

# 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 11.1-10

## SECOND READING

Romans 15.4-9

## GOSPEL

Matthew 3.1-12

Psalms 72  
IN HIS DAYS MAY  
RIGHTEOUSNESS FLOURISH,  
AND PEACE ABOUND  
FOREVER.

## Gospel Reflection

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist appears in the wilderness calling all who hear him to repentance. His voice is urgent because his message is not about minor adjustments but about genuine conversion of heart. John reminds us that preparing the way for the Lord requires more than religious identity or outward gestures; it demands an honest look at our lives and a willingness to change what leads us away from God. He speaks of bearing "good fruit," a reminder that faith is meant to be visible in the choices we make, the mercy we show, and the integrity with

which we live. John also points beyond himself to the One who is coming—Jesus—whose baptism will be with the Holy Spirit and fire. This fire is not meant to destroy but to purify, burning away what is false so that what is true may stand. As we enter this season of expectation, the Gospel invites us to examine our priorities, to name what needs healing or realignment, and to welcome Christ with hearts that are ready to receive him. The call to repentance is ultimately a call to renewal, hope, and deeper life in God.

December 7

**Second Sunday in Advent**

### Preparing in faith

The second week of Advent focuses on faith and preparation. As we light the Bethlehem Candle, we remember Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem and their trust in God's plan.

This week invites us to reflect on our own faith and how we can prepare our hearts for Christ's coming. It's a time for prayer, reconciliation, and making space for God's light to shine in our lives.

December 8th

**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

### Divine Grace

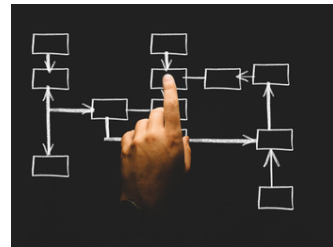
The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception honors the Blessed Virgin Mary's conception without original sin, a grace given to her by God to be the Mother of Jesus. This feast highlights Mary's purity and her total openness to God's will.

As we reflect on this mystery, we are reminded of the importance of grace and humility in our own lives.

# Masses and Intentions

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>† Mary Lascelles, by Karen Schlosser.</li> <li>† Joan Texeira, by the St. Patrick Legion of Mary.</li> <li>† Gwendolyn Helen Gibney, by St. Patrick's Parish community.</li> </ul>
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>† Florence Watson, by Michèle, Doug &amp; Nicole Watson.</li> <li>† Pauline Imbesi, by Helen Lupiano.</li> <li>† All Souls Intention</li> </ul>
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>People of the Parish</li> </ul>
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fr. Schroff (Intentions of), by the St. Patrick Legion of Mary.</li> </ul>
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>† Roberta Fernades, by Ralph Fernandes.</li> </ul>
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>† All Souls Intention</li> </ul>
Friday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>† Deceased members of the Gordon Family, by Anne and Alan Gordon.</li> </ul>

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



Examine your priorities and choose what draws you closer to holiness.



# News & Events

December 12  
**Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

While this feast is typically only observed as a special celebration in the United States, it also holds deep importance for the Knights of Columbus here at St. Patrick, Fallowfield and throughout the world. Our Lady of Guadalupe is honoured by the Knights as their patroness, a title that reflects her role in uniting peoples in faith and drawing hearts to Christ. Her appearance to St. Juan Diego inspired a renewed openness to the Gospel, a mission the Knights continue through their charitable works and service. As we mark this feast, we give thanks for her guidance and for the witness of the Knights who serve our parish with such dedication.

Bake & Book Sale  
December 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>

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. 31<sup>st</sup>


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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## 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 until this Tuesday, December 9th.

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](mailto:Lrmassie@hotmail.com).

Help share the joy of Christmas with those in need!

## 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.

## 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.

## Parish Penitential Service

Dec 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.



Prepare your heart this Advent season by joining us for the Parish Penitential Service. The evening will begin with a brief Liturgy of the Word, followed by the opportunity for individual confessions.

Don't miss this opportunity to renew your spirit, embrace God's mercy, and find peace in the midst of the Advent season. We encourage everyone to come, lay down their burdens, and leave refreshed in faith and hope.

Confessions are also available every Saturday from 4:00 – 4:45 PM or by appointment.

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.



## Our Pastoral Care Ministry

St. Patrick Fallowfield is blessed with an extraordinary Pastoral Care team whose quiet and compassionate work touches many lives. Through home visits, hospital outreach, and friendly phone calls, our team brings comfort, encouragement, and a sense of community to those who are ill, homebound, or simply in need of a reassuring presence. Their ministry reminds parishioners that they are never forgotten and always held in prayer. If you or someone you know would benefit from pastoral care, we invite you to register so that our team may reach out.

### A Call to Serve This Christmas Season

Many people in our wider community experience loneliness more acutely during the Christmas season. If you feel a calling to offer companionship, a listening ear, or simple encouragement, the Pastoral Care team would be grateful to hear from you. New volunteers help us extend our reach to those who need support the most. If you know someone who could use a visit or a call, or if you believe you may be called to this ministry, please connect with our team. Your kindness can make a meaningful difference in someone's life.



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Pastoral Care



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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.

## Livestreaming for Christmas

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. We look forward to celebrating the Nativity of the Lord with you.

## 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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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

