

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

Jeremiah 38.4-6, 8-10

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12.1-4

GOSPEL

Luke 12.49-53

Psalms 40

**LORD, COME TO
MY AID!**

Gospel Reflection

In Luke 12:49-53, Jesus speaks not of comfort but of the cost of discipleship. He declares that he has come to bring fire to the earth and a division among people. At first, this may seem harsh, even alarming, yet Jesus is pointing to the radical truth that following him will inevitably challenge relationships, values, and priorities. Faith is not always about harmony with the world; it is about loyalty to God's kingdom. This passage reminds us that living the Gospel may set us apart, even from those we love most. Conflict can arise not from hatred, but from the deep

convictions of faith that call us to justice, truth, and mercy. Jesus warns that discipleship demands courage and discernment, a willingness to embrace the tension between God's reign and human divisions. Today, we are invited to examine where we seek comfort over truth, to allow the fire of Christ's Spirit to purify our hearts, and to be faithful even when following him creates difficult choices and strains in our closest relationships.



August 22

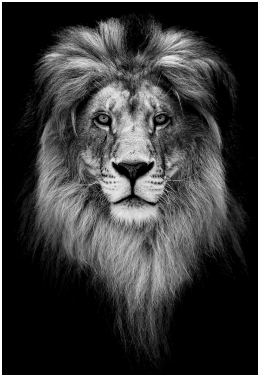
Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

We celebrate the Queenship of Mary one week after the Assumption, reminding us that her share in her Son's glory is complete. Proclaimed as Queen of Heaven and Earth, Mary reigns not as a distant monarch but as a mother who intercedes for her children. Her crown is woven from humility and obedience, for she allowed God's will to shape her entire life.

Pope Pius XII established this feast in 1954, teaching that Mary's queenship is a natural consequence of her divine motherhood and her intimate union with Christ the King. The title "Queen" does not add honor to her Son, but rather shows how perfectly she reflects His kingship. When we call her "Queen," we are recognizing her as the first disciple who points us always to Jesus.

Masses and Intentions

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">† Oscar Temelini by Rick and Marie Temelini† Betty Bergan & Earl by Ann Burnett
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">† Ronnie Berrea by Glenn and Betty ClarkeIn thanksgiving of The Holy Family by Presantha and Sherine
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">People of the Parish
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">† Sarah Bowie by Brian and Carolyn† Elio Piccolo by his family
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">† All Souls Intentions
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No intentions for this Mass
Thursday	9:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">For the intentions of Sue Colbert, offered by Anne and Alan Gordon
Friday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">† John Fraser by Cathy and Pat
Reconciliation: Saturdays 4-4:45 p.m. in the sacristy or by appointment		



Fear of disapproval?
Be a lion, not a lamb
—ROAR your faith!

August 21

St. Pius X, Pope (1835–1914 AD)

St. Pius X is remembered for his deep humility and pastoral heart. As pope, he encouraged frequent reception of Holy Communion and lowered the age for First Communion so that children could encounter Christ at an earlier age. He worked to renew the Church through liturgical reforms, catechesis, and a strong defense of the faith. His motto, “To restore all things in Christ,” continues to inspire the Church today

“The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary”

News & Events

CWL School Supplies Drive



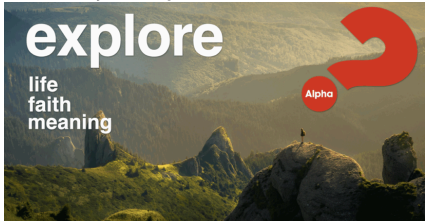
The CWL is collecting supplies to fill backpacks for underprivileged students in local Catholic schools. Items like crayons, pencils, glue sticks, lunch bags, and backpacks are needed. Donations can be placed in the labelled totes at the Link or church hall entrance.

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 26.

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

Alpha 2025

Thursdays, Sept. 25th to Nov. 27th



Come and experience Alpha — a welcoming series that explores life, faith, and meaning. Each evening includes a shared meal, an engaging video, and open conversation in a friendly, non-judgmental environment. Whether you’re new to the parish, curious about faith, or simply looking to connect with others, Alpha is a great way to meet fellow parishioners and enjoy meaningful discussions. Scan the QR code to learn how to register, we hope to see you there!

News & Events

Encounter School of
Ministry - Ottawa Campus
Tuesday, Sept. 16th to 30th



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
as soon as possible. Let's make
this happen together!

“God loves us, God loves
you all, and evil will not
prevail! We are all in
God's hands. Therefore,
without fear, united hand
in hand with God and
each other – let us go
forward.

—Pope Leo XIV

August 20

St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church (1090–1153 AD)

We celebrate St. Bernard, one of
the most influential Church figures
of the 12th century. A Cistercian
monk and abbot of Clairvaux,
Bernard was known for his deep
love of Christ and devotion to the
Blessed Virgin Mary. He advised
popes, preached the Second
Crusade, and inspired countless
men and women to holiness.
Proclaimed a Doctor of the Church
in 1830, he is remembered for his
writings on Scripture, humility, and
the love of God. His life reminds us
that true wisdom flows from prayer
and charity.

“There are those who seek
knowledge for the sake of
knowledge; that is Curiosity.

There are those who seek
knowledge to be known by
others; that is Vanity.

There are those who seek
knowledge in order to serve;
that is Love.”

— Bernard of Clairvaux

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Let Us Pray

Prayers of the Faithful — Coming to the Bulletin and Online

Beginning last week, we started sharing the Prayers of the Faithful read at Mass so you 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. In the weeks ahead these prayers 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 all who are sick, grieving, or in distress, that they may experience God's healing presence and the support of those around them.
- For the Church throughout the world, that it may be a beacon of hope and unity, promoting peace and understanding among all peoples.
- For Christians in Sub-Saharan Africa facing extreme violence,

abductions, and displacement, that they may find safety, healing, and peace.

- For Christians everywhere, that they may have the courage to proclaim their faith in words and deeds, reflecting Christ's love and truth in all they do.
- 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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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.

