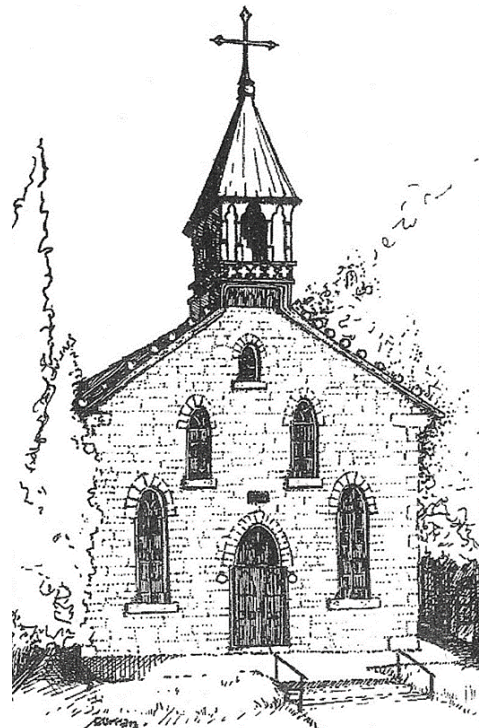


ST. PATRICK PARISH, FALLOWFIELD



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 49.3, 5-6

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1.1-3

Gospel

John 1.29-34

Psalms 40

HERE AM I, LORD; I
COME TO DO YOUR
WILL.

Gospel Reflection

In this week's Gospel, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and declares, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." In this simple yet profound moment, John recognizes the identity and mission of Christ. His role reminds us that sometimes our call is not to lead, but to witness, testify, and direct others toward God's work in the world. Just as Isaiah's servant is chosen to bring light to the nations, John points beyond himself to the One who fulfills God's promise of salvation. Recognition, however, requires attentiveness. John knew the Messiah not because of human insight, but because he was attuned to God's

Spirit. In the same way, the Corinthians receive God's grace and peace, gifts that allow them to live in communion with Christ and one another. Similarly, in our lives, Jesus is often present in ways we might overlook—through acts of kindness, opportunities for mercy, or moments of prayer.

Once we recognize Christ, our response must follow. John's witness was active: he directed others toward Jesus. Today, our witness can take many forms—encouraging a friend, helping a neighbor, or simply living with integrity. Each action points toward Christ, echoing John's declaration: "Behold, the Lamb of God."

An Invitation to Register with the Parish

Many people who regularly attend Mass at St. Patrick, Fallowfield are not registered with the parish office. In fact, some may not even know that parish registration is a thing, and that is completely understandable. Registering has always been optional, but there are a few reasons you may wish to consider it.

For those who choose to make donations, registration allows the parish to issue a tax receipt. Even for those who do not plan to donate, registration is still helpful in practical ways. It gives us a clearer picture of who is attending Mass with us and how our parish community is growing. Without registration, the only way we can estimate attendance is by counting people in the pews.

If this is where you regularly come for Mass, consider registering at your convenience. There is no pressure or expectation—just an open invitation.

Registration is available through the parish office or on our website.



Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">† Pauline Stevens, by Catherine Thomas.† Gerry and John deKemp, by Janice and Hubert.† Antonio Berube, by Jocelyne Berube.For the 45th Wedding Anniversary and blessing of Christabel and Boniface Monteiro.
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">† All Souls Intention
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">People of the Parish
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">† Joseph Emery, by Paulette Wilson.
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">† All Souls Intention
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">† All Souls Intention
Friday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">† Ian Joseph Gordon, by Anne and Alan Gordon.

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



See the Lamb of God and proclaim His salvation boldly.

News & Events

Stay Engaged

Follow us on social media and stay engaged with our vibrant community. If you are posting photographs of events at the church, we'd love to see them, see remember to tag us!



Coffee Social + Mission Pins

Sunday, Jan. 18th



This weekend the Knights of Columbus will be hosting the coffee social after the 9 and 11 Masses where they will be selling pins and accepting donations in support of Catholic Missions in Canada. More information on this charity can be found at www.cmic.info, where donations can also be made should you wish to receive a tax receipt.



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

Live Stream Update

Our parish livestream is temporarily unavailable as we transition to a new internet line. Installation is not expected for a few weeks, and as a result, livestreams will be on hold during this time. We anticipate being back online by early February. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to improve the reliability of our service. We look forward to welcoming you back online soon and will share updates as they become available.



January 21 St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Faithful, Courageous, Purity

St. Agnes is one of the Church’s earliest and most beloved martyrs. Living in Rome in the early fourth century, Agnes was likely only a young teenager when she chose fidelity to Christ over comfort, status, and even her own life. When pressured to renounce her faith and submit to a marriage she did not choose, Agnes refused, declaring that Christ alone was her spouse. For this witness, she was condemned and ultimately martyred.

St. Agnes reminds us that holiness is not measured by age, influence, or strength, but by steadfast love for God. Her name, meaning “lamb,” reflects both her innocence and her courage, echoing the Lamb of God whom she followed without hesitation. In a world that often prizes compromise, St. Agnes stands as a quiet but powerful witness to faithfulness, purity of heart, and trust in God above all else.

Donation Envelopes

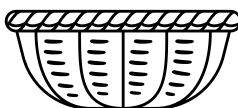
If you requested a donation envelope, please pick it up as soon as possible. If you do not give regularly, you do not need a personal envelope—this helps reduce paper waste and printing costs. To donate, simply write your name on a cheque or on any envelope (including the blue envelopes at both entrances). You may also donate by e-transfer to finance@stpatricksfallowfield.com. Use your envelope number as the password. For envelope numbers with fewer than three digits, please add leading zeros (e.g., 001 or 018). If you don’t have an envelope number, please send your chosen password in a separate email to the same address. Tax receipts are issued at year-end for all donations. If you need any information, please contact Kati at office@stpatricksfallowfield.com.

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!



Thank you for your generosity!



January 24 St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

St. Francis de Sales is remembered as a pastor of remarkable patience, wisdom, and gentleness. Serving as Bishop of Geneva during a time of deep religious division, he faced hostility and resistance not with harshness, but with charity and reason. Through preaching, writing, and personal encounter, he helped many return to the Catholic faith, convinced that truth is best communicated through love.

St. Francis de Sales taught that holiness is not reserved for monks or clergy, but is the vocation of every Christian, lived out in daily duties and ordinary circumstances. His spiritual writings, especially Introduction to the Devout Life, continue to guide believers toward a faith that is thoughtful, accessible, and rooted in trust in God. Named a Doctor of the Church, he reminds us that clarity, kindness, and perseverance are powerful instruments in the service of the Gospel.

Sacred Art: Almost there!



We’re close to completing our Sacred Art fundraiser. There is just over \$20,000 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.

Collection Totals for December

Offerings	\$45,600.84
Restoration	\$5,079.20
Sacred Art	\$12,871.00
Maintenance	\$12,309.00
Other	\$25,754.46

News & Announcements

Visiting St. Patrick Parish: OttawaChurches.ca



Last month, a local website, OttawaChurches.ca (a site everyone should check out), published an excellent article by Christopher Adams about our parish. It shares the story of his first impression coming to Mass at our church following the restoration work and sacred art completed last fall. What strikes you as you read it is that while the church looks beautiful, it is the vibrant and active community that truly paints the colors people see when they are here. In no small part, this is thanks to the many amazing volunteers who work tirelessly to make our parish what it is. Everyone working in the parish office and

and the parish council would like to offer a heartfelt thank you to all the people in our community who make parish life vibrant and welcoming—from ushers, lectors, and Eucharistic ministers, to altar servers, the choir, the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Women’s League, the Legion of Mary, and so many more. Your dedication, time, and generosity bring our community together and make every celebration possible. We are truly grateful for each of you!



Our parish is such a fun place to be, to volunteer, and to feel a part of. If you aren’t involved yet, what is keeping you? There’s a place for everyone to share their gifts and be part of the life of our community.

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 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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