

PARISH OF LORRHA AND DORRHA

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Sunday 5th January 2025 **2nd Sunday of Christmas**
"A light that shines in the dark"



Anniversary Masses:

Lorrha, Saturday 4th January 2025, 6:30pm.

- Sean Kennedy, Grange

Rathcabbin, Sunday 5th January 2025, 11:30am.

- Ester Duffy
- Joe Cleary and deceased members of Cleary and Grogan family

Lorrha, Saturday 11th January 2025, 6:30pm.

- Michael, Margaret, Felix and Mairead Cronin and deceased members of the Cronin family.
- Peter Gaynor and all deceased members of Gaynor and Donoghue family.
- John Hartnett and all deceased members of his family.

Rathcabbin, Sunday 12th January 2025 @ 11.30am

- Tina Ryan & her father Billy Lewis

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Charlie Coen, New York (brother of Tony Coen), and Kathleen Murphy (sister of Carmel Lambe), who passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

Dates to note:

- **The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord**, tomorrow, Monday, January 6th, will be celebrated with Mass at 9:30am in Lorrha Church; Terryglass 9am; Borrisokane @ 10:30am. It is the final day of Christmas.

Collections:

- **Offertory** €1,555
- **The Church Maintenance Collection** for January will be taken up at all masses next weekend. The total amount collected for December was €895

Thank you for your continued support.

Reflection:

We are at the start of the new civil year and beginning again is an invitation to look in two directions. What happened for me in the last year, both in my ordinary life and in my life as a believer, a person of faith? For what do I ask forgiveness? For what do I give thanks? We also look forward and the new beginning gives us a chance to start again on the Way of discipleship. Both thanksgiving and renewal are to be found in today's readings. The Gospel is an invitation to wake up, to keep watch, to live fully the present moment under God, in whom we live and move and have our being.

The Jubilee Prayer

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



We want to wish our parishioners Happy New Year 2025!
We look forward to your continued support, prayers,
and participation in the life of our parish.

