

# 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 66.18-21

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 12.5-7, 11-13

## GOSPEL

Luke 13.22-30

Psalms 117

GO OUT TO ALL THE  
WORLD AND TELL THE  
GOOD NEWS.

## Gospel Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches that the way to eternal life is through the "narrow door." His words remind us that discipleship is not about convenience or status, but about genuine commitment to God. Many will one day knock on the door, claiming familiarity with Jesus, only to find it closed. Why? Because knowing about Him is not the same as knowing Him through a life of faith, obedience, and love.

The narrow door challenges us to let go of pride, selfishness, and complacency. It calls for humility, repentance, and perseverance.

Walking through it is not easy—it requires sacrifice, daily choices to love God and neighbor, and the courage to live differently than the world expects. Yet it is precisely this path that leads to life.

Jesus also offers hope: "Some are last who will be first." God's mercy reaches beyond human expectations. Those overlooked by the world can find a place at the banquet through faith. The invitation is open, but it requires our response—today, not tomorrow.

The narrow way is hard, but it leads to joy.

## Church Restoration and Sacred Art Update

The restoration of our church has reached an exciting stage. The ceiling artwork is now complete — a breathtaking masterpiece that truly lifts the heart to God. With this milestone finished, the scaffolding that has filled the church for many months is finally coming down.


Next comes the flooring. Subfloors will be installed first, followed by the new finished floors. Once this is complete, the pews will be brought back and installed, preparing the church to welcome us all home.

As much as we have made the best of celebrating Mass together in the parish hall, we know everyone is eager to return to our church. We are filled with anticipation for our Grand Opening Weekend on September 13th and 14th. It will be a joyful celebration.

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• † Ronnie Berrea by Irma Clarke</li><li>• † Colleen Larkin (sister of Pat Hoganson), by Pat and Bob Hoganson</li></ul>
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• † Alison Shanahan by Patrick Shanahan</li></ul>
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• People of the Parish</li></ul>
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• † Kathryn Bounniere by Nancy Fulsom</li></ul>
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• † All Souls Intention</li></ul>
Thursday	9:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For the intention of Megan Graham by Anne &amp; Alan Gordon</li></ul>
Friday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• † Agnes, Francis, Douglas &amp; Rose Wijesekera by Anne, Sherine &amp; family</li></ul>

Choose the narrow  
way now—tomorrow  
may be too late.


## A collection of various school supplies including pens, pencils, and scissors, organized into several metal containers. The supplies are arranged in a way that shows a variety of colors and types of writing instruments.



explore

life  
faith  
meaning



 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. 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>

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

## 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.

## Fundraiser Report


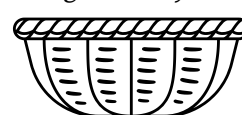
Sacred Art donations have shown  
remarkable growth. In 2023,  
collections totaled \$25,000. From  
January 2024 through July 2025,  
contributions have reached  
\$122,888.99, reflecting the continued  
generosity and commitment of our  
parish community.

## August 20 St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

St. Augustine of Hippo is one of  
the most influential figures in  
Christian history. A brilliant thinker,  
preacher, and writer, he became  
bishop of Hippo in North Africa and  
devoted his life to teaching the  
faith and guiding the Church  
through times of turmoil. His  
works, especially *The Confessions*  
and *The City of God*, continue to  
shape theology and spirituality with  
their depth and honesty. Augustine's  
journey shows the power of God's  
grace to transform even the most  
restless heart. His famous words  
still resonate across the centuries:  
"You have made us for yourself, O  
Lord, and our heart is restless until  
it rests in you."

"And men go abroad to  
admire the heights of  
mountains, the mighty waves  
of the sea, the broad tides of  
rivers, the compass of the  
ocean, and the circuits of the  
stars, yet pass over the  
mystery of themselves without  
a thought."

## Collection Totals for July

 	Thank you for your generosity!	Offerings	\$29,184.51
		Restoration	\$3,923.15
		Sacred Art	\$7,240.00
		Maintenance	\$2,054.50
		Other	\$7,179.95

# 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 the Church, inviting all to the banquet of the Kingdom; and for missionaries and all who work to build up God's kingdom on earth.
- For persecuted Christians in the Middle East, Nicaragua and throughout the world where the Church is restricted in its activity; and for students, educators and those leaving home for new challenges and opportunities.
- For sufficient rain for the crops; and for victims of heat, droughts, floods, violence and hatred.
- For the release of hostages, the end of war and food for the starving; and for an increased willingness to work together as God's people.
- 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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