

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Jn 11:25-26)
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord,
whoever believes in me will never die.
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GOSPEL (Jn 2:13-25)
The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord. Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: 'Zeal for your house will devour me.' The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary; are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in his mind.

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,

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 LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST
Eucharistic Prayer
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.

Sanctus
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. ...
After the Consecration
The mystery of faith.
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, 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.

Communion Antiphon (Cf. Ps 83:4-5)
Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

The People's Mass

3 March 2024
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT / B

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon (Cf. Ps 24:15-16)
My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Penitential Act
Brethren (brothers and sisters), ...
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,

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD
FIRST READING (Ex 20:1-17)
For Shorter Form, read between # 4).
A reading from the book of Exodus.
God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.
'You shall have no gods except me.
'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.
'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.
'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You

shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.
'You shall not kill.
'You shall not commit adultery.
'You shall not steal.
'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 18:8-11)
You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb.
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SECOND READING (1 Cor 1:22-25)
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.
While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here we are preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Banogue Parish - ChurchCamLive.ie
Last Sundays Offertory Collection: Banogue €500
Croom €1,000

Recent Death

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Mary Comber (nee Fitzgerald) Castleconnell and late of Croom. May she Rest in Peace.

Alzheimer Society of Ireland

The Society works across the country providing services and supports for those suffering from Dementia as well as their carers'. People with Dementia and their families can contact their local Dementia Advisor directly. Contact Donal O'Shea 087 0926617; area covered Limerick, Clare, and Tipperary. Your dementia advisor will meet with you to understand your needs; provide information and help you find support in.

Popes Intention for March

We pray for the New Martyrs who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world.

Hospital Chapel Croom

Masses: Thursdays at 11 a.m. followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Prayer on entering a Church.

Lord, make the door of this church wide enough.
To receive all who need human love and fellowship.
Narrow enough to shut out all pride, envy, and strife.
Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children or to straying feet.
Make this church a house of prayer and a gateway to your kingdom.

Communion Reflection

When I am in pain, lonely, sick, discouraged, what I really want from you is the time of your listening and the touch of your hand.
I don't want answers. I have them.
I don't want cures. I have a doctor for that.
I want to know in some way or other, either in the words you speak or in the plan of God, that this suffering has some meaning.
Can you give me that?
All that means is that somehow you have found some meaning in your own suffering and your touch, your word, your listening will share that meaning, the meaning of God, with me.

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