

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

Sirach 3.17-18, 20, 28-29

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12.18-19, 22-24

GOSPEL

Luke 14.1, 7-14

Psalms 68

GOD, IN YOUR GOODNESS,
YOU HAVE MADE A HOME
FOR THE POOR.

Gospel Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus observes people scrambling for the best seats at a banquet and uses the moment to teach about humility and hospitality. His words strike at a common human desire—to be noticed, honoured, and given status. Yet Jesus reminds us that the Kingdom of God does not operate on the same values as society. True greatness is not measured by where we sit, but by our willingness to serve and take the lower place. The challenge goes deeper when He tells us not to invite only those who can repay us, but to welcome the poor, the crippled, the lame

, and the blind. In other words, Christian hospitality seeks no return; it mirrors God's own generosity, who gives without measure and invites us into His feast though we can never repay Him.

This passage calls us to examine our motives. Do we serve others to gain recognition, or out of genuine love? The invitation is to practice humility, to lift others up, and to trust that the reward we seek is not human praise, but the joy of God's eternal banquet.

Countdown to Our Grand Opening Weekend!

The excitement is building — our church is almost ready to welcome everyone home! Flooring work is underway, with subfloors being laid and the new finished floors coming soon. Alongside this, our live stream and AV technology are being carefully re-installed, ensuring that every Mass and event will be beautifully shared with the wider parish community.

With these final touches, the church is preparing for its long-awaited Grand Opening Weekend on September 13th and 14th — a celebration you won't want to miss! After months apart, we can't wait to come together again in our fully restored, vibrant worship space, filled with beauty, technology, and the joy of community.



Masses and Intentions

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| Saturday | 5:00 p.m. | • People of the Parish |
| Sunday | 9:00 a.m. | • † Shannon Everett by Harold and Linda Buecino |
| Sunday | 11:00 a.m. | • For the 70th Wedding Anniversary of John and Gerrie deKemp by John and Gerri deKemp • † Ashley LaRoche by her family |
| Tuesday | 9:00 a.m. | • For the 25th Wedding Anniversary of Katalin and George by the Holica and Siket families |
| Wednesday | 9:00 a.m. | • † Howard Sheridan by Richard and Karyn Sheridan |
| Thursday | 9:00 p.m. | • † Jan Lesage by Monica and Ian Govan |
| Friday | 9:00 a.m. | • † Bernard Chan by Maria Chan |



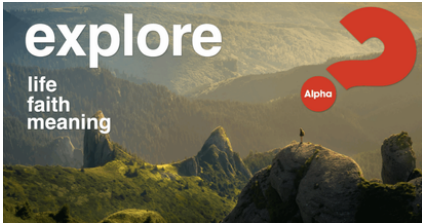
Examine your motives:
is your generosity for
recognition, or for love?

Reconciliation: Saturdays 4-4:45 p.m. in the sacristy or by appointment

News & Events

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!

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Sister Shower

Saturday, Sept. 6th, 1:00 - 4:00 pm



The Servants of the Cross invite you to a Sister Shower and Veilorette (a holy bachelorette celebration) Join us for delicious treats, testimonies of our NEW Applicants and Sisters-to-be, as well as time to be together as we celebrate these FIVE women taking the next step on their journey. St. Maurice Parish - Atrium 4 Perry St., Ottawa, ON Please scan the QR above code to RSVP by Sept. 3rd, 2025. A wishlist of ideas and needs provided when you RSVP.

Pilgrims of Hope, Come walk with us!

Thursday, October 23, All Day



Join us for the 9 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick's Fallowfield, then walk the 29 km Ottawa Camino to Notre Dame Cathedral. The journey takes about 8 hours, departing at 9:45 a.m. and ending with a potluck reception. Past pilgrims include Fr. Mark Goring, the Servants of the Cross, the Queenship of Mary Community, and many from Ottawa and beyond. Find route details, shuttle info, volunteer needs, optional start/finish points, and potluck signup by scanning the QR code above.

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Fall 2025 Pastoral Care Training

Fridays, Sept. 15 to Nov. 24



Fall 2025 Ottawa Pastoral Care Training Program courses are filling quickly!

The evening Basic Training course is nearly full, but space remains in the afternoon session at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. Early bird registration ends September 5. Classes run weekly (excluding Thanksgiving). An Advanced program will be offered in October over four evenings, and a Continuing Education session will be held online November 4. Details and registration: www.ottawapastoralcare.com

CWL: Thank You!



The CWL would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for your extraordinary generosity. Your recent donations during the month of August, helped make our School Supplies Drive a tremendous success. We were able to deliver 11 boxes of school supplies to 4 Catholic schools, to help underprivileged students. The schools were very appreciative of all of our contributions. Your support is greatly appreciated as we strive to help our community.

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.

Upcoming Events

As summer winds down and our church renovations wrap up, we're heading into an event-packed fall! With more coffee socials than ever before, there will be plenty of opportunities to gather and connect. Here's a glimpse at what's ahead—stay tuned for more details.

-  Coffee Social
September 21
-  Community Breakfast
September 28
-  Coffee Social
October 5
-  Roast Beef Dinner
October 19
-  Coffee Social
October 26



September 3 St. Gregory the Great

St. Gregory the Great, pope and Doctor of the Church, is remembered as one of the most influential leaders in Christian history. Born into a wealthy Roman family, he gave up privilege to embrace the monastic life, desiring only to serve God in prayer and simplicity. Yet, when called to lead the Church, he accepted the papacy with humility and became known as a true shepherd of souls. Gregory worked tirelessly to reform the liturgy and promote the singing of sacred chant that still bears his name today. His writings, especially Pastoral Care, continue to guide priests and lay leaders alike. Deeply concerned for the poor, Gregory turned the Church into a center of charity, reminding all Christians that faith must be lived out in works of mercy. His life teaches us that holiness is expressed in action. "The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things." – St. Gregory the Great

FORMED Streaming Service



Enjoy a FREE subscription to formed.org – an incredible online gateway to quality Catholic content for both children and adults. To learn more or to register, visit the parish website for details.



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. We pray to the Lord....



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 renewed efforts towards peace in Ukraine, the Middle East, and all places of violence, and for Christians under siege throughout the world, including those suffering in Nigeria.
- For a genuine concern for the plight of hostages and the poor, and for those facing unrest, persecution, and natural disasters throughout the world.
- For workers and employers on this Labour Day weekend, and for God's blessing on our work as we return to the routine of the Fall.
- For students, educators, and staff as they resume their studies this week, and for those leaving home for new challenges and opportunities.
- 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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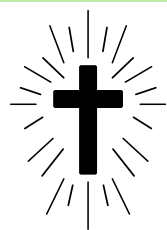
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Parish Life

- 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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