

# 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

Wisdom 18.6-9

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19

## GOSPEL

Luke 12.32-48

Psalms 33

BLESSED THE PEOPLE  
THE LORD HAS CHOSEN  
AS HIS HERITAGE.

## Gospel Reflection

In this week's Gospel, Jesus urges us to live with vigilance and generosity, reminding us that our true treasure is not found in possessions but in a heart oriented toward God. "Do not be afraid, little flock," He begins—an intimate reassurance that we are not alone in the uncertainties of life. Instead of storing up riches that decay, we are invited to store up treasure in heaven through acts of love, mercy, and service.

Jesus compares our lives to servants awaiting their master's return, encouraging us to remain ready, faithful, and alert. This

readiness is not marked by fear, but by joyful expectation and a life lived with purpose. The message is clear: the more we are given—whether in time, talent, or responsibility—the more is expected of us. This passage calls us to examine where our treasure truly lies. Are we attentive stewards of what God has entrusted to us? Christ asks for hearts undivided, awake to His presence and responsive to the needs of others. In the end, it is faithfulness in the small things that prepares us for the Kingdom.

August 15

## Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Church celebrates the Assumption as the moment when Mary, the Mother of God, was taken body and soul into heavenly glory at the end of her earthly life. This dogma, solemnly defined by Pope Pius XII in 1950, affirms the special role Mary holds in salvation history and the hope of resurrection promised to all the faithful. The Assumption is both a sign of the Church's future glory and a reminder of our call to holiness. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, inviting us to gather in joy and thanksgiving for God's triumph in Mary's life.

### What to do on this day:

Attend Mass, pray the Rosary with a focus on the Glorious Mysteries, reflect on Mary's "yes" to God, and honour her by acts of charity or by visiting the Grotto of Our Lady of the Fields.

# Masses and Intentions

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	• People of the Parish
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	• † George Allen by Marilyn Allen
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	• † Malvina and Hector Boucher by Dianne and Pierre Boucher
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	• † Robert W. Kingston by Robert Kingston
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	• † Joan Texeira by Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament Praesidium - Legion of Mary
Thursday	9:00 p.m.	• † Jack Coogan and deceased family members by Bev, Michael and Diane
Friday	9:00 a.m.	• For the sick of the Parish by St. Patrick Legion of Mary
Reconciliation: Saturdays 4-4:45 p.m. in the sacristy or by appointment		



Offer daily service with joy, not duty or fear.

## August 11 Memorial of St. Clare, Virgin

“We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become”

Born in Assisi in 1193, Saint Clare was inspired by the example of Saint Francis and renounced her wealth to embrace a life of poverty and prayer. She founded the Order of Poor Ladies, later known as the Poor Clares, leading her sisters in a cloistered life dedicated to Christ through simplicity, humility, and charity. Clare’s deep devotion to the Blessed Sacrament was legendary; she is often remembered for holding the Eucharist aloft to protect her convent from attack. She died in 1253 and was canonized two years later. Saint Clare is the patron saint of television, the poor, and eye ailments, reminding us to keep our eyes fixed on Christ.

## News & Events

### 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.

### Autumn Bereavement Support Group, Holy Redeemer Parish

Tuesdays, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> to Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>

The Bereavement Ministry was established in 2018 to meet the growing needs of those who have lost a loved one and who are in need of grief support. This Ministry offers a welcoming space that enables people to share their grief story in a safe and confidential manner while providing the tools and resources necessary to successfully manage grief. If you wish to journey with us, our next Bereavement support group will commence on Tuesday, September 16 until December 2 from 2:30-4:30 pm. Registration is required as space is limited.

For further information please contact us at: [hrbereavement@gmail.com](mailto:hrbereavement@gmail.com)



## News & Events

**Encounter School of Ministry - Ottawa Campus**  
Tuesday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>



Feeling drawn to Encounter School?  
Applications are open!

Still discerning? ESM Ottawa - Come and See is coming up! Experience the first THREE Classes.

Our Come and See experience is ideal for those who are discerning their enrolment in the full Encounter School of Ministry and would like to experience our content and culture beforehand.

Details:

- Tuesday, Sept 9 - Orientation (For registered students only)
- Tuesday, Sept 16, 23, & 30 - Come & See
- Time: 6:00 - 9:30 pm
- Location: St. Mary's Parish

No registration required.

For more information or to apply, visit:  
<https://encounterschool.org/ottawa>

## 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.

## 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](mailto:communications@stpatricksfallowfield.com) as soon as possible. Let's make this happen together!



August 14

## Memorial of St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

"The most deadly poison of our time is indifference."

Born in Poland in 1894, Saint Maximilian Kolbe was a Franciscan priest with a profound devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. As a young man, he had a vision of the Virgin offering him two crowns — one white for purity and one red for martyrdom — and he accepted them both. He founded a movement dedicated to promoting the Gospel through Mary's intercession, and boldly used modern media, including printing presses and radio, to spread the faith worldwide. Arrested by the Nazis during World War II for sheltering refugees, he was sent to Auschwitz. In 1941, when a fellow prisoner was condemned to death, Maximilian stepped forward to take his place, offering his life out of love. He spent his final days in the starvation bunker leading prayers and comforting the others before dying by lethal injection on August 14. He is remembered as a martyr of charity and the patron saint of journalists, prisoners, and the pro-life movement.

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# Let Us Pray

## Prayers of the Faithful — Coming to the Bulletin and Online

Beginning this week, we are sharing the Prayers of the Faithful read at Mass so parishioners can continue to lift these intentions to God throughout the week. Prayer unites us, strengthens our parish community, and allows us to intercede for the needs of the Church and the world with one heart. This week's prayers are included in the bulletin, but in the weeks ahead they will be published on our parish website. We invite you to make these intentions part of your daily prayer, trusting in the power of prayer to bring comfort, hope, and transformation.



## This week's prayers

- For the renewal and growth of our parish community: that guided by the Holy Spirit, we may embrace the challenges before us with faith, wisdom, and unity.
- For the Church, called to be a faithful servant of the Gospel message until the Master returns in glory; and for stewards of God's creation who will provide for the poorest and weakest on earth.
- For world leaders, called to be just and attentive to the needs of God's household; and for a just sharing of the world's resources by the powerful nations of the world.
- For Christians as they strive to keep the light of faith burning in their hearts; and for the divine spark of healing for the sick, the despondent and suffering.
- For those who have lost sight of God or whose spiritual life has become dry; and for hearts open to God's call and surprises.
- In this Jubilee Year, may we be guided as pilgrims of hope. May we shine with Christ's light in the darkness and bring the essence of His love to all. May we be strengthened to be faithful witnesses of His peace and mercy.

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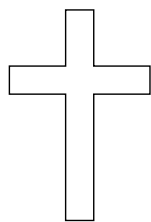
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## Parish Life

- 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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