

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

Deuteronomy 30.10-14

SECOND READING

Colossians 1.15-20

GOSPEL

Luke 10.25-37

Psalms 69

TURN TO THE LORD
IN YOUR NEED, AND
YOU WILL LIVE.

Gospel Reflection

In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus challenges us to look beyond labels, boundaries, and comfort. A lawyer asks, "Who is my neighbour?"—hoping for a clear, limited answer. Instead, Jesus offers a story where the expected heroes pass by, and the outsider, the Samaritan, becomes the example of true neighbourly love. The Samaritan doesn't stop to assess worthiness, affiliation, or risk. He sees suffering and responds with compassion.

Jesus shifts the question from "Who is my neighbour?" to "To whom can I be a

neighbour?" Love, He shows us, is not passive or theoretical—it is active, interruptive, and sacrificial. Mercy costs something: time, resources, and often our assumptions. But it is the measure of our faith in action.

Every day presents opportunities to draw near to someone in need, whether materially, emotionally, or spiritually. May we respond not with avoidance or excuse, but with a heart that sees, feels, and acts. "Go and do likewise," Jesus says—not just once, but always.

Church Restoration

Our church restoration is making steady progress both on and off site. Inside the church, work is actively underway on the floors and plaster—important groundwork that's preparing the space for the next major phase: the ceiling. Meanwhile, all of our pews have been removed and are currently being restored off-site with great care.

We're so grateful for your continued patience and flexibility as Mass takes place in the parish hall. While it's not the same as being in the church, we can at least be thankful for one unexpected blessing: air conditioning!

Thank you for your prayers and support as this restoration continues. We'll keep you updated as new milestones are reached.



Masses and Intentions

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">† Ethan Paraiso Nguyen by the De Jesus family† Muffy Kavanagh by Peggy Lowrey
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">† All Souls Intentions
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">† Shirley Tremblay by the family
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">† Grant & Elsie Marshall by Debbie Wilson
Thursday	9:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">† All Souls Intentions
Friday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">† Victor Karwacki by the Moore family
Reconciliation: Saturdays 4-4:45 p.m. in the sacristy or by appointment		



Compassion costs time—give it freely as Christ has given.

July 15

Memorial of St. Bonaventure

St. Bonaventure is a towering figure in both theology and spirituality. Born in Italy around 1217, Bonaventure's writings are marked by a deep love for Christ and a belief that theology should serve to deepen one's relationship with God. He harmonized faith and reason, insisting that true knowledge must lead to holiness. Among his many works, *The Soul's Journey into God* is a spiritual classic, blending philosophy, Scripture, and mystical insight. He was later named a cardinal and Doctor of the Church, earning the title "Seraphic Doctor" for his passionate, angelic love of God. Bonaventure teaches us that sanctity and intellect are not opposites but partners in the life of faith.

"In everything, whether it is a thing sensed or a thing known, God Himself is hidden within."
— St. Bonaventure

Events & Announcements

Outdoor Joint Church Service

Sunday, July 27, at 11:00 a.m



St. Patrick Fallowfield, is pleased to support this special ecumenical service

uniting churches in south Ottawa that believe in the Apostles' Creed, including those from Barrhaven, Riverside South, Greely, Manotick, Osgoode, Bells Corners, Winchester, and Nepean. Though we gather in different places each Sunday, we come together as one Church—rooted in our shared faith in Christ—to worship, pray, and celebrate the unity for which He prayed in John 17.

This special outdoor service features worship led by musicians from multiple congregations, Scripture readings, and a devotional message on unity. The day will also highlight ministries supporting widows, orphans, and refugees—causes close to our collective heart.

After the service, enjoy a picnic with food trucks, games, bounce attractions for children and youth, face painting,

and more.

For more information, please visit their website at onechurchoneheart.ca.

Note: This special gathering does not replace our regular 11 a.m. Sunday Mass.

Sunday Smile

Three preachers sat discussing the best positions for prayer, while a telephone repairman worked nearby. "Kneeling is definitely best," claimed one. "No," another contended. "I get the best results standing with my hands outstretched to Heaven." "You're both wrong," the third insisted. "The most effective prayer position is lying prostrate, face down on the floor."

The repairman could contain himself no longer. "Hey, fellas," he interrupted, "the best prayin' I ever did was hangin' upside down from a telephone pole."

July 17

Memorial of St. Alexis

St. Alexis, also known as the "Man of God," is remembered for his profound humility and hidden sanctity. He was born into a wealthy Roman family but renounced his inheritance and worldly life to live in poverty and prayer. After years of living as a beggar in Syria, he returned home in disguise and lived unnoticed beneath the stairs of his family's home—spending his final years in quiet suffering and communion with God. His life is a powerful witness to detachment from earthly glory and the beauty of a soul wholly surrendered to God.

July 18

Memorial of St. Symphorosa and Her Seven Sons

St. Symphorosa and her seven sons, honored as martyrs who courageously witnessed to their faith during times of persecution. Symphorosa, along with her seven sons, remained steadfast in their belief in Christ despite facing brutal trials. Each of her sons was put to death for refusing to renounce their faith, and Symphorosa herself was martyred shortly afterward. Their story is a powerful testimony to the strength of faith, the courage to endure suffering for the Gospel, and the love of a mother who stood firm alongside her children. Their witness encourages us to remain faithful in adversity and to trust in God's sustaining grace no matter the challenges we face.

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Sacred Art Fundraiser



Thank you to all who have generously contributed so far to Sacred Art that will soon adorn our beautiful church. As of the end of June, we're pleased to report that we've reached one-quarter of our fundraising goal!

Donation Report

May	\$72,050.00
Total	\$115,648.99

Every contribution helps move this meaningful project forward. Together, we're creating something enduring for our parish and for future generations.

Now Accepting Corporate and Business Support for Sacred Art Fundraising

As part of our Sacred Art fund raising efforts, we are now accepting corporate donations as well. If you are a business owner or work for a business who may make annual charitable donations as part of their business, please consider St Patrick's Parish Fallowfield for a contribution. Monetary contributions are very much

appreciated and will be issued tax receipts, but we are also seeking products or services that we intend to offer through a silent auction.

Coffee Sundays—Volunteers Needed!


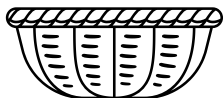
We're eager to make Coffee Sundays as a regular parish tradition starting this September, offering a wonderful chance to connect and build community after Mass. However, these gatherings can only happen with your help!

If you've been thinking about volunteering to host a Coffee Sunday, now is the time to step forward. We need more parish families or groups to sign up very soon to make this possible. Don't worry—coffee, supplies, training, and full support are provided. All you need to bring is your warmth and hospitality!

Please don't delay—if you're interested or want more information, contact David Piccolo at communications@stpatricksfallowfield.com as soon as possible. Let's make this happen together!



Collection Totals for June

Thank you for your generosity!			
		Offerings	\$28,160.91
		Restoration	\$74,911.00
		Maintenance	\$2,307.00
		Other	\$13,902.50

Did You Know?

Why is the fish a symbol for Christians?

The fish symbol was an early secret sign used by believers to identify each other during times of persecution. The Greek word for fish — "Ichthys" (ΙΧΘΥΣ) — is an acronym for:

Ιἰῒςος Χριστός Θεοῦ Υἱός, Σωτήρ

which translates to:

"Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour."

Here's how it breaks down:

- Ι – Ιησοῦς (Ιἰῒςος) – Jesus
- Χ – Χριστός (Christos) – Christ
- Θ – Θεοῦ (Theou) – of God
- Υ – Υἱός (Yios) – Son
- Σ – Σωτήρ (Sōtēr) – Saviour

Early Christians would draw a simple outline of a fish in the dirt or on walls to discreetly show their faith or identify safe meeting places. One person might draw half of the fish shape, and the other would complete it — a quiet signal in dangerous times.

The fish also connects to several New Testament stories:

- Jesus calling fishermen as disciples (e.g., Peter and Andrew).
- The miracle of the multiplication of loaves and fish.
- Jesus telling his followers they would become "fishers of men" (Mark 1:17).

So, the fish is a symbol rich in

meaning — discreet, theological, and rooted in the life of Christ.



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.

