

# 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 42.1-4, 6-7

## Second Reading

Acts 10.34-38

## Gospel

Matthew 3.13-17

Psalms 29

THE LORD WILL BLESS  
HIS PEOPLE WITH  
PEACE.

## Gospel Reflection

At the Jordan, Jesus steps into the waters not because He needs purification, but to stand fully with us. The sinless One enters the place of repentance, revealing a God who does not remain distant from human weakness but chooses solidarity with it. In this moment, Jesus sanctifies the waters and signals that salvation will unfold not through separation from humanity, but through deep communion with it.

As Jesus rises from the river, the heavens open. The Spirit descends. The Father's voice is heard. This is not only the revelation of who Jesus is, but a revelation of who God is: a communion of love that draws the world into its life. The Baptism of

the Lord is therefore not merely a transition from hidden life to public ministry; it is the foundation of that ministry. Everything Jesus will do flows from this identity as the beloved Son, sent to bring justice, healing, and freedom.

This feast also turns our attention to our own baptism. We, too, have been claimed as beloved, anointed by the Spirit, and sent into the world. Baptism is not a private moment of the past, but a present vocation. Having been immersed in Christ, we are called to live as witnesses—quietly, faithfully, and courageously—so that others may come to know the God who still opens the heavens and speaks words of love.

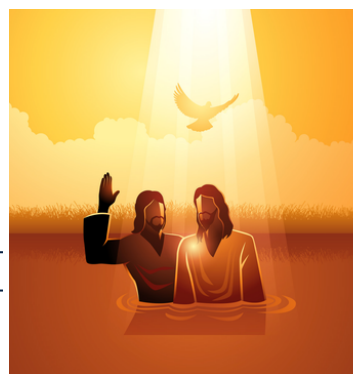
## January 11<sup>th</sup> End of the Christmas Season

As the Christmas season concludes, we carry forward the joy of Christ's birth and the hope it brings to the world. The light of the Nativity doesn't fade; it continues to call us to live out its message in our daily lives. Strengthened by the celebration of God's love made flesh, we are invited to reflect Christ's presence in our actions, sharing His peace and grace with those around us.

The beginning of Ordinary Time invites us to return to the rhythms of daily life, but with hearts transformed by the mysteries we have celebrated. This season is far from "ordinary"—it is a time to grow in faith as we walk with Jesus in His ministry, hearing His teachings, witnessing His miracles, and discovering His presence in our own lives. Each day offers an opportunity to bring light into the world, to offer kindness, and to live with the awareness that the God who humbled Himself at Bethlehem is with us now, guiding, strengthening, and loving us.

# Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>† Agnes, Francis, Douglas, and Rose Wijesekera, by Anne, Sherine and the family.</li> <li>† Amneris Temelini, by Rick Temelini and Marie-Andree Trudeau.</li> <li>† Ann Corriveau, by Bonnie Donovan.</li> <li>† Maryanne Pinto, by Sid &amp; Cecila Smith.</li> <li>† Maria Simpson, by Ron &amp; Linda Gervais.</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>People of the Parish</li> <li>† Felix Largo and Helen Largo Tabernero, by the Gonato family.</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>† Oscar Thompson, by Filemon and Corazon DeJesus.</li> <li>For the 18th Birthday of Maria Moysey, by Aaron Moysey.</li> </ul>
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Sunday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>† Ray Switzer, by Brian and Carolyn.</li> <li>† All Souls Intention</li> </ul>
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>† All Souls Intention</li> </ul>
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>† All Souls Intention</li> </ul>
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>† All Souls Intention</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>† All Souls Intention</li> </ul>
Reconciliation: Saturdays 4-4:45 p.m. in the sacristy or by appointment		



Your baptism calls you:  
bring light, hope, and  
mercy everywhere you go.

# News & Events

## Sunday Smile

During a Eucharistic Congress, a number of priests from different orders are gathered in a church for Vespers. While they are praying, a fuse blows and all the lights go out. The Benedictines continue praying from memory, without missing a beat. The Jesuits begin to discuss whether the blown fuse means they are dispensed from the obligation to pray Vespers. The Franciscans compose a song of praise for God's gift of darkness. The Dominicans revisit their ongoing debate on light as a signification of the transmission of divine knowledge. The Carmelites fall into silence and slow, steady breathing. The parish priest sighs, goes to the basement, replaces the fuse, and mutters, 'Somebody has to keep the lights on around here.'

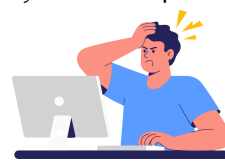
## Community Breakfast Sunday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>



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!

## Live Stream Update

Our parish live stream is temporarily unavailable due to damage to the internet feed. We may attempt to livestream using a wireless connection; however, the connection quality may not be sufficient for a reliable broadcast. Please rest assured that we are working diligently to resolve the issue as quickly as possible. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your patience. We look forward to being back online soon — please stay tuned for updates.



# News & Announcements

## January 12 St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

### Courage, Education, Trust

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys was a woman who trusted God enough to step into the unknown. Born in France in 1620, she felt called to serve God not from behind cloistered walls, but in the heart of the world. This call led her across the Atlantic to the young colony of Ville-Marie, now Montreal, where she became one of the Church's great pioneers in Canada.

Marguerite believed deeply in the dignity of every person and in the transforming power of education. She opened schools for children, especially girls, at a time when such opportunities were rare and often overlooked. Her approach was practical, compassionate, and rooted in faith. She taught not only reading and writing, but how to live with integrity, courage, and trust in God.

As the foundress of the Congregation of Notre Dame, St. Marguerite shaped generations of teachers and students, leaving a lasting mark on the Church and on Canadian society. Her life reminds us that holiness is often lived quietly, through perseverance, service, and fidelity to God's call, even when the path forward is uncertain.

"Our Lady's love is like a stream that has its source in the Eternal Fountains, quenches the thirst of all, can never be drained, and ever flows back to its Source"  
—St. Marguerite Bourgeoys



## 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.

## New Donation Envelopes

The 2026 donation envelopes are available for pickup in the atrium. If you would like envelopes but aren't already registered, contact the office.

## Thank You for Supporting the CWL Christmas Campaign

The CWL would like to thank all the parishioners who supported us during our Christmas Campaign 2025 with gift cards and monetary donations. We were able to donate to eight charities for the Christmas Season.

*Thank you*

## January 17 St. Anthony, Abbot: Father of Monastic Life

St. Anthony, born around 251 AD in Egypt, is often called the father of monasticism. After hearing the Gospel call to "sell what you have and give to the poor," he left his family home and embraced a life of solitude, prayer, and work in the desert.

Anthony's example inspired countless others to seek God through simplicity, discipline, and detachment from worldly concerns. Though he lived apart from society, his holiness drew people to him, and he became a spiritual guide for many seeking a deeper life in Christ.

Through his writings and the stories of his life, St. Anthony teaches us that true freedom comes from placing God at the center of our lives. His witness encourages us to detach from what distracts us, embrace prayer, and trust in God's providence.

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# From Devil’s Drink to Divine Brew: How Pope Clement VIII ‘Baptized’ Coffee

When coffee first arrived in Europe around the early 1600s, it wasn’t greeted with cheers—it was eyed with suspicion. A new and unfamiliar drink, the dark, bitter drink was called the “Devil’s drink,” and many feared it might lead the faithful astray. Even some of Pope Clement VIII’s advisers suggested condemning it outright. The pope, however, had a different approach. Rather than judge without trying, he tasted it himself. The story goes that after his first sip, he smiled and declared, “Why, this Satan’s drink is so delicious that it would be a pity to let infidel have exclusive use of it. We shall fool Satan by baptizing it and making it a truly Christian beverage.” While historians debate whether this happened exactly as told, the tale has endured, celebrating a

moment when curiosity, discernment, and good humor triumphed over fear. Today, as Catholics enjoy a morning cup of coffee, we can remember Pope Clement VIII’s playful wisdom—a reminder that faith can meet culture with both discernment and delight. Perhaps even in a simple cup, God’s goodness can surprise us. Here at St. Patrick Fallowfield, we embrace that same spirit each week at our coffee socials, gathering after Mass to share fellowship over a warm cup. In the simple joy of coffee and conversation, we experience community, laughter, and the little blessings that make parish life so rich—just as Clement VIII once savored his first taste of a “divinely baptized” drink. With this revelation in mind, if you’d like

to help host a coffee social with your family or friends after Mass—because someone has to make sure the coffee is properly ‘baptized’—send an email to: [communications@stpatricksfallowfield.com](mailto:communications@stpatricksfallowfield.com) for more information!



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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 at 6:45 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
- The Knights of Columbus meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in Parish Hall.
- Children’s Liturgy, for ages 4 through 9, is offered during the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

### Get Involved



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