

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

Ecclesiastes 1.2; 2.21-23

SECOND READING

Colossians 3.1-5, 9-11

GOSPEL

Luke 12.13-21

Psalms 90

IN EVERY AGE, O
LORD, YOU HAVE
BEEN OUR REFUGE.

Gospel Reflection

In Luke 12:13–21, Jesus is asked to settle a dispute over an inheritance, but He redirects the conversation to address a deeper issue: the danger of greed. He tells the parable of a rich man who stores up an abundance of grain, thinking he can now rest and enjoy life. But God calls him a fool, reminding him that life is not measured by possessions and that death may come at any moment.

This passage challenges us to examine where we place our security. The rich man's mistake wasn't his success, but his assumption that wealth would guarantee peace and

satisfaction. He made no mention of God, others, or eternity—only himself. In the end, he was “not rich toward God.”

Jesus reminds us that life is fragile and that our true treasure is found in relationship with God and in generosity. Our possessions can't accompany us into eternal life, but what we give in love and service can echo into eternity. May we live not with anxious hoarding, but with open hearts, ready to invest in the kingdom that never fades.

August 6

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

On August 6, we remember the moment when Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John on Mount Tabor, revealing His divine glory. Clothed in dazzling light and joined by Moses and Elijah, Jesus gave His disciples—and us—a glimpse of His true nature and the promise of resurrection glory. The Father's voice declared, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to Him!” As we journey through life's challenges, the Transfiguration reminds us that Christ's light is always with us, and that our faith points beyond suffering to the hope of eternal transformation.

Church Restoration Update & Photos Inside

In this week's bulletin, you'll find a long-awaited progress update—plus some exciting new photos!

Masses and Intentions

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	• † All Souls Intention
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	• † Nuala Connolly by the Connolly & McRae families
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	• People of the Parish
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	• For the birthday of Evelyn O'Keefe, by Jim and Pat Smith
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	• † Ann Hempinstall by Tony Hempinstall and the family
Thursday	9:00 p.m.	• † All Souls Intention
Friday	9:00 a.m.	• † All Souls Intention
Reconciliation: Saturdays 4-4:45 p.m. in the sacristy or by appointment		



Let generosity define your life, not greed.

Update on the Church Restoration Project

Well, our little summer project is well underway!

As there is so much going on and things are progressing at such a rapid rate we would like to share with you a few pictures and updates of the restoration and Sacred Art as things develop. With the church closed for the summer we have been so fortunate to be able to hold Services in the hall. Rest assured that while the time away from our spiritual home is an adjustment (though just at the other end of the building), it is going to be well worth it as we will ensure our beloved church is in good standing for another 160 years!

As you may have noticed, the work on the outside of the church has already been completed! Vintage Stone Masonry (the same company that did the stone work on our grotto) was able to carve out all the failing mortar from the Southern wall and repoint it. They then turned their eyes to the main face of our church. This was certainly the worst of it all and many hours were put into investigating and identifying



current and future weak spots, the failing materials, and gapping in and around the doors. They then expertly addressed every issue (actually extending beyond their original scope of work at no additional cost to our parish) to ensure that we will be ready to accept parishioners for decades to come.

Our church interior is in the midst of a full overhaul! While many hands made light work of moving out all materials from the church to the hall for use and/or temporary storage (Thanks again everyone who helped out!!) our contractors got to it. Every pew and kneeler went out the doors and was shipped off for repair/refinish. The

flooring was ripped out and scraped off leaving a pleasant surprise of a solid base upon which we were able to build our current 16' high scaffolding platform floor. Upon this, currently two teams of workers, the plaster team and the paint team, have been diligently working to move our project forward both individually and in unison.

The plaster work has been extensive to say the least! Many many linear feet of cutouts into the walls and beams have been performed, followed by using a special consolidation liquid to solidify the material, which then is replastered and sanded all in preparation for the painting. As you may recall, some of the large ornamentals at the base of the ceiling beams were cracked apart. In our process of repair, we found as a surprise that they were filled with what we believe to be hessian plant and wood scrapings! This "old timey" use of these materials, as a stuffing, would have provided a lightweight and absorbent solution for the plaster constructors. Quite the find indeed! The plaster team's wonderful efforts are making our structure solid and sound for future generations.

Our paint team (from BC) has been doing fantastic work as they have been supporting the plaster team as well as pushing forward with the incredible upgrade of our church! Priming, painting, sanding, and repeating the process all over again is making an excellent foundation for the final painting of the walls and ceiling. Our Restoration Committee approved colour selections are bringing new life to our church, and as the walls and ceiling get their new look, the church



becomes more splended than we could have hoped.

The hand painted Sacred Art is stunning to say the least. A base canvas was installed for the art's protection and as each new component is painted upon it, the overall beauty continues to grow. Once completed, it will undoubtedly be an incredible spiritual inspiration.

We are about at the halfway point in our efforts and we are happy to share that we are on schedule. There have been a few hiccups along the way so far but, thanks be to God, nothing insurmountable.

Be sure to follow our social media streams for more update photos and regular updates posted to our website and be sure to mark your calendar for our GRAND REVEAL CELEBRATION as we host our first mass in our beautifully restored church on Saturday September 13th at 5pm to be followed

by an appreciation gathering in Monsignor Baxter Hall accompanied with some snacks and refreshments!

—Rob Stamper, Project Manager

To see more church restoration photos, scan the QR code and visit our website.



Announcements

CWL SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

The CWL is collecting supplies to fill backpacks for underprivileged students in local Catholic schools. Items like crayons, pencils, glue sticks, lunch bags, and backpacks are needed. Donations can be placed in the labelled totes at the Link or church hall entrance.

Gift cards or cash may be dropped off in the collection basket or at the office in a marked envelope labeled CWL School Initiative by Monday, August 25.

Please note: lined paper, notebooks, duo-tangs, binders, and pens are not needed.

Let me know if you'd like a version for the bulletin as well.



Sacred Art Fundraiser



Thank you to everyone who has generously supported the restoration of our church and the adornment of our ceiling with sacred art. Every gift moves this important project forward. If you would like to donate, please contact the parish office or visit our website.

Stay Engaged

Want to stay in the loop with parish life? Follow us on social media to see photos, hear about upcoming events, and celebrate the moments that bring our community together. If you're posting pictures from parish events, don't forget to tag us — we love seeing what you capture! Let's stay connected, informed, and inspired together!



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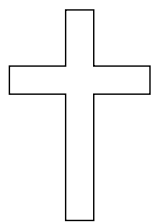
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Parish Life

- 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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