

# Avoca Parish Notices

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024**

1. Weekday Masses as normal.
2. Next Saturday Vigil 7 pm Templeraíney,  
Next Sunday 10 am Ballycoog and 11.30 am Avoca
3. The Parish Office is attended by volunteers on weekday mornings, except Thurs.
4. Thank you for your generous contributions to all church collections.  
Every donation matters and is much appreciated.
5. The Parish Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday.
6. To celebrate *International Women's Day* on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 8 pm in Avoca Church, there will be a number of short presentations by inspiring women to raise awareness of the struggles of women in modern society.

This will be a Fundraising event for the Restoration of Avoca Church. Tickets €10.

The Irish Bishops have published a Message Regarding The Referendums taking place next Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March:

Regarding the Family Amendment they say: *We are concerned that the proposed Family amendment to the Constitution diminishes the unique importance of the relationship between marriage and family in the eyes of Society and State and is likely to lead to a weakening of the incentive for young people to marry...*

*The term 'durable relationship' is shrouded in legal uncertainty and is open to wide interpretation... Various commentators have suggested that the term 'durable relationship' risks leading to unforeseen and unintended consequences.*

Regarding the Care Amendment they say: *It is reasonable to ask what benefit is it to Irish society to delete the terms 'woman' and 'mother' from the Constitution of Ireland?... Rather than removing the present acknowledgement of the role of women and the place of the home, it would be preferable and consistent with contemporary social values that the State would recognise the provision of care by women and men alike.*

**I urge everyone to inform your conscience and to vote.**

**The Pope's Intention for March 2024**

**FOR THE NEW MARTYRS:**

*We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.*

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

**The month of March is dedicated to St Joseph.**

For Online Prayer: [sacredspace.ie](http://sacredspace.ie) and [pray-as-you-go.org](http://pray-as-you-go.org)

**The Parish Mobile phone number is 087 2984526.**

**The Parish Office phone number is 0402 31943.**

**The Parish Website is [avocaparish.com](http://avocaparish.com).**

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