

# ST. PATRICK PARISH, FALLOWFIELD



We are a vibrant and engaged faith community committed to building up one another in Christ. We are nourished by the sacraments, and our shared service to one another and the wider community.



## FIRST READING

Micah 5.1-4a

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 10.5-10

## GOSPEL

Luke 1.39-45

Psalms 80

RESTORE US, O GOD; LET  
YOUR FACE SHINE, THAT WE  
MAY BE SAVED

December 22nd

Fourth Sunday in Advent

### Hope, Faith, Preparation

The Fourth Sunday of Advent marks the final preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth. It represents a time of anticipation and joyful expectation as we prepare our hearts to welcome the Savior. This Sunday we are reminded to reflect on God's promises and the profound significance of the coming of Christ into our lives and our world.

December 17th to December 23rd

O Antiphons

### Hope, Expectation, Reflection

The O Antiphons are a deeply reflective part of Advent, marking the final days before Christmas. These ancient prayers invite us to deepen our longing for Christ's arrival. Each antiphon highlights a title of the Messiah, offering a poignant meditation on His coming. As we near Christmas, the O Antiphons focus our prayers and prepare our hearts for His joyful birth. You can find these prayers later in the bulletin.

## Gospel Reflection

On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, we are presented with the story of Mary's visit to Elizabeth. When Mary arrives, she brings with her the promise of Christ. Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, exclaims with joy, recognizing Mary's faith and the significance of her child, Jesus.

This passage reminds us of the importance of faith and trust in God's promises. Like Mary, who believed the angel's message and accepted her role in God's plan, we are called to respond to God's invitation in our own lives with open hearts and unwavering faith.

Elizabeth's reaction serves as a model for us, showing the wonder and blessing that comes from

welcoming Christ into our lives. Her joyful recognition of Mary's faithfulness and the child she carries invites us to reflect on our own relationship with God. Are we open to God's presence in our lives? Do we, like Elizabeth, recognize the work of the Holy Spirit around us?

As we approach the celebration of Christ's birth, let us prepare our hearts to receive Jesus anew, to embrace His presence with joy, and to be bearers of His love and peace to others. May this Advent season inspire us to welcome Christ into the depths of our lives, just as Mary welcomed Him into her womb.

## Mass Intentions

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| <b>Saturday</b> | 5:00 p.m.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People of the Parish</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | 9:00 a.m.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• † Parez Ramirez by Christy &amp; Kevin</li> <li>• † Genneth Meraw by the Herdé family</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | 11:00 a.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• † Agnes, Francis, Roseline &amp; Douglas Wijesekera by the family</li> <li>• † Lisa Anne Dineen by Matt and the children</li> <li>• † Nora Burnett by Lorne Burnett and the Family</li> <li>• † Jack Coogan by the Family</li> <li>• † Lena Cowan by Lynda &amp; George Harris</li> </ul> |

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays 4-4:45 p.m. in the sacristy or by appointment



Rejoice in faith! Share Christ's joy with those you encounter.

December 21st  
**St. Peter Canisius**

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**Zeal, Scholarship, Reform**

St. Peter Canisius (1521–1597) was a Jesuit priest, theologian, and Doctor of the Church who played a pivotal role in the Catholic Reformation. Known as the "Second Apostle of Germany," he revitalized Catholic faith through his preaching, catechisms, and educational reforms. His work helped counter the spread of Protestantism and strengthened the Church across Europe with clarity and compassion.

December 23rd  
**St. John of Kanty**

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**Humility, Charity, Wisdom**

St. John of Kanty (1390–1473) was a Polish priest, scholar, and professor known for his deep humility and charity. A brilliant theologian and philosopher, he taught at the University of Krakow while living a life of simplicity and generosity. He shared his resources with the poor, practiced penance, and upheld justice, becoming a model of both intellect and faith.

## News & Events

**New Year's Eve Dance**  
 Dec 31st, 7:30 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.



Ring in 2025 with an unforgettable New Year's Eve party, hosted by the Knights of Columbus! Expect delicious food, lively entertainment, dancing, a cash bar, plus a special slideshow highlighting the memorable parish moments of 2024! Tickets are \$50 per person and are available online, in the office, and after Mass. Let's ring in the New Year together!



**CWL Christmas Stocking Campaign**

Thanks to the generous support of the Parishioners, the CWL Christmas Stocking Campaign has given Gift Card donations to 6 Charities and cheques to 2 charities.

The donations were delivered the week before Christmas and were hugely appreciated by the Staff and of course, the recipients.

Christmas giving is a part of who we are as an organization and a faith community. Thank you to all who generously supported this initiative.

**Help us Be Good Neighbours**

Kindly be mindful of the parking restrictions around the church, especially during the busy Christmas season. Parking is available at the back of the church for your convenience. Please note that parking is strictly prohibited on Steeple Hill from the Park driveway to Richmond Road. Tickets have been issued in the past, and law enforcement will be actively patrolling the area.

## News & Announcements

### New Donation Envelopes Available

2025 donation envelopes are now available for pickup at the front of the church. To ensure proper record-keeping for tax purposes, please continue using your 2024 envelopes until the end of the year, as envelope numbers have changed for 2025.

### Bringing Hope to Orphans in the Dominican Republic



A reminder to our parishioners: If you would still like to support the mission of

December 21st  
O Dayspring

#### Light, Hope, Redemption

O Dayspring,  
bright star of the light eternal, and  
sun of righteousness:  
Come and shine on those who  
dwell in darkness and the shadow  
of death

December 22nd  
O King of Nations

#### Kingship, Salvation, Joy

O King of all nations,  
the only joy of every human heart:  
Come and save us, Lord our God.  
Essence: Kingship, Salvation, Joy.

December 23rd  
O Emmanuel

#### Salvation, Hope

O Emmanuel,  
our King and Lawgiver, the hope of  
the nations and their Savior:  
Come and save us, Lord our God

students from Franco-Ouest French Catholic High School, there is still time to contribute. These students are travelling to the Dominican Republic to assist a Catholic orphanage, and are working toward their goal of raising \$10,000.

Your generosity has been deeply appreciated, and they extend heartfelt thanks for the support received so far. To donate or learn more, please contact the parish office.

### Sacrament Registration: First Holy Reconciliation, First Holy Communion & Confirmation



Preparation for the reception of these sacraments by your child is the shared

responsibility of the child, the parents, the parish, and the school. Registration for those wishing to receive these sacraments in 2025 has now started and is ongoing until January 17. There will be a parent information and sacramental preparation meeting on Wednesday, January 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the Monsignor Baxter Parish Hall.

### Support our Parish Through Bridlewood Home Hardware



Did you know that your purchases at Bridlewood Home Hardware (Michael Cowpland at Eagleson) can benefit St. Patrick Parish? Simply mention you're from St. Patrick Parish at checkout, and a percentage of the pretax sales will be donated back to the church. Thank you for supporting this initiative!

### Follow Us on Social Media!



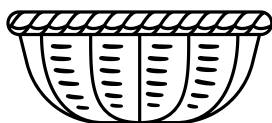
Follow us on social media to stay updated on events, news, and inspiring content from our parish community.

Engage with us online—we'd love to hear from you! Scan the QR code to find all our accounts in one place. Let's grow together in faith and fellowship!



## Collection Totals for November

Thank you for your  
generosity!



Offerings	\$32,484.99
Restoration	\$4,042.00
Maintenance	\$2,136.00
Other	\$29,753.75

## Christmas & New Year

### Mass Schedule

December 24	5, 7, and 10 p.m.
December 25	9 and 11 a.m.
December 31	5 p.m.
January 1	11 a.m.



Please note: There will be no 9 a.m. Mass on December 24, 26, 27, 31, or January 1.

### Empty Host Containers

Throughout the year, we go through a significant number of hosts, reflecting our vibrant and active community. As a result, we have accumulated many empty host containers, which are now available at the front of the church for anyone who would like to take and repurpose one.

## Parish Contacts

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### Parish Life

- The Choir practices on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the church.
- The Legion of Mary meets Wednesday mornings in the McGivney Lounge (after the 9:00 a.m. Mass).
- The Catholic Women's League meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Monsignor Baxter Hall.
- The Knights of Columbus meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month in the Monsignor Baxter Parish Hall.
- Children's Liturgy, for ages 4 through 9, is offered during the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

### Get Involved



## Join our team

### 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Choirs



The 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Music Ministries are looking to expand their respective choirs. If you are interested in joining, visit our website for details.

### Sacramental Prep Team



We are forming a Sacramental Preparation Team to help prepare children and their parents for the sacraments. If you are interested in joining, visit our website for details.

### Children's Liturgy



The Children's Liturgy ministry is inviting anyone who feels called to share the joy of the Gospel with children. See our website for details.

### Pastoral Care Registration



Through home visits, hospital outreach, and phone calls, our team brings comfort, encouragement, and a sense of community to those we serve. If you or someone you know would like to receive pastoral care, we invite you to register.



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