

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Jn 8:12)

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord,
anyone who follows me
will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

(Mk 9:30-37)

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.
A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples
made their way through Galilee; and he did not want
anyone to know, because he was instructing his
disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be
delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to
death; and three days after he has been put to death
he will rise again.' But they did not understand what
he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the
house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about
on the road?' They said nothing because they had
been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he
sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone
wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and
servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front
of them, put his arms round him, and said to them,
'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in
my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes
me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

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 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.

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 (Ps 118:4-5)
You have laid down your precepts to be
carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

The People's Mass

22 September 2024
25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon
I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.
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,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.
Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.
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 (Wis 2:12,17-20)
A reading from the book of Wisdom.
The godless say to themselves,
'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he
annoys us

and opposes our way of life,
reproaches us for our breaches of the law
and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.
Let us see if what he says is true,
let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.
If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take

his part
and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.
Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,
and thus explore this gentleness of his
and put his endurance to the proof.
Let us condemn him to a shameful death
since he will be looked after - we have his word for it.'
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 53:3-6,8)

1. The Lord upholds my life.
O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayer;
listen to the words of my mouth. **1x**
For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. **1x**
But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. **1x**

SECOND READING (Jas 3:16-4:3)

A reading from the letter of St James.
Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find
disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being
done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from
above is essentially something pure; it also makes for
peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of
compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is
there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peace-
makers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds
which will bear fruit in holiness.
Where do these wars and battles between yourselves
first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside
your own selves? You want something and you
haven't got it, so you are prepared to kill. You have an
ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get
your way by force. Why don't you have what you want
because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and
don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly,
you have prayed for something to indulge your own
desires.
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



PARISH NEWSLETTER

Canon Willie Fitzmaurice P.P. 061 397231 / 086 2423 728
Email: croomchurch@eircom.net
Croom and Banogue Parish Website: https://www.croomparish.com/
Diocesan Web Page: 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 3 – 6pm.
Croom Hospital Mass Sunday 8am. Thursday 11am. Followed by Holy Hour. Public
Welcome
Last Sundays Offertory Collection: Banogue €300
Croom €1,100

Recent Death

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Brendan McMahon former
Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, Croom. May he rest in peace.



800th Jubilee Dominican Pilgrimage to Knock.
Sunday 13th October buses leave from St. Saviour's
Dominican Church. €25pp, including stop for tea and
scones. Primary School Children go free (accompanied
by an adult). Bookings through parish office Mon - Fri
10am - 2pm or phone 085 7262262.

Catechetical Talks for Adults and Youth

St John Paul 11 Oratory Crescent Shopping Centre. Listen to the Good News
and discover the beauty of the Christian Community. Talks given by Lay
Catechists, every Tuesday and Thursday at 7pm.

Season of Creation

This concludes on Sunday October 4th Feast of St Francis of Assisi who is the
Patron Saint of Ecology and of animals. On that day we will have a blessing
prayer for family pets at our Sunday Mass at 11.30am in Croom Church. We
recognise the importance of family pets within many homes, and they are
often a central part of family life. As they care for family pets, both adults and
children are, in a very real way, practising for a wider care for and awareness

of all Gods creation. We are all called to recognise that other living beings
have a value of their own in Gods eyes, by their mere existence, they bless him
and give him glory.



Sunday Reflections
To be first with God
To be first is a desire in many of us:
First in class. First in sport,
The favourite in the family,

The favourite in the class,
To be thought highly of, to be acclaimed.

And that was the way with the disciples when they argued about which one
was the greatest.

We like honour and praise, we like prestige and to be looked up to, but the
eyes of Jesus fell on a child when he wanted to say something about who was
the greatest.

When they all wondered how to be popular in the eyes of God, Jesus took a
little child and told us that when you welcome a child, you welcome God.

Ambition

Ambition in itself is a good thing. The question is: what are we ambitious
about?

St Paul says: 'Be ambitious for the higher gifts and the greatest of these is love.'
Lord fill our hearts with your love, so that we may be capable of serving others,
and this service will guarantee us a place of honour in your kingdom.



Rosary at the Grotto

The Rosary will be recited on every Wednesday
evening at the Grotto in the Church grounds during
the month of September.