three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Jn 14:23)*

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

GOSPEL *(Jn 14:23-29)*

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own; it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

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, ...
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 *(Jn 14:15-16)*

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

The People's Mass

25 May 2025
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / C

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon *(Cf. Is 48:20)*

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

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. Then the Priest says the following invocations:

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:
Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.
Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.
You came to call sinners:
Christ, have mercy. Or: Christe, eleison.
Christ, have mercy. Or: Christe, eleison.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:
Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.
Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.
May almighty God have mercy on us, ... **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 *(Acts 15:1-2.22-29)*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas, known as Barsabbas, and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *(Ps 66:2-3. 5-6.8)*

℟ **Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**

1. O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. ℟
2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. ℟
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. ℟

SECOND READING *(Apoc 21:10-14.22-23)*

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Croom Parish - ChurchCamLive.ie
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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 €300
Croom €1,000

Veneration of Relics of St Margaret Mary Alacoque
(French Nun of the 17th Century who was responsible in promoting devotion to the Sacred Heart).
Veneration of these relics will take place this weekend in St. John's Cathedral, Sunday Mass at 12 noon.
Preceded by veneration Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday veneration of Relics (4.45pm – 5.45pm)

Pilgrimage Walk for Jubilee Year of Hope Invitation
Pilgrimage Walk in Kilmallock for Jubilee Year of Hope requested by Bishop Brendan Leahy. Sunday 15th June 2025 at 4pm.
You are invited to join us for this Ecumenical celebration on a walk around Kilmallock town led by Bishop Brendan Leahy & Canon Kevin O'Brien. The walk will begin in the town centre and proceed to St Peters & Pauls Church of Ireland, the Collegiate Church, the Dominican Priory and finish at St.'s Peter & Pauls Catholic Church, pausing at these sights for prayer and reflection. Light refreshments will be served in the Pastoral Centre afterwards. All are invited to attend.

Parkinson's Association Ireland
Information afternoon. Strand Hotel, Limerick 3rd June 2025 2pm.
Welcome: Mr. Gerry Garvey
1st Speaker: Consultant Prarmeswaran Lyer UHL
2nd Speaker: Dr Daniele Volpe MD - Milan Italy.
Dr Daniele is a leading specialist in the treatment of Parkinsons Disease.
Admission Free.

Cemetery Masses
Banogue Cemetery – Tuesday 1st July at 8pm.
Relig Mhuire Croom Monday 7th July at 8pm.

Prayer for the Church in China
Our lady of Sheshan, sustain all those in China, who, amid their daily trials, continue to believe, to hope, to love. May they never be afraid to speak of Jesus to the world, and of the world to Jesus. In the statue overlooking the Shrine you lift your Son on high, offering him to the world with open arms in a gesture of love. Help Catholics always to be credible witnesses to this love ever clinging to the rock of Peter on which the Church is built. Mother of China and all Asia, pray for us, now and forever. Amen.

Sunday Reflection
Signposts on the Path of Peace
To be thankful for the gift of life because it gives us a chance to love, to work, and to play; to be guided by what we admire and love, rather than by what we hate; to envy nothing that is our neighbours except his kindness of heart and gentleness of manner; to think seldom of our enemies, often of our friends, and everyday of Christ; and to spend as much time as we can in God's out-of-doors. These are the little signposts on the path of peace.