

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Cf. Jn 6:63-68)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words are spirit, Lord,
and they are life:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

(Jn 2:1-11)

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord. There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now', he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from - only the servants who had drawn the water knew - the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

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.

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 ...

Communion Antiphon (Cf. Ps 22:5)
You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

The People's Mass

19 January 2025
2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon (Ps 65:4)

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

In the name of the Father, ... Amen.
The grace of our Lord ... And with your spirit.

Penitential Act

Brethren (brothers and sisters), ...

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, ... 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 (Is 62:1-5)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah. About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God;

no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding.

Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you. The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 95:1-3.7-10)

R Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **R**
2. Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. **R**
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. **R**
4. Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R**

SECOND READING (1 Cor 12:4-11)

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

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses. The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. (continues on back page)

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Croom Hospital Mass: Sunday 8am, Thursday 11am, Followed by Holy Hour. Public Welcome
Last Sundays Offertory Collection:
Banogue €320
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Recent Deaths

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jerry Mulcahy, Bruree, who was laid to rest in Banogue Cemetery during the week. May he rest in peace.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael (Mike) Kenny, Athlaca who will be laid to rest in Reilig Mhuire, Croom, on Sunday 19th January. May he rest in peace.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Denis Leo Morrissey, Ballintaw. Funeral mass Banogue on Monday 20th at Noon.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sister Helen Conway, Kent (Sister of Mary Looby). May she rest in peace.

Reflection on today's Gospel

The changing of water into wine is a symbol of what Jesus was about. He changed beyond recognition the lives of those who came into contact with him.

Lord, touch our hearts with your love, and strengthen our wills with your grace, so that we may persevere in goodness and in your great mercy, bring us to the wedding feast of the kingdom of heaven.



Jubilee Pray of Hope for 2025

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.

Reflection

"On Your Wedding Day"

Today is a day you will always remember, the greatest in anyone's life. You'll start off the day just two people in love and end it as Husband and Wife.

It's a brand-new beginning, the start of a journey, with moments to cherish and treasure

And although there will be times when you both disagree, these will surely be outweighed by pleasure.

You'll have heard many words of advice in the past, when the secrets of marriage were spoken.

But you know that the answers lie hidden inside where the bond of true love lies unbroken.

So live happy forever as lovers and friends it's the dawn of a new life for you.

As you stand there together with love in your eyes from the moment you whisper, 'I do',

And with luck, all your hopes and your dreams can be real, may success find its way to your hearts.

Tomorrow can bring you the greatest of joys, but today is the day it all starts.

Blessing and opening of Banogue Primary School Extension

The new extension to St. Peter's and Paul National School will be officially opened and blessed on this Sunday 19th January at 2pm.

The opening will be performed by the new Mayor of Limerick, Mr. John Moran. The new extension comprises of one mainstream classroom as well as a special unit for children with autism. All are welcome.



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