

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

Exodus 17:3-7

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel

John 4:5-42

Psalms 95

O THAT TODAY YOU WOULD
LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF THE
LORD. DO NOT HARDEN
YOUR HEARTS!

Gospel Reflection

At Jacob's well, Jesus meets a Samaritan woman who comes alone at midday, likely avoiding the eyes of others. She carries her water jar, but also the weight of her history. Jesus begins with a simple request: "Give me a drink." The One who thirsts reveals not weakness, but desire; he thirsts for her faith, her trust, her salvation. As their conversation unfolds, He leads her gently from misunderstanding to recognition. The water He offers is not drawn from a well, but flows from Himself, a living water that becomes a spring within, welling up to eternal life.

When Jesus names the truth of her past, He does not condemn her; He frees her. Seen and known

completely, she is not rejected but restored. Leaving her jar behind, she returns to her town as a witness: "Come and see." Her encounter becomes mission.

In Lent, we too stand at the well. Beneath our routines and distractions lies a deeper thirst: for mercy, for truth, for communion with God. Christ waits patiently to meet us there. In the Scrutinies of Lent, the Church asks Christ to reveal what is hidden within us, so that His living water may purify and heal our hearts. If we allow Him to speak honestly to our hearts, His grace will not only satisfy our thirst, but transform us into witnesses of His saving love.

Parish Maintenance & Repair Team – Skilled Volunteers Needed

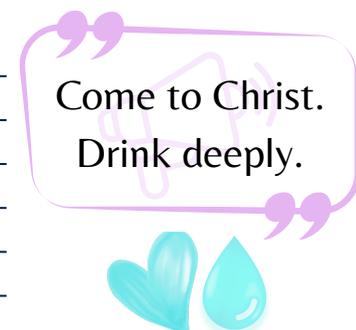
We are establishing a maintenance and repair team. If you are skilled in the trades (carpentry, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, etc) and are willing to use your expertise and talents for the parish through minor repair work, we'd like to hear from you! This team of experts would be called upon by the parish to examine minor maintenance or repair issues and recommend the best approach to correct the problem. The team could decide to perform the repair work themselves (with all materials paid for by the parish) or recommend the use of an external contractor if the job is deemed too large or complex to complete "in house". If you are interested in helping, please contact the parish office, indicating your particular skill set, background and availability to assist.



Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People of the Parish
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • † Lisa Dineen, by Matt and the children. • † Brad Stoppa, by his family. • † Bernard Power, by Marilyn Allen. • † Paul Lamont, by Anne Lamont.
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • † Catherine O'Donnell, by Cathy, Nancy, and Carolyn. • † Deceased members of Boucher and Morand families, by Dianne & Pierre Boucher. • † Evan and Gerry Kealey, by Mary and family. • † Duane Stever, by the Stever family. • Andre Cornect (Get Well/Health), by Helen Cornect.
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • † All Souls Intentions
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • † Catherine Swimmings, by the Legion of Mary.
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Louis (Birthday Blessings), by the family.
Friday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • † Charlie Frost, by Kathy and Richard Enright.
Friday	7:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • † Stations of the Cross Mass †

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



News & Events

Stations of the Cross Mass
Fridays @ 7 p.m.



Join Fridays throughout Lent for the Stations of the Cross Mass, a time of prayerful reflection on Christ's journey to Calvary. This solemn devotion invites us to walk spiritually with Jesus, deepening our understanding of His sacrifice and love. Each week, volunteers from the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Women's League, and the Legion of Mary will lead us through the Stations.

Lenten Breakfast and Retreat
Saturday, Mar. 14, 9 a.m.



Join us for a Lenten Breakfast and Retreat hosted by the Knights of Columbus. The morning will begin with Mass at 9:00 a.m., followed by a continental breakfast and time for fellowship. Fr. Paul will then offer a special spiritual reflection and presentation titled "The Heavens Proclaim the Glory of God." We hope you can join us.



St. Patrick's Day Tea
Sunday, Mar. 15, after Masses



Come join the CWL and your fellow parishioners as we celebrate the Feast of St. Patrick, our patron saint's day! Refreshments and sweets will be served in the Parish Hall after both Masses on Sunday, March 15. Donations of sweets are welcome and may be dropped off before Mass on March 15. Don't forget to wear your shamrocks!



News & Announcements

Goal Achieved: Thank You for Supporting Sacred Art

We did it! Thanks to your generosity, we have achieved our goal! As you are all aware, the restoration of our church last year included the addition of the beautiful Sacred Art on the ceiling. In order to pay for this addition, we had asked the Archdiocese for permission to have donations up to \$170k exempt from diocesan tax. We are very pleased to announce that we have attained that goal and our fundraising effort for Sacred Art has now drawn to a close.



Last Week to Order: Knights of Columbus Maple Syrup Fundraiser

This is the final week to order Knights of Columbus maple syrup. Sold by the half gallon (\$40) or full gallon (\$75), with all proceeds supporting charities and the parish. Pickup will take place in the church parking lot at a scheduled time. To order, contact Pierre Boucher at bouchercol67@gmail.com

Upcoming Events



Rosary for Peace – The Annunciation of Mary
Wed., March 25, 9:30 a.m.



Penitential Service
Thu., March 26, 7:00 p.m.



Good Friday Take-Out Fish Fry
Fri., April 3, 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Support the Shamrock Campaign

This St. Patrick's Day, show your support for St. Patrick's Home Ottawa by taking part in our annual Shamrock Campaign.

When you purchase a shamrock, you help enhance the quality of life for seniors living at St. Patrick's Home. Funds raised support resident programs, therapeutic activities, spiritual care, equipment, and special moments that bring comfort, dignity, and joy to those who call the Home their community.

Your shamrock is a symbol of care, compassion, and solidarity with our seniors.

Buy a shamrock at the front of the church. Make a meaningful difference.



Shades of Ireland

Fr. Bill Penney and Our Lady of Visitation Parish are organizing an exciting 10-day trip to Ireland next October. The itinerary includes a rich journey through history, featuring a pilgrimage to St. Patrick's Cathedral. This promises to be a memorable, once-in-a-lifetime experience. If you're interested, flyers are available at the front of the church.

March 11

St. Eulogius, Priest and Martyr

Eulogius of Córdoba (c. 800–859) lived in Muslim-ruled Spain during a time when Christians faced increasing pressure to abandon their faith. A priest and scholar in the city of Córdoba, he became known for strengthening persecuted Christians and honoring those who remained faithful even unto death. Eulogius wrote accounts of the martyrs of his time, preserving their witness and encouraging others not to lose heart. His courage eventually led to his own arrest when he helped a young Christian woman return to the faith after leaving Islam—an act considered a crime by the authorities.

Refusing to deny Christ, Eulogius was condemned and executed in 859. His life remains a powerful reminder that fidelity to the Gospel sometimes demands great courage, and that the witness of faith can shine even in the most difficult times.

Join Us for a Pilgrimage Walk!



Begin your journey with the 9 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick, Fallowfield, then walk in pilgrimage to St. Patrick's Basilica. This 28 km journey, taken by many faithful over the years, will take approximately 8 hours and conclude with a potluck reception in the Basilica's Scavi.

For more details scan the QR code or visit, <https://tinyurl.com/m7uvhura>.



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The Scrutinies: A Step on the Journey of Conversion

This weekend we celebrate the First Scrutiny with those preparing to enter the Church through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, a process of formation and discernment for adults who are seeking Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist at Easter. The Scrutinies are among the most spiritually significant moments within this journey. They are not examinations in the academic sense, but rather opportunities for prayerful self-examination and healing as the catechumens prepare to encounter Christ in the Easter sacraments.

The Scrutinies are traditionally celebrated on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent and are meant to uncover and heal what is weak, sinful,

or incomplete within the human heart. The Church invites not only the catechumens, but the entire assembly, to enter into this spiritual exercise. In this way, the Scrutinies remind us that conversion is not only a preparation for those entering the Church, but a lifelong journey for all the baptized.

This First Scrutiny is rooted in the Gospel from the Gospel of John, where Christ reveals Himself as the living water offered to the woman at the well. Water is essential for life, and yet Jesus speaks of a deeper thirst, the longing of the human heart for God. In this scrutiny, the Church prays that Christ will free the catechumens from whatever binds them, strengthen their faith, and draw

them more fully into His life.

For all of us, this moment is a reminder that Lent invites honesty before God. We are asked to recognize our spiritual thirst and to trust that Christ does not meet us with judgment, but with mercy. Like the woman who left her water jar behind, we are invited to leave behind whatever keeps us from receiving the fullness of life God desires for us.

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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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