

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

Nehemiah 8.2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12.12-30

GOSPEL

Luke 1.1-4; 4: 14-21

Psalms 19

**YOUR WORDS, LORD,
ARE SPIRIT AND LIFE.**

January 26th

Sunday of the Word of
God

This Sunday, we celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God, instituted by Pope Francis to deepen our love and reverence for Sacred Scripture. The Word of God is not just a collection of stories or teachings—it is living and active, speaking to us in every time and place. Through Scripture, we encounter Christ Himself, who reveals the truth of God's love and plan for us.

Let this day be an opportunity to reflect on how the Word of God shapes our faith and guides our daily lives. Consider setting aside time to read and pray with Scripture this week, whether individually, as a family, or in a small group. As Jesus said, "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it" (Luke 11:28). May we open our hearts to receive and live by the gift of His Word.

Gospel Reflection

In today's Gospel, Luke opens with a statement of purpose: to provide an orderly account of the Good News so that we may know its truth. He transitions to a pivotal moment in Jesus' ministry, as He, filled with the power of the Spirit, returns to Galilee. In the synagogue, Jesus reads from Isaiah, declaring His mission: to bring good news to the poor, liberty to captives, sight to the blind, and freedom to the oppressed. Boldly, He proclaims, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

This moment is both a revelation and an

invitation. Jesus declares that the Kingdom of God is not a distant promise but a present reality, alive and active. His mission is universal, yet deeply personal—offering hope, healing, and freedom to all.

But this mission does not end with Him; it is entrusted to us, His followers. We are called not only to receive the Good News but to embody it.

As we reflect, let us ask: How can I proclaim and live the Good News today? Where is the Spirit inviting me to bring hope, healing, and freedom to others?

Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † John Liepa by Rick and Marie Temelini † John Baptist Ryan Truong Le by Bea, Rob Curry, and St. Patrick's CWL
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The intention of the Men's Cursillo Team by Cindy and Paul Noah
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People of the Parish
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Terry O'Connor by Louise O'Connor
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Souls Intention
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The intention of the Carter & Levasseur families by Susan and Kevin Carter
Friday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Michelle O'Connor Hume by Louise O'Connor

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



Proclaim the Good News and bring hope to the world!

Featured Events

Eucharist Study Group
Thursdays, until Mar. 27th



It's not too late to join our 10-week study group exploring the profound mystery of the Eucharist through the Lectio: Eucharist video series by Dr. Brant Pitre. Discover the biblical foundations of the Eucharist, from its foreshadowing in the Old Testament to its fulfillment in the Gospels and apostolic teaching. Deepen your understanding of key phrases like "The Lamb of God" and "The Bread of Life," and gain new insights into the Eucharist's central role in God's plan for salvation. Join us on this transformative journey!



Project 2033:
The Challenge Before Us
Saturday, Feb. 8th, 11:30 A.M.



What is Project 2033, and what does it mean for us—and for our faith? Christianity is facing an unprecedented crisis in Canada, and St. Patrick, Fallowfield, is not immune. Next month, we are coming together as a parish to confront these challenges and discover how we can respond. The launch of Project 2033 will unveil critical truths about the future of our church and your role in shaping it. Be here on Saturday, February 8th at 10 a.m. to understand and to act. Please RSVP on our website.



Community Breakfast
Sunday, Feb. 9th



Join the Knights of Columbus and fellow parishioners for our first community breakfast of 2025 on Sunday, February 9, after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses. Admission is \$8 per adult and \$4 per child, with free entry for children aged 3 and under. Families can enjoy a special maximum rate of \$25. Pay with cash or tap at the door. Enjoy a delicious meal while supporting parish activities—net proceeds go directly to benefit our community. See you there!



News & Announcements

Starting in February: Join us to pray the Rosary weekday mornings

Beginning in February, the Rosary will be prayed before every weekday Mass at 8:30 a.m. This special devotion will be led by the Legion of Mary and is an opportunity to deepen your prayer life and reflect on the mysteries of Christ. All are welcome to join in this beautiful tradition of prayer.

January 25th

Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

This feast reminds us of the transformative power of God's grace, as Saul, a fierce persecutor of Christians, became Paul, one of the Church's greatest evangelists. His encounter with Christ on the road to Damascus changed his life and shaped the early Church. May St. Paul's conversion inspire us to open our hearts to God's call and to be bold witnesses of the faith in our daily lives.

January 28th

Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor

Known as the "Angel Doctor," St. Thomas dedicated his life to seeking and teaching the truth of God through faith and reason. His profound theological works, including the *Summa Theologiae*, continue to shape the Church's understanding of faith and doctrine. May his example inspire us to grow in both knowledge and love of God, striving to deepen our faith through study and prayer.

An invitation from the CWL



The Catholic Women's League at St. Patrick's would like to invite women 16 years of age or older to join our League.

Our mission statement calls its members to grow in faith and to witness the love of God through ministry and service.

The commitment is small but the rewards many.

Some of these rewards are...

- to achieve individual and collective spiritual development
- to meet other women of the parish and make new friends
- to participate in some fun social events
- to help in supporting many charities

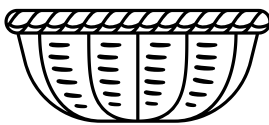
Please consider joining us as we journey in our faith and grow in support for each other.

Email Anne Lamont at eannelamont@gmail.com or call Anne at 613-721-9599



Collection Totals for December

Thank you for your generosity!



Offerings	\$46,880.74
Restoration	\$8,419.75
Maintenance	\$2,092.00
Other	\$22,833.71

January 31st

Memorial of St. John Bosco, Priest

Known as the "Father and Teacher of Youth," St. John Bosco dedicated his life to the education and spiritual formation of young people, especially the poor and marginalized. He founded the Salesian Order to continue his mission of nurturing faith and virtue in youth through kindness and encouragement. Inspired by his example, may we strive to support and guide the young people in our lives with patience, love, and a commitment to their growth in holiness.

New Donation Envelopes Available


2025 envelopes are ready for pick-up in the church foyer, arranged alphabetically in the bookcase to your left as you enter. Please **DO NOT USE** 2024 envelopes, as your number may have changed. If you cannot pick them up, contact the parish office to confirm your 2025 number.

2024 Tax Receipts

Tax receipts for 2024 donations will be available at the end of February. Further updates will be provided to keep you informed. Thank you for your generosity!


Join our team

Pastoral Care Ministry

 Our Pastoral Care Ministry is seeking new members to continue its vital work of bringing comfort, support, and spiritual guidance to those in need. This ministry offers a unique opportunity to make a profound impact by visiting the sick, elderly, homebound, and others facing personal challenges. Volunteers also deliver Holy Communion to those unable to attend Mass, ensuring they remain connected to their faith community. Joining the Pastoral Care Ministry requires completing a specialized course, which equips members with the knowledge and skills needed for this fulfilling role. The next course session is scheduled for the for

the spring, with limited spots available on a first-come, first-served basis. To learn more or to register, please visit our website.

Join the Restoration Committee

 We are happy to announce that the Archdiocese has approved our application to carry out a major renovation to the interior of the church this coming summer.

We are seeking 2 members of the community, preferably with experience in design and/or renovation, to join our Restoration Committee with Fr. Paul, representatives from the Finance and Pastoral Councils, and the Project Manager. As a working committee we

will collaborate in reaching decisions with direct input regarding material and design selections. Please express your interest to the parish by Friday, February 7th, at 3:00 pm.

Stay Engaged

Follow us on social media and stay engaged with our vibrant community. If you are posting photographs of events at the church, we'd love to see them, see remember to tag us!



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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.



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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

