

## PARISH OF LORRHA AND DORRHA

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**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**First Sunday of Lent**

*'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!'*



### Anniversary Masses:

**Lorrha - Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2025, 6:30 pm**

- ✚ Bridget Madden (Month's Mind)

**Rathcabbin - Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025, 11:30 am**

- ✚ Willie, Josie, and Jim Dermody and all deceased members of the Dermody family.
- ✚ Billy Reddish

**Lorrha – Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025, 6:30 pm**

- ✚ John (Harry) Houlihan (Month's Mind)
- ✚ Elizabeth (Lidie) Cahalan and the deceased members of the Murphy family.

**Rathcabbin – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025. 11:30 pm**

- ✚ Ann Power (Month's Mind)
- ✚ Mai and Bill Hough and deceased members of the Hough and Kennedy families.

### Changes to Next Weekend's Mass times

- There will be no mass in Lorrha on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>
- Sunday mass, March 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Mass will be in Lorrha church at 6:30pm
  - There will be no mass in Rathcabbin

### Feast of St. Patrick – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

- Mass in Rathcabbin 11:30am
- Other masses in our area: 10.30am Borrisokane, 9:30am Kilbarron

### Collections:

- **Offertory** €530
- **Church Maintenance Collection** for March will be taken up at all masses this weekend.
- Contributions to **Lenten Stations** can be given anytime throughout Lent.

**Thank you for your continued support**

The Parish of Borrisokane, in the Cois Deirge Pastoral Area, invites you to a four-day **Novena** of reflection and prayer on the theme of "Hope and Healing."

- **Wednesday, March 12th, 7:30pm:** Roseanna Ruane, who will share her experience of loss and journey of hope after the death of her daughter, Saoirse.
- **Thursday, March 13th, 7:30pm:** Ciaran Carey, a three-time All-Star hurler, will speak about his struggles with addiction.
- **Friday, March 14th, 7:30pm:** Marion Carroll, an MS sufferer cured at Knock Shrine in 1989, will share her story.
- **Saturday, March 15th, 7:00pm:** Bishop Fintan will celebrate the "Healing & Anointing of the Sick" at the final night of our Novena.

We warmly invite you to join us for this special time.

**Tax Back Scheme:** Our parish can claim tax back on your contributions, which greatly benefits parish finances. This does not affect the taxpayer, except that some of your tax will go toward a good cause. Those who donated €250 or more and pay tax can avail of a tax back refund for the parish by signing the CHY3 or CHY4 form, available from the Parish office. Parish Council members will be reaching out to donors who qualify.

**Lenten Video Series for Jubilee of Hope 2025** - Bishop Fintan will share daily 30-second to 1-minute messages on Hope during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Octave, featuring voices from the diocese. Follow @BishopFintan and share.

**Lourdes Jubilee Pilgrimages 2025**, led by Bishop Fintan will depart from Shannon Airport on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June for 5 days. €955 pps includes full board. To reserve a seat please contact JOE Walsh Tours 89 Harcourt St. Dublin 2 DO2WY88 Tel: 01 2410800 or [joewalshstours.ie](http://joewalshstours.ie) for more details.

**Rathcabbin Hall – Clothes Collection** Clothes (men's, women's, children's), reusable clean clothes, and paired shoes can be dropped off at any time. To arrange drop-off, please contact: Marie: **087 612 9053**, Muireann: **086 373 2857** or Catty: **087 930 0982**. **Please note:** No duvets will be accepted.

### GAA Notes:

- **Lotto no':** 3-9-23-30. No winner. 2 Match 3s, €100 each: Sheila Carroll & Rita Reddan. Next jackpot: €9,500. Team 5 in charge.
- **Tipp Draw:** Congrats to Louis McCormack, who won €1000 in the March Tipp draw. A long-time promoter, well deserved!
- **Club History:** Our updated club history is due to be published this June. Please send any suitable juvenile photos from 1983 to the present day that you'd like included to Maureen Guinan (087 242 6965).

### Reflection

The days of spring lengthen and Lent echoes nature inviting us as well to a new springtime of faith. As in farming and gardening, there is work to be done if new growth is to flourish or even to happen at all. We have to look back and see what has done well and what has, in effect, died off. We need to make space by clearing the ground and looking at ourselves honestly. It would be good to identify what will feed and sustain us during this journey from the ashes of Ash Wednesday to the new birth of the Easter.