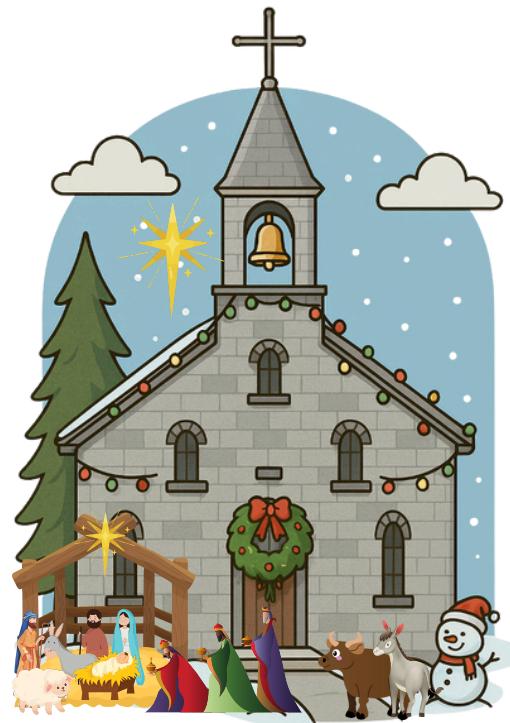




ST. PATRICK PARISH, FALLOWFIELD

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 journey of the Magi is not just a story of impress, but to adore. The gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh are more than symbols; they are acts of surrender, placing earthly wealth, worship, and even suffering at the feet of Christ. Having encountered Jesus, the Magi do not return the way they came. Obedient to God's warning, they refuse to cooperate with the powers that seek to control or destroy life. Changed by their meeting with the true King, they take another road home. The Gospel invites us to the same response: to seek Christ honestly, to kneel in worship, and to allow our encounter with Him to change the direction of our lives.

Epiphany reveals a God who makes Himself known beyond boundaries of nation, culture, and status. As Isaiah foretells, nations come to the light of the Lord, bringing what they have, not to

FIRST READING

Isaiah 60.1-6

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6

GOSPEL

Matthew 2.1-12

Psalm 72
LORD, EVERY NATION
ON EARTH WILL
ADORE YOU.

January 4th
The Epiphany of the Lord

Manifestation, Salvation
Epiphany means manifestation. The feast of the Epiphany celebrates Christ being revealed to the whole world. Originally observed as a feast of the Nativity in the Eastern Church and celebrated on January 6, it was later adopted in Rome in the sixth century. Epiphany now crowns the Christmas season. The journey of the Magi from the East to honor Jesus symbolizes the first fruits of the Gentiles, affirming God's universal plan for salvation that embraces all nations and peoples. Their adoration is a sign of the unfolding Christian faith..

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	• People of the Parish
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	• No intentions for this Mass
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • † Deceased members of the White family, by the family. • † A K Kuriakos, by the Kuriakose family. • † Joan and Kelvin Burnett, by Ronald and Joan Houlahan. • † Fr. Patrick Gaffney CSSP Spiritan Father, by Stephen and Fran Nava. • † Joseph Emery, by Ann Burnett and family.
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	• † Martin Rivers, by Lita Cassidey.
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	• † All Souls Intention
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	• † All Souls Intention
Friday	9:00 a.m.	• † All Souls Intention



Seek and worship
Christ, the true King
and Light.

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

NEWS & EVENTS

Tales of the Tilma—A Message from Our Lady of Guadalupe

Thursday, Jan. 6th, 6:45 p.m.



 The Knights of Columbus are pleased to host a presentation on the miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monsignor Paul Baxter Hall. The event will feature a life-size replica of the image and artifacts from Aztec culture. Attendees will receive complimentary prayer cards, handouts, and a rose-scented Guadalupe rosary. This presentation will be given by Past Grand Knight Pierre Chartier.

Sacraments: Parent Information Night

Thursday, Jan. 8th, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.



 The 2026 Sacramental Preparation Parent Information Night will be held in the Parish Hall from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for registered participants. We look forward to your presence! Please note these retreats are mandatory. If your child does not attend, they will not be able to receive the sacrament. See our website for more information.

Community Breakfast

Sunday, Feb. 8th



 Join Us for Our First Community Breakfast of 2026! Start the year with a warm and welcoming community breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus on Sunday, February 8, following the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses. Gather with fellow parishioners to enjoy delicious food and great company—we can't wait to see you there!

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Raising the Bar in Catholic Education



QR CODE How do we hand on the faith in a world that prizes simplicity over depth? Our latest blog explores why Catholic education must be rich, demanding, and intellectually serious—not watered down. From the wisdom of Augustine and Aquinas to insights from Bishop Robert Barron and J.R.R. Tolkien, the article examines how faith formation can truly sustain young people into adulthood.

January 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

The first native-born American to be canonized. Elizabeth was a wife, mother, and educator who founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph's, establishing the first Catholic school system in the United States. We honor her example of devotion and dedication to Christ's mission.

January 7 St. Raymond of Peñafort

A Dominican priest and scholar known for his work in canon law and his deep commitment to the Church. He served as a theologian and confessor to King James I of Aragon and was appointed by Pope Gregory IX to compile and systematize Church law. His life continues to inspire those who seek to serve God through intellectual and spiritual pursuits.

Share Your Gifts, Enrich Our Parish

Our parish thrives when the unique gifts of every member are shared. We're not just looking for volunteers, we're inviting people to contribute their talents in ways that inspire, teach, comfort, and lead.

Maybe you have a heart for caring for others—consider joining our Pastoral Care team. Enjoy guiding young minds or helping children encounter Christ? Sacramental Preparation or Children's Liturgy could be your place. Love music? The choir awaits your voice. Skilled with technology? The Parish Technology Committee needs your expertise. There are also important liturgical roles, from ushers, Eucharistic ministers, and altar servers to those called to leadership.

Whatever your skill, talent, or interest—even if it isn't listed—we want you to be part of this journey. There's a place for everyone to serve, grow, and make a difference. Visit our website or contact the parish office to find out how you can share your gifts and enrich parish life.



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Sunday Smile

In a grammar lesson in eighth grade Mrs. O'Neill said, "Paul, give me a sentence with a direct object."

Paul replied, "Everyone thinks you are the best teacher in the school."

"Thank you, Paul," responded Mrs. O'Neill, "but what is the object?"

"To get the best mark possible," said Paul.



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 Parish? 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!



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's Liturgy Resumes Next Week

Children's Liturgy will resume next Sunday, 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.

New Donation Envelopes

2026 donation envelopes are available for pickup in the atrium.

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.



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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