

The disciple is not superior to his teacher, the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

"There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit; people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart."

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), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

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, 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 (Cf. Ps 126)**  
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

**The People's Mass**

2 March 2025

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**THE INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**Entrance Antiphon (Cf. Ps 17:19-20)**  
The Lord became my protector.

He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And with your spirit.

**Penitential Act**  
Brethren (brothers and sisters), ...  
*A brief pause for silence follows.*

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

**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 27:4-7)**  
A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in

his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men. The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 91:2-3, 13-16)**

**It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.**

- It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night.
- The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar.
- Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

**SECOND READING (1 Cor 15:54-58)**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Cf. Acts 16:14)**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Open up hearts, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL (Lk 6:39-45)**

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. Glory to you, O Lord. Jesus told a parable to his disciples: 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit?'

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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 €550  
Croom €1,200

**Recent Death**  
Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Maire O'Meara (nee Hayes) Croom, Ballinacorra and Cahersiven, who was laid to rest during the week. May she rest in peace



**Ash Wednesday**  
Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. A special time of preparation for Holy Week and Easter.  
Masses: Banogue 9.15am, Croom 10.00am

First Friday: 7th March  
Masses: Banogue 9.30am; Croom 7.00pm

**Day of Prayer for Temperance Friday 2nd March**

**Prayer for Temperance**  
Compassionate Lord and Saviour, you inspired the Capuchin Friar Theobald Mathew to show your passionate face to those addicted and burdened by the abuse of alcohol or addicted behaviour and to promote temperance. May we today continue to serve our brothers and sisters with love and joy. And to foster balance, and moderation in our lifestyles with the help of God. So, we pray, 'here goes in the name of God.' Amen.



**Trocaire Boxes**  
You are invited to take a Trocaire Box for use during Lent. The Trocaire contributions make a vast difference for use amongst the poorer peoples of the world.

The Trocaire network of individuals and groups work tirelessly to improve the standard of living and to provide the basic essentials in order for people to survive. The Irish always have been most generous during the Lenten Trocaire Campaigns.



**Day of Prayer for Victims of Abuse Friday 7th March**

Next Friday the first Friday of Lent has been designated a day of prayer for all survivors of abuse. On that day at Masses, we will pray for them, their families and all who have been impacted in any way by issues of abuse.

**Prayer**  
God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong, always present, always just; You gave your only Son to save us by the blood of his cross. Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace, join to your own suffering the pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them. Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters who have been gravely harmed and the cries of those who love them. Soothe their restless hearts with hope, steady their shaken spirits with faith. Grant them justice for their cause, enlightened by your truth. Holy spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform brokenness into wholeness. Grant us the courage and wisdom, humility and grace, to act with justice. Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors. Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen



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