

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

Isaiah 52.7-10

SECOND READING

Hebrews 1.1-6

GOSPEL

John 1.1-18

Psalms 98
ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH
HAVE SEEN THE SAVING
POWER OF GOD.

Celebrating Christmas Together: A Renewal of Faith and Community

This Christmas, as we celebrate the birth of Christ, our hearts are filled with gratitude seeing the church alive with your presence. Your being here brings joy and vitality to our community, reminding us of the strength we find in worshipping together. We hope you will continue to join us in our journey of faith in the coming year, deepening your connection to God's love and grace. May the beauty and peace of this holy season renew your faith and inspire you to embrace the fullness of life that Christ offers.

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THE LIGHT OF CHRIST HAS COME INTO THE WORLD

Today, we join the heavenly host in proclaiming, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests." The long-awaited promise is fulfilled: the Word has become flesh and dwells among us. In the humble birth of Jesus, eternity meets time, and the infinite love of God takes on human form.

The manger in Bethlehem reveals the profound mystery of Emmanuel—God with us. He comes not with power or splendor but in humility, inviting us to approach Him with awe and love. In this tiny child, we see the light that dispels darkness, the hope that triumphs over despair, and the peace that the world cannot give.

Christmas is not just a celebration of the past but an invitation for today. The Christ Child longs to be born in our hearts, transforming us into bearers of His love and light. Like the shepherds who left their flocks to behold the Savior, we are called to respond to this gift by sharing it with others.

On this holy day, may we kneel before the manger in gratitude, offering our lives as a dwelling place for the King of Kings. And as we rise, let us go forth, carrying the joy and peace of His birth into the world.

"Christ is born! Let us adore Him!"

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday	5:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Gregory Dudley by Patricia & Peter Dudley † Omar and Joan Conway by Earl and Nancy Conway
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Catherine O'Donnell by Cathy, Nancy and Carolyn † Paul Kennedy by Mom and Dad
Tuesday	10:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morand and Boucher families (Birthday Blessings) by Pierre and Dianne Boucher † Catherine O'Donnell by Cathy, Nancy and Carolyn
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † June O'Donnell by Cathy, Nancy and Carolyn † Liam and Nuala Connolly by Sheena and Jim McRae
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People of the Parish



Embrace the Word made flesh; walk in His eternal light.

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



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!



Eucharist Study Group
Thursdays, Jan 23rd to March 23



Join us for a 10-week journey into the heart of the Eucharist with the Lectio: Eucharist video series, presented by acclaimed author and teacher Dr. Brant Pitre. This engaging study explores the biblical foundations of the Eucharist, highlighting its significance as foreshadowed in the Old Testament, revealed in the Gospels, and upheld by Apostolic teaching. For information on how to register, please visit our website.



Sacramental Preparation
Wednesday, Jan 29, 7:00 p.m.



Registration for First Holy Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation in 2025 is now open and will close on January 17. A parent information and sacramental preparation meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the Monsignor Baxter Parish Hall. Join us to learn about the program and important dates for the celebration Masses.



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Building Toward 160 Years: 2024 Restoration Highlights and the Plan for 2025

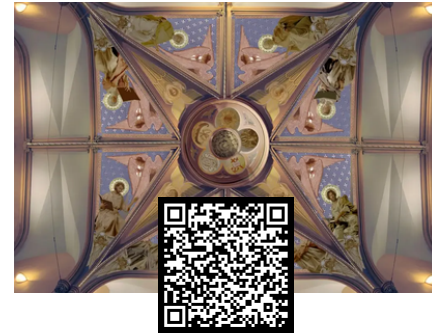
As we reflect on the year 2024, we are filled with gratitude for the many blessings that have shaped our parish. One of the most significant milestones has been the completion of the initial stages of the Grotto of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On September 23rd, we moved the statue of the Blessed Mother to her new home in the grotto, marking a deeply meaningful moment for our parish community. This sacred space, entrusted to the care of the Blessed

Virgin, was made possible by the hard work and generosity of so many parishioners.

Looking ahead to 2025, the final landscaping touches will be completed, including the addition of benches for quiet prayer and reflection. We invite you to visit the grotto and experience the peaceful beauty of this space. Photographs of the completed project are also available on our website, where you can learn more about the grotto's creation and significance.



exciting development will be the painting of hand-crafted icons on the ceiling, a project that will elevate our church to new spiritual heights.



Father Paul has shared the inspiring story behind this remarkable iconography in a blog post on our website, detailing the iconographer's journey and the significance of this project for our parish.

We are deeply grateful for your continued support as we move forward with these exciting transformations in our parish, in preparation for our 160th Anniversary in 2026. Stay tuned for more updates, and thank you for being a part of this journey with us!



The Birth Foretold

Promise, Hope, Peace

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. (Isaiah 7.14)

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
(Isaiah 9.6)

A Prophecy Fulfilled

Humble, Joyful, Triumphant

While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

(Luke 2.6-7)

In addition to the grotto, 2025 will bring major renovations to the interior of our church. During the summer, we will repaint the walls, refurbish the pews, and redo the floors, breathing new life into our sacred worship space. However, the most



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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.

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.

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.

Merry Christmas



Help our Parish Grow

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Do you share our passion for this parish? When people seek to join a parish, they often begin their search on Google. By enhancing our parish's Google rating, you can play a pivotal role in drawing in new parishioners. Join us in spreading the love for our community!



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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



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