

Avoca Parish Notices

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 17th August 2025

1. Weekday Mass as usual this week.
2. The 10 am Mass next Sunday will be in Ballycoog.
3. Mass with Blessing of Graves in Ballycoog this Sunday 7 pm.
Please bring your own bottle of water for the Blessing.
4. The Parish Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday.
5. The Bishops of Ireland invite the Faithful to observe a Day of Prayer and Reflection for Gaza on next Sunday 24th August. Over the 24-hour period of next Sunday we are asked to pray for the suffering people of Gaza and for peace.
Cf. How can we respond?
6. Thank you for your generous contributions each weekend to all church collections.
Every donation matters and is much appreciated.
7. The generous support of all parishioners will make the Fundraising Auction for Parish Funds a success on Friday 5th September in the Woodenbridge Hotel at 8 pm.
There have been many donations of items for the Auction.
We need many buyers to attend on the night.
8. We will mark the Jubilee Holy Year 2025 in the Parish on Sunday 14th September at 3 pm. There's a leaflet available in our churches. Please take one and bring it to someone inviting them to attend.

The Pope's Intention for August 2025

FOR MUTUAL COEXISTENCE:

*Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult
might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation
for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.*

('Click To Pray' is the App for Prayer for the Pope's Intentions.)

The month of August is dedicated to The Immaculate Heart Of Mary.

For Online Prayer: sacredspace.ie and pray-as-you-go.org

The Parish Mobile phone number is 087 2984526.

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The Parish Website is avocaparish.com.

Please keep in touch with the Parish through Facebook and Website.

How Can We Respond?

On Sunday, 24 August, you are invited to take part in 24 hours of prayer and reflection. Whether as a parish or in the quiet of your own home, please consider:

- Attending Mass and offering it for peace in Gaza
- Spending time in Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament
- Praying the Rosary for peace and justice
- Lighting a candle at home or in your parish church
- Making a small personal sacrifice or act of penance
- Reaching out to your political representatives to advocate for justice and humanitarian aid
- Supporting trusted aid organisations bringing relief to Gaza

Archbishop Martin concluded, “This is a moment for our nation to radiate the light of Christ into the darkness, a light of peace, of justice and of hope for our world. Let us stand together, as one body in Christ, for the people of Gaza and for all who long for a just and lasting peace in the Holy Land.”