

# 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 9.13-18b

## SECOND READING

Philemon 1.9-10, 12-17

## GOSPEL

Luke 14.25-33

Psalms 90

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

## Gospel Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks directly about the cost of discipleship. His words are stark: following Him requires total commitment, even to the point of letting go of the dearest attachments in our lives. This is not because He despises family or possessions, but because divided hearts cannot fully receive the life He offers. To "carry the cross" is to embrace sacrifice, placing Christ above every comfort, ambition, or security.

Jesus uses two images: a builder calculating costs and a king weighing the odds of battle. Both remind us that discipleship is not casual

but deliberate. Just as we would not begin a project without considering its demands, so too we must honestly ask: Am I ready to put Christ first, no matter the cost?

The Gospel challenges us to examine what we cling to—possessions, reputation, or control—that may hinder our freedom to follow Jesus. True freedom and joy are found not in holding on, but in surrendering all to Him. By giving everything, we gain everything, for Christ Himself becomes our lasting treasure.

## We're So Back!

The new pastoral year is here—and we're hitting the ground running! After a summer of preparation, we're ready to gather once again with energy and purpose.

This September brings the much-anticipated Grand Opening, the return of Coffee Socials, our hearty Community Breakfasts, and the launch of Alpha. These aren't just events on a calendar—they're opportunities to build community, grow in faith, and make a lasting difference in the lives of others and in our own.

Let's embrace this new season together, bringing our gifts, our presence, and our joy. With God's grace, this year promises to be full of connection, growth, and renewal. We're so back—and we can't wait to see what we'll accomplish together! ! Let's make this year one to remember.

# Masses and Intentions

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>† Marta Dudley by Patricia and Peter Dudley</li><li>† Rose Wijesekera by Anne, Sherine, and the family</li></ul>
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>People of the Parish</li><li>† Catherine O'Donnell by Michael and Robert</li><li>† Guy Morand by Dianne and Pierre Boucher</li><li>† John Fraser by Bev Buckland</li><li>† Stephen Simmons by Margaret and Bernie Carroll</li></ul>
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>For new Mothers and Fathers in the Parish by St. Patrick Legion of Mary</li></ul>
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>† Lewis Maloney by John and Eileen Monaghan</li></ul>
Thursday	9:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>† All Souls Intention</li></ul>
Friday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>† Marguerite Murphy by Anne and Alan Gordon</li></ul>

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




Take up your cross; surrender pride, embrace humble service.

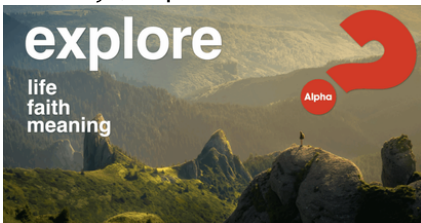
# News & Events


## Grand Reopening September 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>



 We are delighted to announce the grand reopening of our church following this summer’s restoration! Join us on September 13 at the 5:00 p.m. Mass, or on September 14 at the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses. After the Saturday evening Mass, there will be a brief appreciation and thank-you gathering. Following all Masses, please stay and enjoy an Outdoor Coffee Social with fellow parishioners. We look forward to celebrating together—see you there!


## Alpha 2025 Thursdays, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> to Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>



 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!

## Community Breakfast Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>



 Join us for the first Community Breakfast of the liturgical year, hosted by the Knights of Columbus, on Sunday, September 28 following the morning Masses. Enjoy pancakes, eggs, and all the usual fixings! Breakfast is offered by free will donation. Come for a great meal and warm fellowship—we can’t wait to see you there!



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### Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy begins again on Sunday, September 14 during the 9:00 a.m. Mass. All children from kindergarten through grade 3 are welcome—no registration needed, simply come any Sunday!

### Volunteers Needed

The Children's Liturgy ministry is seeking volunteers to serve as leaders or assistants. If you're interested, please contact Leah at [moore\\_kids@hotmail.com](mailto:moore_kids@hotmail.com). We also hope to expand Children's Liturgy to the 11:00 a.m. Mass, and volunteers for that time are especially welcome.

### 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.

### 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.

### Help Wanted: Coffee Socials

We love Coffee Socials and want more! Parish families or groups are invited to host a Sunday this fall. Coffee, supplies, and support are provided—you just bring your hospitality. To sign up, contact David Piccolo at [communications@stpatricksfallowfield.com](mailto:communications@stpatricksfallowfield.com).

## Upcoming Events



Coffee Social  
September 21



CWL Pie and Bake Sale  
October 4th and 5th



Coffee Social  
October 12



Roast Beef Dinner  
October 19



Coffee Social  
October 26

### 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.



### Vendors Wanted – CWL Christmas Bazaar

The CWL is now accepting vendors for their annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 29. Spots are filling quickly, so don't delay! If you are interested, please contact Susan Burnett at [sueburnett13@gmail.com](mailto:sueburnett13@gmail.com).

## FORMED Streaming Service



Enjoy a FREE subscription to [formed.org](https://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 the people of Sudan, suffering from a disastrous earthquake and landslide; and for those facing political upheaval, war, and oppression of the Church.
- For the Church, community of praise, learning the ways of God; and for Pope Leo, Archbishop Damphousse, and all priests, deacons and religious, who seek to be reflections of God's wisdom for us.
- For renewed zeal as we build up God's kingdom here on earth; and for all parish volunteers, committees and groups,
- For a deeper faith and commitment to Jesus in our service to those in need; and for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.
- 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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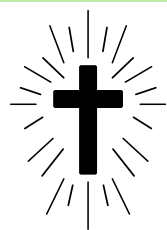
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## Parish Life

- 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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