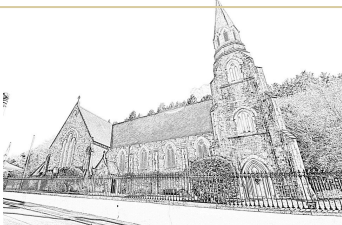


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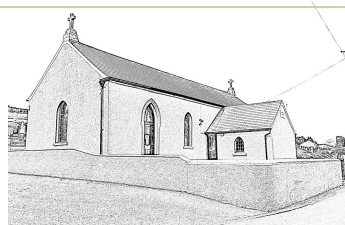


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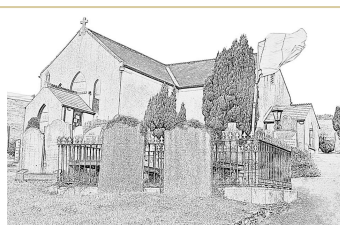
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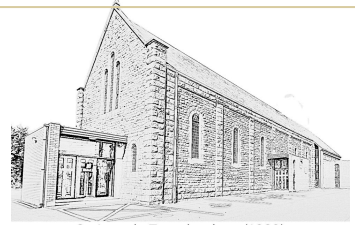
St Mary & Patrick, Avoca (1862)



St Kevin, Ballycoogue (1816)



St Patrick, Barranisky (1803)



St Joseph, Templeraíneay (1929)

This Sunday's Readings



First Reading - Ezekiel 17:22-24:

The Lord promises to take a shoot from a cedar, plant it on a high mountain, and make it a great tree where birds will find shelter. He will humble the proud and exalt the humble

Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 5:6-10: We walk by faith, not sight, aiming to please the Lord. We will be judged by Christ for our deeds.

Gospel - Mark 4:26-34: Jesus taught the crowds about the kingdom of God using parables, comparing it to a growing seed and a mustard seed that becomes a large plant. He explained these teachings privately to his disciples.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE



Let us pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence, may find welcome and new living opportunities in their host countries.

AVOCA PARISH MASS TIMES

AVOCA

St. Mary & Patrick
11.30 a.m.
each Sunday

TEMPLERAINEY
St. Joseph's
- 7.00 p.m.
each Saturday

BALLYCOOG
St. Kevin's
10.00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays


BARRANISKY
St. Patrick's Church
10.00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sunday

Weekdays

Templeraíneay
Mon & Wed at 10 a.m

Avoca
Tue & Fri at 10 a.m.

*On a day when there is a
Wedding or Funeral, weekday
Mass may be cancelled*

 The Parish Office, based in Templeraíneay, is attended by Volunteers on weekday mornings, except Thursday.



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Welcome

to Issue 3 of Avoca Parish Newsletter!

Now that Easter and all the Feasts that follow it have been celebrated, it's time to acknowledge our Parish celebration of the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

First Holy Communion was celebrated in Templeraíneý on Saturday 4th May and in Avoca on Saturday 18th May. Confirmation was celebrated in Avoca on Friday 24th May and in Templeraíneý on Saturday 8th June.



I was very impressed once again by the dedication and commitment of our teachers who prepared the children so well. I can't imagine achieving these days without the dedication and commitment of our teachers.

It was a privilege for me too to work with the children and share Faith with them. They are so open and receptive to the message of the Gospel.

Parents of course have the main responsibility of handing on the Faith to their child.

They make this commitment when they present their child for Baptism and are asked this question:

You have asked to have your child baptised. In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of training your child in the practice of the Faith. It will be your duty to bring your child up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and by loving our neighbour. Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?



The parish, in partnership with the school, seeks to support parents in accompanying their children on the journey of Faith. School and parish cannot take over the task of parents. We are at a juncture now where the handing on of the Faith is in jeopardy. It is no longer happening in the way that it used to. The parish now needs to find ways to accompany, support and equip parents for their unique task of handing on the Faith to their children.

The average parish has a long way to go to develop the necessary resources to fulfil its role. This will involve a new venture in family and parish community catechesis. Given the attendance at weekend Masses in the Parish, the question of handing on the Faith has to become a priority for the Parish. Your ideas, suggestions and comments will be most welcome. Please Email them to frmichael.avoca@gmail.com.

Le gach dea-ghuí.
Fr. Michael

Weekly Parish Notices



- No Weekday Masses this week due to Annual Diocesan Retreat.
"The parish priest may each year be absent on holiday from his parish for a period not exceeding one month, continuous or otherwise. The days which the parish priest spends on the annual spiritual retreat are not reckoned in this period of vacation."
- Next weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil 7 pm Templeraíneay
Sunday 10 am Ballycoog and 11.30 am Avoca
- If you are not on our Parish Email list and would like to receive the Newsletter by Email, please fill out the Parish Registration Form available in our 4 churches as well as Online. Bring a hard copy of the Newsletter to people who do not have an Email address. Items for the Newsletter can be sent by Email to newsletter.avoca@gmail.com by Wednesday.
Notices and Newsletter can be accessed on the Website.

Thank You for your generous contributions each weekend to all church collections. Every donation matters and is very much appreciated.



Blessing of Graves

Barranisky

Sunday 28th July 3 pm

Castlemacadam

Sunday 4th August 7 pm

Ballycoog

Sunday 18th August 7 pm

Kilmagig

Sunday 25th August 2 pm

Please bring your own bottle of water for the Blessing.

PUBLIC MEETING



To discuss the future of

CONARY HALL

TUESDAY

25 JUNE '24

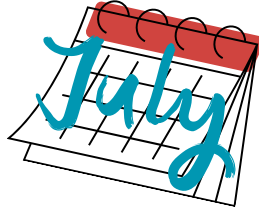
8.00 P.M.

CONARY HALL

All Welcome

Fr. Michael will be taking annual leave in July. That will mean that on Sunday 14th July there will be no scheduled Mass in Ballycoog.

The Vigil Mass in Templeraíneay on the 13th & 20th July will be at the earlier time of 6.30 p.m.



Welcome and Best Wishes to the newest members of our Parish Community who were Baptised in St. Joseph's this weekend. To their families, thank you for undertaking this faith journey with your child.

Welcome



The month of June is dedicated to The Sacred Heart Of Jesus. For Online Prayer: sacredspace.ie and pray-as-you-go.org

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SUMMER
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Summer Dues

Thank you for supporting your priests



Summer Dues Envelopes are available in our 4 churches. Thank you for your support.

Save
THE DATE

The annual **Coffee Morning & Raffle** in aid of **Haiti** will be held at John and Sadie Cunningham's home, Barranisky on Saturday 29th June '24, 10am onwards.

ALL WELCOME



The *Building Hope* Prayer

Pilgrim God, we give you thanks and praise.

You constantly journey with us even in our darkness and doubts.

We seek your way of loving kindness to walk together as one family.

Open our eyes to recognise you in the faces of one another, in the breaking of bread and in the splendour of creation.

May the risen Christ sow seeds of hope and new life deep within us.

May our hearts and minds be filled with your Word, bringing forth truth, justice and peace.

May the Holy Spirit working in and through us do much more than we can dare to imagine as we live out our baptismal calling in humble and loving service.

We make this our prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

St Laurence O'Toole, pray for us.

St Kevin, pray for us.

St Brigid, pray for us.

Building Hope