

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

2 Samuel 5.1-3

SECOND READING

Colossians 1.12-20

GOSPEL

Luke 23.35-43

Psalms 122

LET US GO REJOICING
TO THE HOUSE OF THE
LORD.

Gospel Reflection

In today's Gospel, we meet Christ our King on the Cross. The scene is stark: leaders scoff, soldiers mock, one criminal joins their jeers. Yet beside Jesus hangs another man who sees something different. He recognizes innocence, mercy, and a kingdom not built on power but on self-giving love. With a simple plea—"Jesus, remember me"—he entrusts his life to the One who reigns through forgiveness.

This moment reveals the heart of Christ's kingship. Jesus does not save Himself to prove His authority; He saves others by laying

down His life. His throne is the Cross, His crown is suffering, and His victory is the promise of paradise offered even in His final breaths. The good thief reminds us that no one is beyond the reach of God's mercy, and it is never too late to turn toward Christ.

Because Christ reigns through mercy, we look to the Cross, where love endures, forgives, and restores. May we have the courage to pray the same simple prayer: "Jesus, remember me," and trust in His unfailing mercy.

Christ the King of the Universe

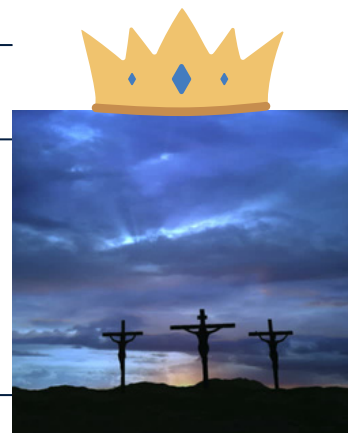
The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as a response to the rise of secularism, a way of life that leaves God out of human thinking and decision-making. When God is absent from our lives, families, and society, disorder, injustice, and confusion often follow.

Christ's kingship is not just a spiritual idea, it has real implications for our world and daily lives. As King, He guides us in truth, love, and justice. He is the Redeemer, and the Head of the Church. Through His reign, our lives, families, and communities can find order, purpose, and lasting peace.

Celebrating Christ as King is a call to organize our lives around Him, to make His values central in our decisions, relationships, and society.

Masses and Intentions

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People of the Parish
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • † Sr. Heidi Facto, by Edwin and Bernadette Facto. • † Jackie McKenna, by the family.
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • † Gregory Russell Crossman, by the Wright family. • † Bill Scrim, by Denise Scrim and family. • † Deborah Egan, by Gerry Egan. • † Madeline McDonald, by Anne-Marie Goodman. • For the health and recovery of Helen Dulsky, by Angela, Janet and Carmel.
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • † Jackie McKenna, by her family.
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • † Paula de Kemp, by Susan Buchanan.
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • † Bettyanne & John Shmelka, by Pat Switzer.
Friday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For blessings received, by Anne and Alan Gordon.



Look to the Cross and choose the path of humble surrender.

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

News & Events

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, 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. Join us for a festive day of shopping, food, and fun. See you there!

Bake & Book Sale

December 13th & 14th



Stop by for Christmas baked goods from the CWL and cozy winter reads from the Knights of Columbus. Coffee and refreshments will be available. The CWL welcomes donations of baked goods, and the Knights are accepting gently used books (no binders, textbooks, or magazines). Support our parish ministries and get ready for the season!

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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Faithful Stewardship: Your Life, Your Legacy

What legacy will you leave?

Join Archbishop Damphousse 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.

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.

Sunday Smile

A Jesuit and a Dominican were debating when it was acceptable to smoke.

The Dominican went to his superior and asked, "Father, may I smoke while I pray?"

He received a firm "Absolutely not."

Later, he found the Jesuit praying with a cigarette in his mouth. Shocked, he asked, "How did you get permission for that?"

The Jesuit replied, "Simple. I asked my superior if it was all right to pray while I smoke. He said it was perfectly fine."

FINAL WEEK: Registration for the Sacraments



There is only one week 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.

Shades of Ireland

Fr. Bill Penney and Our Lady of Visitation Parish are organizing an exciting 10-day trip to Ireland next

October. The itinerary includes a rich journey through history, featuring a pilgrimage to St. Patrick's Cathedral. In the words of Fr. Bill, "It's a religious tour that includes one church and fifty pubs."

This promises to be a memorable, once-in-a-lifetime experience. If you're interested, flyers are available at the front of the church.

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!



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With Advent Just One Week Away...

As we prepare to enter a new liturgical season, here are a few simple ways to ready your heart and home for Advent:

1. Make time for Confession.

Advent is a season of renewal, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation helps us begin with a clear heart. Confession is offered here at St. Patrick Fallowfield every Saturday from 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. As an alternative, if Sundays are more convenient, Holy Spirit Parish is hosting a special drop-in confession on Sunday, December 14, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., with several priests hearing confessions throughout the afternoon.

2. Pick up your new Sunday Missal.

This is the final week using last year's

missals. New Sunday Missals are available in the parish office: \$5 for the regular edition and \$10 for the Young Catholic version. A missal is a great companion for following the readings, praying with the Church, and deepening your participation at Mass throughout the new liturgical year.

3. Prepare your home for the season.

Small traditions help make Advent tangible. Set out your family's crèche, pick up an Advent calendar for children, or place a prayer card or candle in a quiet corner as a daily reminder to pause and reflect. Even simple practices create space for hope to grow.

As Advent begins, may these small steps help us enter the season with intention, joy, and hearts ready to welcome Christ.

Stay Engaged

Follow us on social media and stay engaged with our vibrant community. If you are posting photographs of events at the church, we'd love to see them, see remember to tag us!



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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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