

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

Ezekiel 37.12-14

Second Reading

Romans 8.8-11

Gospel

John 11.1-45

Psalms 130
WITH THE LORD THERE IS
STEADFAST LOVE AND
GREAT POWER TO
REDEEM.

Gospel Reflection

The Gospel of the raising of Lazarus brings us to the threshold of Holy Week, where the mystery of life and death stands unveiled in the person of Christ. Jesus does not merely console Martha and Mary—He declares, “I am the resurrection and the life.” This is not metaphor, but reality. Before the tomb, He confronts the deepest human fear: death itself.

Yet notice the delay. Christ allows Lazarus to die. This is not indifference, but divine purpose. He permits the darkness so that a greater glory may be revealed. The same is true in the life of the Elect, and in each of us. The Third Scrutiny calls us to confront what lies “in the tomb”—sin,

attachments, and patterns that bind us, often hidden even from ourselves. Christ does not ignore these; He calls them forth.

“Lazarus, come out.” The command is personal. It is authoritative. And it demands response.

But Lazarus emerges still bound. The community must “unbind him.” So too, the Church accompanies those whom Christ raises, helping to remove what still clings to death.

This Gospel is not only about a miracle long ago. It is about now. Christ stands before our tombs and calls us by name. The question is whether we will come out—and live.

Third Scrutiny of the Elect

The Third Scrutiny of the Elect, celebrated this Fifth Sunday of Lent, marks a decisive step toward Baptism. Having encountered Christ as living water and light, they now meet Him as the Resurrection and the Life. These rites ask God to reveal and heal whatever still binds the heart.

In the raising of Lazarus, Christ calls the dead to life, yet others are told to “unbind him.” Christ gives new life, and the Church helps us walk in that freedom.

For the Elect—and for all of us—it is a call to leave the tomb behind and live.

Parish Maintenance & Repair Team – Skilled Volunteers Needed

We are forming a parish maintenance and repair team. If you have skills in the trades (carpentry, electrical, plumbing, etc.) and are willing to help with minor repairs, we would love to hear from you. For more information or to volunteer, please contact the parish office or visit our website.

Mass Intentions

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| Saturday | 5:00 p.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Jeannine Temelini, by Rick Temelini and Marie-Andree Trudeau. † Mary Lascelles, by Paul Lascelles. † Andre Villeneuve, by Shirley and Roger Provost. † Sid Smith, by Ron and Linda Gervais. † Helene Savard, by Cathy Enright. |
| Sunday | 9:00 a.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Paul Vassello, by Terry and Joan McMahon. † Jackie Goyette, by Allen and Lynda Galachiuk. † Andre Bordeleau, by Marie Bordeleau. † Theresa Seltenreich, by the family. |
| 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"> † Theresa Seltenreich, by Fran Bolger. |
| Wednesday | 9:00 a.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For New Membership, by the Legion of Mary. |
| Thursday | 9:00 a.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Patrick McAlpine, by Paul and Nancy O’Grady. |
| Friday | 9:00 a.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the birthday of Chelsea Jean Graham, by Anne & Alan Gordon. |
| Friday | 7:00 p.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • † Stations of the Cross Mass † |



Come forward together; in Christ, help one another walk unbound.

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

News & Events

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



On the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary, the Legion of Mary will lead a Rosary for Peace on Earth following the morning Mass. The Rosary will be prayed outside at the Grotto of Our Lady of the Fields, or inside the church if the weather is poor. This gathering will replace the usual morning Rosary devotion that normally takes place before Mass.

Lenten Penitential Service
 Thursday, March 26, 7 p.m.



A Time for Reconciliation. Join us for our Lenten Penitential Service, a special opportunity to prepare your heart for Easter through prayer and reconciliation. The service will begin with the Liturgy of the Word, followed by individual Confessions. All are welcome to experience God’s mercy and grace in this sacred time of renewal.

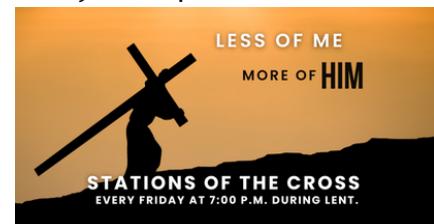
Good Friday Fish Fry
 Friday, Apr. 3, 4:00-5:30 p.m.



Make your Good Friday meal simple and delicious with a the Knights’ Fish Fry. This take-out-only event offers a hearty, homemade meal—perfect for observing this solemn day with family. Each meal includes crispy battered fish, homemade French fries, and more. Meals are \$25 each, or \$30 with two piece of fish. Ticket purchase deadline is Tuesday, March 31.

News & Announcements

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.

Rosemary Shepherd Funeral

Please keep Fr. Paul Shepherd and his family in your prayers following the passing of his mother, Rosemary Shepherd, who died Tuesday evening at the age of 87 (1938–2026). Her funeral will take place in the church on Saturday, March 21, at 11 a.m.

Knight's MAPLE SYRUP Available for PICKUP

The St Patrick's of Fallowfield parish Knights of Columbus maple syrup fundraiser is concluded and was a tremendous success thanks to parishioners' support and generosity (100 gallons - all sold). We know you will enjoy our delicious maple syrup and with your participation look forward to another successful maple syrup fundraiser next year.

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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.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass 2026:



Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass 2026: For those celebrating 60 (or more), 50, 40, 30, 25, 20, 15, 10 & 5 years of marriage in 2026! At Notre Dame Cathedral on Sunday, May 3, 2:30 pm. The registration form is now available at online. Scan the QR code or visit see our website for more details. Please register before April 16 to ensure your place!

March 25

Solemnity of the Annunciation

The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord commemorates the moment when the Angel Gabriel announced to the Blessed Virgin Mary that she would conceive and bear the Son of God. In her humble and faithful "yes," Mary freely cooperated in God's plan of salvation, and at that moment, the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. This feast is sometimes also called the Annunciation of Mary, highlighting her unique role in receiving God's message and responding with perfect trust and obedience.

The Annunciation marks not only a beginning, but a turning point in salvation history, where heaven and earth meet in a singular act of grace. Mary's fiat—"Let it be done to me according to your word"—stands as a model of faith for all Christians, showing us what it means to surrender fully to God's will. As we celebrate this mystery, we are invited to reflect on our own openness to God's call, to listen attentively for His voice, and to respond with the same trust and generosity that Our Lady exemplified.

Holy Week Schedule



First Holy Eucharist
Preparation Retreat
Sat., March 28, 9 a.m.



Good Friday Mass
Fri., April 3, 3 p.m.



Palm Sunday Masses
March 28/29 weekend



Easter Vigil
Sat. April 4, 8 p.m.

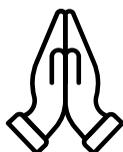


Holy Thursday Mass
Sun., April 2, 7 p.m.



Easter Sunday
Sun. April 5

Collection Totals for February



Thank you for your
generosity!



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| Offerings | \$30,382.36 |
| Restoration | \$34,333.00 |
| Maintenance | \$1,908.00 |
| Other | \$6,420.00 |

News & Announcements

Bereavement Ministry Support Group

The Bereavement Ministry offers a welcoming space that enables people to share their grief story in a safe and confidential manner while providing the tools and resources necessary to successfully manage grief. If you wish to journey with us, our next Bereavement support group will commence at Holy Redeemer Parish on Tuesday, March 31, 2026 @ 2:30 pm. There are a couple spots still available; registration is required as space is limited. For further information please contact us at: hbereavement@gmail.com

Coffee Sundays: Break for Holy Week + Volunteers

There will be no Coffee Sundays after Sunday Masses on March 29 (Palm Sunday), and April 5 (Easter Sunday). They will resume on April 12.

We are also looking for people to volunteer to host Coffee Sundays, we welcome parish families, teams of friends, or parish groups to host an event. If you're interested, please send an email to communications@stpatricksfallowfield.com. Coffee, supplies, training, and support are provided—you just bring your hospitality and personal touch.



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!



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

