

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 50.4-7

SECOND READING

Philippians 2.6-11

GOSPEL

Luke 22.14 – 23.56

Psalms 22

MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY
HAVE YOU ABANDONED
ME?

Gospel Reflection

The Passion narrative in Luke 22:14–23:56 is a powerful journey through the final hours of Jesus' life, marked by love, betrayal, suffering, and forgiveness. As we move from the intimacy of the Last Supper to the agony of the cross, we witness the fullness of Christ's humanity and divinity. He breaks bread with those who will abandon Him, prays in anguish while His friends sleep, and offers mercy even as He is unjustly condemned.

What stands out in Luke's account is Jesus' quiet strength and compassion. He heals

the ear of His captor, forgives those who crucify Him, and promises paradise to a repentant thief. In the midst of pain, Jesus chooses mercy. In the face of mockery, He remains faithful. His suffering is not just an act of endurance, but of deep, active love.

As we reflect on this Gospel, we're invited not just to mourn His suffering, but to allow it to transform our hearts. Can we forgive as He forgave? Can we remain faithful when it's hard? This Holy Week, let us walk with Him—not as bystanders, but as disciples.

Holy Week at St. Patrick Fallowfield

Enter into the heart of our faith as we journey with Christ through His Passion, death, and Resurrection. Holy Week invites us to prayerfully walk alongside Jesus—from the triumph of Palm Sunday to the solemnity of Good Friday and the joy of Easter. Join us for these sacred liturgies and let the mystery of the Cross renew your spirit. Full schedule available inside the bulletin and on the website.

Month of April
Pope Francis' April Prayer Intention

Technology in the Service of Humanity

This month, Pope Francis urges a responsible use of technology that respects human dignity and fosters real connection. While it can serve the common good, he cautions against misuse that leads to isolation, reminding us to "look less at screens" and more into each other's eyes. Technology, he says, should serve—not replace—our shared humanity. Let us use it wisely.

Masses and Intentions

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	• † Deborah Dillon by the Vandenberg family
		• † Theresa Seltenreich by Gisele McDougall
		• † James McDougall by Gisele and the family
		• Jan LeSage (Get Well/Health) by Monica & Jan Govan
		• † Tom Lowrey by Peggy, Graham and Chris
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	• People of the Parish
		• † Elsie Marshall by Debbie Wilson
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	• † Madeleine Pinsonneault by Dianne and Pierre Boucher
		• † To honour the 50th anniversary of Donna Mann's passing. I still miss you. Your loving daughter, Cindy.
		• † Margaret & Earl Devine by Margaret & Bernie Carroll
		• † Patrick McAlpine by Matt Dineen
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	• † All Souls Intention
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	• † All Souls Intention
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	• Holy Thursday Mass
Friday	3:00 p.m.	• Good Friday Mass
Friday	7:00 p.m.	• Stations of the Cross Mass †

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



Remember His sacrifice—live with mercy, courage, and faithfulness.



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!



Featured Events

Good Friday Fish Fry
Friday, Apr. 18th



Make your Good Friday meal simple and delicious with a classic Fish Fry hosted by the Knights of Columbus! This take-out-only event offers a hearty meal including crispy battered fish, homemade French fries, coleslaw, tartar sauce, and more. Meals are \$20 each, or \$25 with two pieces of fish. Skip the cooking and let us take care of dinner! The cut-off day for tickets is Tuesday, April 15th, don't miss out!



Mother's Day Brunch
Sunday, May 11th, 12 p.m.



Mark Your Calendars for the Mother's Day Brunch! Enjoy a delicious buffet and a cash bar featuring mimosas as we gather to celebrate mothers and all who care with love. Ticket purchase information will be available in the coming week. For now, please mark your calendars—we'd love to see you there!



News & Announcements

Holy Week Adoration

Holy Thursday

Join us for Holy Thursday Mass (Maundy Thursday) on April 17th at 7 p.m., which includes the Washing of the Feet. Following Mass, Adoration will begin in the Parish Hall until 10 p.m.

Good Friday

Join us for Good Friday Mass on April 18th at 3 p.m. The Good Friday collection for the Holy Land will be collected at the beginning of Mass.

Holy Saturday

Join us for Holy Saturday Mass on April 19th at 8 p.m. Please remember to bring bells! 🛎️

Sunday Smile

Three buildings in town were overrun by squirrels—the town hall, the hardware store, and the church. The town hall brought in some cats. But after they tore up all the files, the mayor got rid of the predators, and soon the squirrels were back.

The hardware store humanely trapped the squirrels and set them free outside town. But three days later, the squirrels climbed back in. Only the church came up with an effective solution. They baptized the squirrels and made them members. Now they see them only on Christmas and Easter.



Divine Mercy Hour of Prayer



On Sunday, April 27, the Second Sunday of Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday, there will be a special Divine Mercy Hour of Prayer beginning at 3:00 pm in the Church.

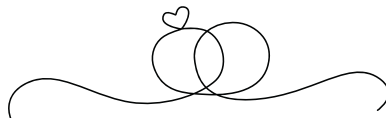
As we entrust ourselves and our parish to God's mercy through prayer, reflection, and music, this hour will include adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and benediction. There will also be the opportunity for celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass 2025



Married couples that are celebrating a milestone anniversary in 2025—

whether 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, or 60+ years—are invited to a special Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral on Sunday, May 4, at 2:30 p.m. This is a beautiful opportunity to give thanks for the gift of marriage and receive a special blessing. Scan the QR code to register before Easter to secure your place!



Support the Sacred Art Fund



The Sacred Art Fund helps commission ceiling artwork to enhance our worship space. Your generous donations contribute to the beauty of our church, leaving a meaningful legacy for future generations.

How to Donate:

1. Weekly Envelopes
2. E-Transfer (See Website)
3. In-Person (Parish Office)

For any questions or assistance, please contact the parish office or visit the website.

Thank you for helping enrich our sacred space with your generosity!

Bishop's Breakfast

This gathering will take place on Sunday, May 11th, at 12:15 p.m. at Resurrection of Our Lord Parish. Auxiliary Bishop Yvan Mathieu will be leading a one-hour educational seminar on the significance of the Jubilee Year for Catholics. We warmly invite everyone to attend.

Enjoy a FREE subscription to [formed.org](https://www.formed.org) – an incredible online gateway to quality Catholic content for both children and adults. To learn more or to register, visit the parish website for details.

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Project Rachel Retreat

If you are struggling with the pain of abortion, know that hope and healing are possible. Project Rachel at St. Mary's Refuge is offering a confidential weekend retreat from May 2-4, 2025, for women seeking Christ's mercy and peace. This retreat provides a safe and understanding space to begin the journey of healing. For more information or to register, call 289-691-6840 or email ProjectRachel@stmarysrefuge.org. All inquiries are treated with the utmost confidentiality.



Join the Sacred Art Fundraising Committee



As we move forward with the Sacred Art Project, we urgently need volunteers to join the fundraising committee to help bring this vision to life. This is a meaningful way to offer your time and talents in service to the parish—especially during Lent, a season of prayer, sacrifice, and giving. If you can help, please visit our website to register or contact the Parish Office. Thank you for your support!

Join the 9 a.m. Choir

The 9 a.m. choir is looking for more voices to help fill the church with joy. If you attend the 9 a.m. Mass,

consider joining! Students are welcome to participate for volunteer hours. For more information, speak with the choir director after Mass or visit our website.

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.

