

# Parish of Avoca

## Easter Schedule 2024

Holy Week recalls those treasured events that bring us New Life in Christ (2 Cor 5:17-19), i.e., purpose, meaning and direction for our time on Planet Earth.

During Holy Week the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Jesus the Christ in the last days of his life on earth, beginning with his messianic entrance into Jerusalem.

### Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

*Suggestion: Why not bring your own Palm to Mass. Any greenery will do.*

Holy Week begins with the Blessing of Palms. Palms will be blessed as Mass begins.

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| Saturday Vigil            | 7 pm     | Templeraíney |
| Sunday                    | 10 am    | Ballycoogue  |
|                           | 11.30 am | Avoca        |
| Monday of Holy Week Mass  | 10 am    | Templeraíney |
| Tuesday of Holy Week Mass | 10 am    | Avoca        |

### Wednesday of Holy Week

Stations of the Cross                      After 10 Mass Templeraíney

The Triduum, as it is called, of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, is one single act of worship that continues through these three days.

### Holy Thursday

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper    7 pm                      Avoca                      *There will be a Collection for the Poor*

As Mass concludes, the Tabernacle is emptied in preparation for Good Friday.

The Blessed Sacrament is then brought to the Place of Repose, and the faithful are encouraged to spend some time in quiet prayer and adoration, concluding at 9 pm.

After Mass the altar is stripped.

### Good Friday

*Good Friday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence*

On this day when Christ our Passover was sacrificed (1Cor5:7), the Church meditates on the passion of her Lord and Spouse, venerates the Cross, commemorates her origin from the side of Christ on the Cross, and intercedes for the salvation of the whole world.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion    3 pm                      Avoca                      *There will be a Collection for the Church of the Holy Land*

Stations Walk to Castlemacadam Church with Parishioners from our Church of Ireland Sister Parish  
7 pm beginning at Avoca Church

Stations of the Cross  
7 pm Ballycoogue  
7.30 pm Barranisky

## **Holy Saturday**

On Holy Saturday the Church is as it were at the Lord's tomb, meditating on his passion and death, and on his descent into hell, and awaiting his resurrection with prayer and fasting.

The Easter Vigil 7 pm Templeraíney *Refreshments Afterwards*  
*Suggestion: Bring your own water for blessing.*

## **Easter Sunday**

The Resurrection of the Lord  
10 am Barranisky  
11.30 am Avoca

## **Confessions Holy Week**

We gather to celebrate the Sacrament of Forgiveness:

Monday of Holy Week Wicklow 7.30 pm  
Tuesday of Holy Week Rathdrum 7.30 pm  
Wednesday of Holy Week Arklow 7.30 pm

Avoca Parish: Confession on request.

**The Good Shepherd has risen,  
who laid down his life for his sheep  
and willingly died for his flock.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***Happy Easter to all Parishioners!***

***No Scheduled Weekday Mass during Easter Week.***