

Archdiocese of Dublin - Parish of Avoca

Our 4 Churches:

*Sts Mary and Patrick Avoca, St Joseph Templeraíney,
St Kevin Ballycoog, St Patrick Barranisky.*

Scheduled Dates for Baptism 2026

*(No Scheduled Dates in January, May, July and December.
Preparation Gathering is on Tuesday and Baptism on Saturday.)*

FEBRUARY	17 th	7.30 pm	Preparation Gathering Templeraíney
	21 st	2 pm	Baptism <u>Templeraíney</u>
MARCH	10 th	7.30 pm	Preparation Gathering Templeraíney
	14 th	2 pm	Baptism <u>Templeraíney</u>
APRIL	14 th	7.30 pm	Preparation Gathering Templeraíney
	18 th	2 pm	Baptism <u>Avoca</u>
JUNE	2 nd	7.30 pm	Preparation Gathering Templeraíney
	6 th	2 pm	Baptism <u>Templeraíney</u>
AUGUST	4 th	7.30 pm	Preparation Gathering Templeraíney
	8 th	2 pm	Baptism <u>Avoca</u>
SEPTEMBER	8 th	7.30 pm	Preparation Gathering Templeraíney
	12 th	2 pm	Baptism <u>Templeraíney</u>
OCTOBER	6 th	7.30 pm	Preparation Gathering Templeraíney
	10 th	2 pm	Baptism <u>Avoca</u>
NOVEMBER	3 rd	7.30 pm	Preparation Gathering Templeraíney
	7 th	2 pm	Baptism <u>Templeraíney</u>

Dear Parents,

Congratulations on the birth of your child!

We in the Parish of Avoca want to help you make your child's Baptism an occasion of great joy.

Baptism is the door by which your child begins the great journey of Faith which leads to your child living life to the full as a disciple of Jesus and member of the Parish family. Baptism is the door to life and to the kingdom of God.

By presenting your child for Baptism you as parents take on the great responsibility of making it your constant care to bring your child up in the practice of the faith. It is on this understanding that your child is received for Baptism in the Parish.

To make arrangements to have your child baptised, contact Fr Michael in Avoca (087 2984526) or the Parish Office in Templeraíneay (0402 31943). You will be informed of the Baptism Schedule.

Parents and Godparents are expected to attend the Preparation Gathering in Templeraíneay before your child's baptism.

[A Note on Godparents:

One Sponsor (Godparent), male or female, is sufficient; but there may be no more than two (one male and one female). Sponsors should be over sixteen years of age, be a Catholic who has been confirmed and should have a positive interest in, and commitment to, the Catholic Faith.

A Sponsor who is married must be married in accord with the laws of the Church.]

You also need to check if a particular date is available because numbers are limited. The number that may attend a baptism is also limited.

You will need to fill out the Request for Baptism Form and return it promptly. Your place is only confirmed when you do so. Fr Michael or the Office will provide the Form.

The primary responsibility and greatest privilege of parents is to bring their child up in the practice of the Faith.

We in the Parish wish you all the Blessings you need for this great task.

Fr Michael and the Baptism Team.