

The People's Mass

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Cf. Acts 16:14)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

(Lk 2:41-52)

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.
A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.
Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

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.
Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

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 (Bar 3:38)
Our God has appeared on the earth,
and lived among us.

and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.' There she left him, for the Lord.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 83:2-3, 5-6, 9-10)
They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord.

- How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, God of hosts. My soul is longing and yearning, is yearning for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my soul ring out their joy to God, the living God. **R**
- They are happy, who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise. They are happy, whose strength is in you; they walk with ever growing strength. **R**
- O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer, give ear, O God of Jacob. Turn your eyes, O God, our shield, look on the face of your anointed. **R**

SECOND READING (1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24)
A reading from the first letter of St John.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed, all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he loved us. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Croom Parish - ChurchCamLive.ie
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Croom Church Eircode: V35 R972
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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 €500
Croom €1,800

Recent Deaths

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Eileen (Eily) McDonnell (Nee Kelly), Caherass and Donie Daffy, Skagh. May they rest in peace.



Jubilee Year 2025

The beginning of the Jubilee Year of Hope commenced on Christmas Eve 24th December 2024 in Rome.

Jubilee Prayer of Hope

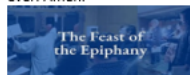
Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.



Feast of the Epiphany - Monday 6th January 2025

Mass:
Banogue 10.00am
Croom 11.30am



Thank you

We thank all those who contributed to our Christmas collections in Banogue and Croom. We acknowledge the work of all those involved in the preparation of both Churches in terms of putting up the Crib, the Christmas trees, the decorations and cleaning both Churches. All those involved in the ceremonies, the eucharistic ministers, the readers and the collectors. A special word of thanks to the Sacristans, Tom Moloney, assisted by Dinah Kiely in Croom and Kathleen Noonan in Banogue. We also commend the different choirs who performed at the Christmas Masses: St Mary's School Choir directed by Padraig Wallace; The Senior Choir organised by Liam Fahy, the Banogue School Choir directed by Sheila Cagney and to Seamus Dunworth who played and sang at the Christmas Day mass in Croom.

A Prayer for Families

Loving and merciful God, we pray for the many needs of families: for abundant love, for forgiveness and reconciliation, for a living faith to face the challenges of each day. Jesus, you were born into a human family and became our brother. You know well what families need to nourish both children and parents in long-lasting bonds of love and respect.

Help families of all shapes and sizes turn to you as their source of life. May your spirit encourage husbands and wives, mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters. Give us all the eyes to appreciate one another and to be grateful for the gift of families. Amen.



We wish all our parishioners in Banogue, Croom and all those living abroad a very Happy New Year.

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