

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 2.1-5

SECOND READING

Romans 13.11-14

GOSPEL

Matthew 24.37-44

Psalms 122

LET US GO REJOICING
TO THE HOUSE OF THE
LORD.

Gospel Reflection

In this Gospel, Jesus reminds us that His coming will be sudden and unexpected, much like the days of Noah. People were going about their ordinary routines, unaware that everything was about to change. The message is not meant to create fear but to awaken a deeper attentiveness in our hearts. Jesus invites us to live each day with a readiness shaped by faith, charity, and trust. Being watchful does not mean standing still or waiting anxiously. It means choosing to live with purpose, making room for God in the ordinary tasks of our lives. We prepare for

the Lord not only through prayer but also through the way we treat others, especially when no one is watching. Our small acts of kindness, forgiveness, and generosity become signs that our hearts are alert and open.

Jesus also tells us that two people may stand side by side while only one is ready. Readiness is a matter of the heart. We cannot borrow it from another.

The Lord's return will come quietly, yet it will not surprise those who walk with Him each day.

December

Month of the Immaculate Conception

This month honors the Immaculate Conception of Mary, the moment she was preserved from original sin by God's grace. Chosen to be the Mother of Christ, she was created pure and full of grace, a spotless vessel for the Word made flesh.

November 30th

First Sunday in Advent

Waiting In Hope

As we light the first candle on the Advent wreath, we begin our journey of hope toward the celebration of Christ's birth. This season invites us to prepare our hearts, embrace His light, and reflect on the promise of His coming. Let us enter this time of waiting with joyful anticipation, ready to welcome the Prince of Peace into our lives and our world. May this Advent bring renewed faith, hope, and love to all.

Masses and Intentions

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Beverley Ann Hopkins, by Ken, family, and friends. † Jocelyne Latrémouille, by Michèle and Doug Watson.
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People of the Parish
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † John deKemp, by Norma Milosek. † Krista Brady, by Beverlae Buckland. † John & Gerry DeKemp, by Debbie and Daly McLaughlin. † Deceased members of the Issa family, by Mike and Susan Issa.
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"> All Souls Intention
Friday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Souls Intention

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



Stay vigilant in faith;
keep your divine
purpose ever before you.



December 6th St. Nicholas, Bishop

St. Nicholas, celebrated for his generosity, compassion, and unwavering faith, was a fourth-century bishop known for his quiet acts of charity and deep love for Christ. He defended the faith during the Council of Nicaea and tirelessly served the poor. His legendary gift-giving, rooted in his love for God and neighbor, has inspired centuries of generosity and joy.

As we honor St. Nicholas, we are reminded of the power of selfless love and the call to care for those in need. May his example inspire us to give generously of our time, resources, and hearts as we prepare to celebrate Christ's coming.

News & Events

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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Help Us Reach the Finish Line

 We've reached an important milestone in funding the central artwork — thank you! There is just over \$30,000 left to donate to this fund. Your continued support will help us reach our goal and ensure that more of our restoration funds remain available for the parish's future needs.

Sunday Smile

Isaac Newton and Thomas Aquinas were chatting in Heaven.

"Hey," Newton said, "did you hear the one about the Higgs Boson particle that walked into a church?"

Aquinas raised an eyebrow. "No...?"

"So the priest says, 'You can't be here!' And the Higgs Boson replies, 'You can't have Mass without me.'"

They both chuckled.


Newton continued, "But then the priest looks confused and mumbles under his breath. The Higgs asks, 'Father, what did you just say?' And the priest replies, 'Oh, nothing — to you it really doesn't matter.'"

Aquinas groaned. "That joke is heavy."

"Speaking of heavy," Newton said, "did you hear neutrinos have mass, too? I didn't even know they were Catholic."

Without missing a beat, Aquinas replied, "Please. That's an ecumenical dark matter."

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!

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

Advent Prayer by Henri Nouwen

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We, who have so much to do, seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.

We, who are anxious over many things, look forward to your coming among us.

We, who are blessed in so many ways, long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We, whose hearts are heavy, seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

St. Francis Xavier Vespers

The Jesuits in Ottawa is hosting a Vespers in honour of St. Francis Xavier on Wednesday, December 3rd at Notre Dame Cathedral. Vespers will start at 7 p.m. and will be followed with a reception in the lower level of the cathedral. There will also be an opportunity to receive a blessing with the relics of St. Francis Xavier, St. Ignatius of Loyola, and three of the Canadian Martyrs. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Prepare Your Heart This Advent

Advent is a season of renewal, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation helps us begin with a clear heart. Confession is offered here every Saturday from 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. As an alternative, 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 in attendance.



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Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule

December 24 5, 7, and 10 p.m.

December 25 9 a.m.

December 31 5 p.m.

January 1st 11 a.m.



Please note: There will be no 9 a.m. Mass on December 24, 26, 31, or January 1.

Prayers of the Faithful Now Online

The Prayers of the Faithful are now available on our website. You can find them on the Home Page, in the “This Week” section, just below the weekly readings.

Support our Parish Through Bridlewood Home Hardware

Did you know that your purchases at Bridlewood Home Hardware (Michael Cowpland at Eagleson) can benefit St. Patrick Fallowfield? Simply mention you’re from St. Patrick Parish at checkout, and a percentage of the pretax sales will be donated back to the church. Thank you for supporting this initiative!



Help our Parish Grow

Leave us a Review!

Do you share our passion for this parish? When people seek to join a parish, they often begin their search on Google. By enhancing our parish's Google rating, you can play a pivotal role in drawing in new parishioners. Join us in spreading the love for our community!



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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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