

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 7.10-14

SECOND READING

Romans 1.1-7

GOSPEL

Matthew 1.18-24

Psalms 24

**MAY THE LORD
COME IN: HE IS KING
OF GLORY**

Gospel Reflection

In these final days of Advent, the Gospel places us beside Joseph, a man caught between justice and mercy, fear and trust. When he learns that Mary is with child, his first instinct is not anger or self-protection but compassion. He plans to divorce her quietly, choosing mercy even before he understands God's plan. This quiet righteousness prepares him to hear the voice of God.

The angel's message does not explain everything. Joseph is told only what he needs to know: the child is from the Holy Spirit,

and his role is to receive Mary and name the child Jesus. By doing so, Joseph freely accepts a vocation he did not choose, one that will reorder his life entirely. He becomes guardian of a mystery larger than himself.

Matthew reminds us that this child fulfills Isaiah's promise: "The virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel." God does not remain distant or abstract. He enters human history through obedience, trust, and hidden faithfulness.

December 21

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Hope, Faith, Preparation

The Fourth Sunday of Advent marks the final preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth. It represents a time of anticipation and joyful expectation as we prepare our hearts to welcome the Savior. This Sunday we are reminded to reflect on God's promises and the profound significance of the coming of Christ into our lives and our world.

December 17 to December 23

O Antiphons

**Hope, Expectation,
Reflection**

The O Antiphons are a deeply reflective part of Advent, marking the final days before Christmas. These ancient prayers invite us to deepen our longing for Christ's arrival. Each antiphon highlights a title of the Messiah, offering a poignant meditation on His coming. As we near Christmas, the O Antiphons focus our prayers and prepare our hearts for His joyful birth. You can find these prayers inside.



Masses and Intentions

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">† All Souls Intention† Walter Scott, by Nancy.For the intentions of the Crouse family, by Diane & John Neshcov.
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">† Lesley Roche, by Norma Milosek.† Lee Lavergne, by Mike and Susan Issa.† Jack, Doris and Tim Coogan, by the family.For Anthony & Dianna Pierre's 55th wedding anniversary, by Anthony & Dianna Pierre.For Dianna's 75th birthday, by Anthony Pierre.
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">† Gregory Dudley, by Patricia and Peter Dudley.

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



When God rearranges your plans, embrace it with joy.

News & Events

December 23
St. John of Kanty

St. John of Kanty (1390–1473) was a Polish priest, scholar, and professor known for his deep humility and charity. A brilliant theologian and philosopher, he taught at the University of Krakow while living a life of simplicity and generosity. He shared his resources with the poor, practiced penance, and upheld justice, becoming a model of both intellect and faith.

“Fight all error, but do it with good humour, patience, kindness, and love. Harshness will damage your own soul and spoil the best cause.”
—St. John of Kanty

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 are \$75 each, and there are only a handful remaining. If you are interested in coming, visit our website or contact the office for more information.



New Donation Envelopes

2026 donation envelopes are now available for pickup in the atrium. To ensure accurate record-keeping, please continue using your 2025 envelopes until the end of the year, as envelope numbers have changed for 2026. If you prefer, you can also make donations 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.

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Children’s Liturgy: Christmas Break + Help Needed

The last Children's Liturgy will be this week, December 21. We will resume on January 11. The Children's Liturgy Program is in need of adult and older student volunteers. We would like to extend our program to the 11am Mass, as well as the 9am Mass. Volunteers would be welcome at both Mass times. Please contact Leah Moore at moore_kids@hotmail.com or stop by the Board room after the 9am Mass in the New Year for more information or to offer your time. Thank you.

O Antiphon Prayers

December 21

O Dayspring

Light, Hope, Redemption

O Dayspring,
bright star of the light eternal, and sun
of righteousness:
Come and shine on those who dwell in
darkness and the shadow of death.

December 22

O King of Nations

Kingship, Salvation, Joy

O King of all nations,
the only joy of every human heart:
Come and save us, Lord our God.

December 23

O Emmanuel

Salvation, Hope

O Emmanuel,
our King and Lawgiver, the hope of the
nations and their Savior:
Come and save us, Lord our God.

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.).

Help us Be Good Neighbours

Kindly be mindful of the parking restrictions around the church, especially during the busy Christmas season. Parking is available at the back of the church for your convenience. Please note that parking is strictly prohibited on Steeple Hill from the Park driveway to Richmond Road. Tickets have been issued in the past, and law enforcement will be actively patrolling the area.

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.

Collection Totals for July			
 <div>Thank you for your generosity!</div> 	Offerings	\$31,132.51	
	Restoration	\$2,865.50	
	Sacred Art	\$1,749.00	
	Maintenance	\$1,642.50	
	Other	\$9,390.20	

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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

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 11 a.m. Choir practices on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the church.
- The 9 a.m. Choir practices on Thursday evenings at 6:15 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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