

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

The Gospel this Sunday brings us to a striking moment: John the Baptist, the fiery prophet who once boldly proclaimed Jesus as the Lamb of God, now sends a question from his prison cell—"Are you the one who is to come?" His circumstances have changed, and with them comes a moment of uncertainty. Jesus responds not with an explanation, but with evidence: the blind see, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the poor receive good news.

This exchange invites us to recognize that faith is not the absence of questions but

the willingness to look for God's work even when life feels confined or unclear. Like John, we may face seasons where expectations collide with reality. Yet Jesus reminds us to look again—to notice where grace is breaking through, often quietly and unexpectedly.

We are called to rejoice, not because everything is resolved, but because God is already at work restoring, healing, and renewing. Joy grows when we trust the signs of His presence and open our hearts to the hope He brings.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35.1-6a, 10

SECOND READING

James 5.7-10

GOSPEL

Matthew 11.2-11

Psalms 146

LORD,
COME AND SAVE US.

December 14

Third Sunday in Advent

Joy, Preparation,
Generosity

The Third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday, takes its name from the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice," reminding us that joy is at the heart of this celebration as Christmas draws near. Rose vestments are worn to highlight this spirit of joyful anticipation, and the rose candle on our Advent wreath is lit as a sign of hope and light breaking into the darkness. This joy is deepened by the beginning of the O Antiphons, a rich and reflective part of the Advent season. These ancient prayers, each beginning with the word "O," invite us to deepen our longing for Christ's arrival. Each antiphon calls on a different title of the Messiah, such as "O Wisdom" or "O Lord of Might," offering a poignant way to meditate on His coming. Find this week's O Antiphon prayers inside, and let them help focus your prayers this Advent as we rejoice in the nearness of the Savior and ready our lives to receive Him.

Masses and Intentions

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| Saturday | 5:00 p.m. | • People of the Parish |
| Sunday | 9:00 a.m. | • † Max and Vic Herdé, by the Herdé family. |
| | | • † Leslie Roche, by Bev Buckland. |
| | | • † Gerrie and John deKemp, by Patricia and David Fraser, and the family. |
| Sunday | 11:00 a.m. | • † Deceased members of the Young family, by Mike and Susan Issa. |
| | | • † Alan Connelly and Marilyn Finlay, by Jamie May. |
| | | • For a friend undergoing cancer treatment, by Gaetana Michelli. |
| Tuesday | 9:00 a.m. | • † Charlie McFadden, by Sophia M. Mcfadden. |
| Wednesday | 9:00 a.m. | • † All Souls Intention |
| Thursday | 9:00 a.m. | • † Susan Carey, by Anne and Alan Gordon. |
| Friday | 9:00 a.m. | • † All Souls Intention |

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



Open your eyes to the grace unfolding in daily life.



News & Events

Reconciliation During Advent

As we prepare for the coming of the Lord in Advent, we remember that Jesus calls us to newness of life through the forgiveness of sins. We receive that new life in baptism, reconciliation, and communion. Confession, like all sacraments, is a gift through which God makes His saving love and mercy present to us. In His desire to set all people free and draw them into authentic peace with God, Christ entrusted the ministry of reconciliation to the apostles. Through the sacrament of confession, Christ offers us the opportunity to open our hearts, seek His help in striving for holiness, and be guided toward eternal life with Him. Please consider celebrating reconciliation this Advent.



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.

New Donation Envelopes

2026 donation envelopes are now available for pickup in the parish hall. To ensure proper record-keeping for tax purposes, please continue using your 2025 envelopes until the end of the year, as envelope numbers have changed for 2026. You can still donate without an envelope by contacting the parish office.

Sacred Art: Almost there!

We're close to completing our Sacred Art fundraiser. 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.

News & Events

O Antiphon Prayers

December 17th

O Wisdom

Insight, Guidance, Vigilance

O Wisdom,
You came forth from the mouth of the
Most High,
and reaching from beginning to end
You ordered all things mightily and
sweetly.
Come, and teach us the way of
prudence.

December 18th

O Lord and Ruler

Authority, Justice, Deliverance

O Adonai and Ruler of the house of
Israel,
You appeared to Moses in the fire of
the burning bush and on Mount Sinai
gave him Your Law.
Come, and with an outstretched arm
redeem us.

December 19th

O Root of Jesse

Connection, Hope, Promise

O Root of Jesse,
You stand for the ensign of mankind;
before You kings shall keep silence and
to You all nations shall have recourse.
Come, save us, and do not delay.

December 20th

O Key of David

Access, Authority, Salvation

O Key of David,
and Scepter of the house of Israel:
You open and no man closes; you close
and no man opens.
Come, and deliver him from the chains
of prison who sits in darkness and in
the shadow of death

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.).



Thank You for Your Generosity

The CWL sincerely thanks everyone
who contributed to our Christmas Gift
Card Drive. With your generosity, we
collected over \$3,000 to support those
in need this holiday season. Your
support is deeply appreciated and
helps bring joy to many families—
thank you for making a difference!

*Thank
you*

Seeking Student Volunteer for Digital Archiving Project

We are looking for a high school
student from our parish with strong
technical skills and good critical
thinking to assist with our digital
migration to SharePoint. Beginning
in the New Year, this project involves
organizing thousands of parish files
and photos, applying consistent
naming conventions, entering file
metadata within an established
structure, and beyond. This volunteer
role can be done from home and
offers a valuable opportunity to gain
practical experience in digital
organization and information
management. Please note that much
of the work is detailed and repetitive,
but it is an important service to the
parish. If you are interested and have
the necessary skill set, please email
communications@stpatricksfallowfield.com.

A Winter Reminder

With winter weather upon us, boots
often carry snow and salt into the
church. We kindly ask everyone to be
mindful of keeping the kneelers clean
by avoiding putting footwear on
them. Please also remember to lift
the kneelers when they are not in
use.

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News & Events

Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule

December 24 5, 7, and 10 p.m.
 December 25 9 a.m., 11 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.



For those joining us from home this Christmas, both the Christmas Eve Mass at 10 p.m. and the Christmas Day Mass at 11 a.m. will be livestreamed.



For those with scent sensitivities, incense will only be burned at the 10 p.m. Mass on December 24.

Parish Office: Christmas Hours

The Parish Office will be closed from 12 noon on December 24 and will reopen at 9:30 a.m. on January 2.

Parent Information Night: Sacramental Prep

The Parish Information Night for Sacramental Preparation will take place on January 8 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall.



Help our Parish Grow

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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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