
presents a 3 Act Comedy  
'Second Confession' by  
Paddy Heffernan in the  
local parish hall on  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday  
8<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm each  
night. Cash only on the  
door.



Christmas Choir practice  
takes place every Tuesday  
at 7.30pm at Croom  
Church. New members  
welcome.