

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.



Gospel Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus warns His disciples about the destruction of the temple and the trials that will come. He speaks not to frighten them but to prepare them for the challenges of living faithfully in a world often hostile to God's truth. Jesus reminds us that adversity is inevitable: we will face opposition, betrayal, and suffering. Yet, He also assures us that these trials are opportunities to witness to our faith. Our trust must not rest in human structures or possessions, which are temporary, but in God, who alone gives lasting strength. The

words "By your endurance you will gain your lives" remind us that perseverance is itself a form of discipleship. In the face of difficulty, we are called to remain steadfast, speaking boldly, acting with courage, and relying on the Holy Spirit for wisdom and courage.

This passage challenges us to examine where we place our confidence. Do we cling to security, status, or comfort, or do we trust in God's providence even when life becomes uncertain? Faithfulness under pressure bears witness to God's kingdom.

FIRST READING

Malachi 4.1-2

SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 3.7-12

GOSPEL

Luke 21.5-19

Psalms 98

THE LORD IS COMING
TO JUDGE THE
PEOPLES WITH EQUITY.

November 21 Memorial of the Presentation of Mary

The Presentation of Mary, recalls the day her parents brought her to the Temple to dedicate her life to God. From her earliest days, Mary was set apart for a mission of love and faithfulness—a model for all of us as we seek to live lives dedicated to God's will.

This week, consider making a personal pilgrimage to the Grotto of Our Lady of the Fields. Don't let the chilly weather stop you! A quiet walk to the grotto, a pause in the fresh air, and a decade of the Rosary can help center your heart and mind, inviting Mary's guidance into your daily life. Take this moment to reflect, to pray, and to ask for her intercession for yourself, your family, and the wider world. Marking this memorial helps open your heart to the season of Advent (see back cover).

Masses and Intentions

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Inez Scot, by Nancy. † Brendan Guilfoyle, by the family.
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Anita Mannarino, by Marie Arnold. † Deceased members of the Christian and Fox Families, by Michael O'Neill. † Deceased members of the CWL, by the CWL.
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Wieslaw Wasilewski, by Richard Sheridan. † Deborah Meagher and Mario Chiarelli, by Julia and Luigi Chiarelli. † Perfecto, Sabino, Jerry, Amado and Luisa, by the Canay family. † BoyAngel Carlito, Carmen, and Armando, by the Canay family. † All Souls Intention
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People of the Parish
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † All Souls Intention
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † All Souls Intention
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For those who have no one to pray for them, by Anne and Alan Gordon.
Friday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Jane Shannon, by Doug Shannon and family.

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

November 22 Remembering St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

St. Cecilia is the patron saint of musicians. Tradition tells us that even on her wedding day, she “sang in her heart” to God while the music played around her.

As we honor St. Cecilia, it’s a perfect time to give thanks for our music ministries and all who lift our hearts in song. Take a moment today to pray for them, and reflect on how your own gifts—big or small—can become acts of worship.

“The aim and final reason of all music should be nothing else but the glory of God and the refreshment of the spirit.”

—Johann Sebastian Bach

News & Events

Christmas Bazaar

Sunday, Nov. 29th



Get into the holiday spirit at the St. Patrick’s CWL Christmas Bazaar! Discover over a dozen vendors offering handcrafted items and Christmas gifts. Kids can find special presents at the White Elephant Table, with gift wrapping available. Enjoy seasonal treats at the Christmas Café, and best of all, admission is free!

New Year’s Eve Dance

Wednesday, Dec. 31st



Ring in 2026 with the Knights of Columbus! It will be an evening of lively music, delicious food, and festive celebration. Tickets: \$60 each with Early Bird pricing until December 16. After that, tickets are \$75.

Tickets are available in the parish office or online. For full event details and ticket purchase, visit our website.

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Sunday Missals


The new Liturgical Year begins on November 30th, the First Sunday in Advent. Sunday Missals for the 2025 – 2026 (year A) cost is \$5 per book, and Sunday Missal for Young Catholics for the 2025 – 2026 (year A) cost is \$10 per book. Can be purchased from the ushers after weekend Masses and from the parish office, during office hours (Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.).

Faithful Stewardship: Your Life, Your Legacy

What legacy will you leave? Join Archbishop Dampousse for a presentation on how to create an intentional, prayerful Estate Plan that maximizes your spiritual and social impact. The presentation will take place on Nov 30, 2025 from 3pm-4:30pm at Holy Spirit Parish in Stittsville, including a social with refreshments.

Did you know?

Many Catholic churches built in the Middle Ages have labyrinths on the floor. Unlike a maze, a labyrinth has a single winding path that takes the longest possible route to the center. It symbolizes our spiritual journey toward God, guiding the faithful through reflection, prayer, and patience. Walking a labyrinth slowly is a form of meditative prayer.



Registration for the Sacraments


 There is only one month left to register for First Communion, First Reconciliation, and Confirmation. Registration closes on November 30. Families can register on our parish website. A copy of your child’s birth certificate is required, so please prepare this ahead of time and register as soon as possible once registration opens.

All Souls Intentions

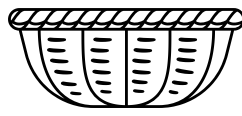
During the month of November, we remember in a special way our deceased relatives and friends, through Parish All Souls Intentions Masses. Special All Souls envelopes can be found at the church entrance and in the parish office. You can also mail-in a donation from home or e-transfer to finance@stpatricksfallowfield.com. If you choose this method, please comment that it is an All Souls Intention, and provide the names of those we are praying for, your name and use masses as your password.



Collection Totals for October




Thank you for your generosity!




Offerings	\$24,415.15
Restoration	\$2,783.00
Sacred Art	\$13,792.50
Maintenance	\$1,862.00
Other	\$21,854.55

Giftcards for the Missions

 The Catholic Women’s League is collecting gift cards, cash, and cheques to support local shelters and missions this Christmas. Collections run from November 8 to December 9. To donate, place your gift card, cash, or cheque in an envelope clearly marked “CWL Christmas Campaign” and drop it in the collection basket. Make cheques payable to: “CWL ST PATRICK PARISH NEPEAN.” You can also donate by e-transfer—just scan the QR code and follow the instructions. For more information, please contact Louise Nother at lrmassie@hotmail.com. Help share the joy of Christmas with those in need!

Help Us Reach the Finish Line

 We’ve reached a milestone in funding the central artwork — thank you! Our fundraiser continues until we reach the diocesan limit, so your continued support helps ensure that more of our restoration funds remain available for the parish’s future needs.

Getting Ready to Get Ready: Preparing for Advent

With just two weeks until the first Sunday of Advent, the calendar gently nudges us toward this sacred season of waiting and hope. Soon, the purple paraments will drape our sanctuary, the Advent wreath will flicker with its growing light, and we'll begin our journey anew toward the manger.

You might be thinking: "I thought Advent was a season of preparation. Why prepare to prepare?" It's a fair question, one that reflects the layered wisdom of our faith. Advent isn't a passive pause; it's an active tuning of our hearts, like oiling the hinges of a door before it swings wide. Consider the wise virgins in Jesus' parable (Matthew 25:1-13).

They didn't wait until midnight to trim their lamps; they prepared ahead, ensuring readiness when the bridegroom arrived.

In our busy lives, that might mean carving out space now: planning your daily readings, gathering your family for a wreath-making evening, or buying advent calendars for the kids. Why bother? True preparation frees us to savor the mystery. It turns frantic last-minute scrambles into moments of quiet anticipation, reminding us that God's arrival—then in Bethlehem, now in our hearts—asks not for perfection, only open hands.

So let's lean in. Light a candle at home. Whisper a prayer for the

weary. And as Advent dawns, may we greet it not as a duty, but as a gift we've already begun to unwrap.



Stand firm in faith,
even when trials seem
overwhelming.

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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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