The People's Mass

28 September 2025
26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon *(Dan 3:31.29.30.43.42)*
All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.
In the name of the Father, ... **Amen.**
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, ...
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 *(Am 6:1.4-7)*
A reading from the prophet Amos.
The almighty Lord says this:
Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria. Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.
That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *(Ps 145:6-10)*
℟ **My soul, give praise to the Lord.**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. ℟
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. ℟
3. He upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. ℟

SECOND READING *(1 Tm 6:11-16)*
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy.
As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Jn 10:27)*
Alleluia, alleluia!
The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me.
Alleluia!

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GOSPEL *(Lk 16:19-31)*
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 the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.
'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied, "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."
'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham, "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man, "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead." '
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 ...

After the Consecration
The mystery of faith.
Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

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 *(Cf. Ps 118:49-50)*
Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

ST PAULS
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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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 €342
Croom €1,048

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

Booking of Masses
The contact person for booking masses in Croom Church is Ms Dinah Kiely weekdays from 4pm onwards and on Saturdays and Sunday Tel: 087 312 5399.

Rosary
The rosary will be recited at the Grotto in the Church grounds on next Wednesday evening (last Wednesday of September). One of the great intentions of the rosary is that the present conflict in Ukraine and in Gaza can be ended as soon as possible.

Reflection on today's Gospel
Mother Teresa said:
'The greatest evil in the world today is the terrible indifference towards one's neighbour, which is so widespread.'
Lord, save us from the scourge of indifference.
Open our hearts when they are closed,
soften them when they are hard,
and warm them when they are cold,
so that we may listen to the cries of the needy,
and bear the fruits of love.

Prayer for Day for Migrants and Refugees - Sunday 28th September
God, Almighty Father,
we are your pilgrim Church
journeying towards the Kingdom of heaven.
Do not let us become possessive
of the portion of the world
you have given us as a temporary home.
Help us to keep walking,
together with our refugee and
migrant brothers and sisters,
toward the eternal dwelling you have prepared for us.
Open our eyes and our hearts
so that every encounter with those in need
becomes an encounter with Jesus,
your Son and our Lord,
Who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

The Pope's Monthly Intention
For collaboration between different religious traditions:
Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

Prayer of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face - Feast 1st October

O my God! I offer You all my actions this day for the intentions and for the glory of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I desire to sanctify every beat of my heart, my every thought, my simplest works, by uniting them to His infinite merits; and I wish to make reparation for my sins by casting them into the furnace of His merciful love.

O my God! I ask You for myself and for those whom I hold dear, the grace to fulfil perfectly Your holy will, to accept for love of You the joys and sorrows of this passing life, so that we may one day be united together in heaven for all eternity. Amen.

Prayer to the Guardian Angels – Feast 2nd October
O most faithful companion and blessed spirit, chosen by the Heavenly Father to walk beside me through all the joys and trials of my earthly life, I thank you from the depths of my heart for your constant protection, gentle kindness, tender caring and selfless love. I am forever grateful for the countless blessings and benefits you have obtained for me by your devoted intercession.
O holy Angel, ever vigilant guardian, watch over me while I sleep and when I wake.
May your consoling presence bring me peace and dry my tears when I am sad or troubled.
Avert all dangers that threaten my body and soul, and mercifully warn me of those yet to come, that I may be spared from harm.
Obtain for me the grace of final perseverance, that sustained by faith, hope and love, I may at last enter into everlasting life and, with you, behold the face of God. May I one day join you in singing His praises for all eternity. Amen.

New boxes of Envelopes
The new boxes of envelopes will come into operation next weekend, Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th October. Boxes of envelopes are available in the sacristies. These include envelopes for the weekly offertory collection, November Holy Souls as well as the various due's collections for the year.
Many thanks for the continued generosity of Parishioners and for the support of the Priests.
The Autumn dues collection will be the first of the due's collections at the beginning of October.
There is a facility on the Parish Website to make a donation https://www.croomparish.com