

# 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

Malachi 3.1-4

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 2.10-11, 13b-18

## GOSPEL

Luke 2.22-40

Psalms 24

THE LORD OF HOSTS, HE  
IS KING OF GLORY!

February 2

### **Candlemas—Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**

#### Faith Fulfilled

Forty days after Christmas, the Church celebrates the Presentation of the Lord, when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple, dedicating Him to God according to Jewish law. This feast is also known as Candlemas, highlighting Christ as the "light for revelation to the Gentiles." Traditionally, candles are blessed on this day, reminding us that Jesus is the true light who dispels darkness. The Presentation marks a meeting between the Old and New Covenants, as Simeon and Anna recognize in Jesus the fulfillment of God's promises. Their faithful waiting is rewarded with joy, showing us that God's timing is always perfect. As we celebrate this feast, we are invited to renew our trust in Christ and carry His light into the world.

## Gospel Reflection

When Mary and Joseph present Jesus in the temple, Simeon and Anna recognize Him as the fulfillment of God's promises. Simeon, guided by the Holy Spirit, proclaims Jesus as "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" and the glory of Israel. Anna, a prophetess, praises God and speaks of the child to all who await redemption. Their faith and patience are rewarded as they witness salvation in their midst.

This passage reminds us that God's promises unfold in His perfect timing. Simeon and Anna waited faithfully, trusting in God's plan

even as years passed. Their joy upon seeing Jesus invites us to reflect: Do we recognize Christ's presence in our own lives? Do we wait with hope and trust in God's promises?

Like Simeon and Anna, we are called to receive Jesus with open hearts and share the good news of salvation. As we encounter Christ in the Eucharist, prayer, and daily life, may we proclaim His light to a world longing for hope and redemption. May our faith, like theirs, be steadfast as we await the Lord's promises fulfilled.

## Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	• People of the Parish
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	• For Israel Joanes Maksala and his family by Alan and Anne Gordon
		• † Mary and William Clarke by Angela, Janet and Carmel
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	• † Deceased members of the Ward Family by Diane and Larry Ward
		• † Michelle O'Connor Hume by Leo O'Connor
		• † Donna Lorraine Varriano by the Dufresne Family
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	• † All Souls Intention
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	• For the Edwards family by Cindy and Paul Noah
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	• † All Souls Intention
Friday	9:00 a.m.	• † Terry O'Connor by Louise O'Connor
Reconciliation: Saturdays 4-4:45 p.m. in the sacristy or by appointment		



Like Simeon, trust  
in God's faithful  
promises!

## Featured Events

### 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!

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



The unveiling of Project 2033 is almost here! 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. Don't miss this event. Please visit our website and click the link to RSVP. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

### Help our Parish Grow

#### Leave us a Review!

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!



# News & Announcements

## Starting this Week: Join us to pray the Rosary weekday mornings

Beginning on Tuesday, 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.

February 5

### Memorial of St. Agatha

#### Faith, Purity, Courage

St. Agatha, a third-century virgin and martyr, remained steadfast in faith despite severe persecution. She is venerated as a model of purity, courage, and trust in God. Patron of those suffering from breast cancer and other afflictions, her witness reminds us that God's strength sustains us in trials. May her example inspire us to stand firm in our own faith, no matter the challenges we face.

February 6

### Memorial of St. Paul Miki

#### Faith, Perseverance, Witness

St. Paul Miki, a Japanese Jesuit and martyr, preached the Gospel even as he faced crucifixion in 1597. Along with 25 companions, he remained steadfast in faith, forgiving his persecutors and proclaiming Christ to the end. His witness calls us to bold discipleship and unwavering trust in God. In the face of adversity, may we follow their example of courageous witness to Christ's love.

## 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 [annelamont@gmail.com](mailto:annelamont@gmail.com) or call Anne at 613-721-9599

## 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!

## Upcoming Events: Save the Date



Coffee Sunday by the Legion of Mary  
Sunday, February 23



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner  
Tuesday, March 4



Doneast Ceilidh  
Saturday, March 22


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## 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.

