

ST. PATRICK PARISH, FALLOWFIELD



We are a vibrant and engaged faith community, growing together in Christ for 160 years. Nourished by the sacraments, we serve with joy—within our parish and beyond.



First Reading

Acts 2.42-47

Second Reading

1 Peter 1: 3-9

Gospel

John 20.19-31

Psalms 118

GIVE THANKS TO THE
LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD,
HIS LOVE IS EVERLASTING.

April 12 Divine Mercy Sunday

The Second Sunday of Easter, now known as Divine Mercy Sunday, was established by Pope John Paul II in 2000, the day he canonized St. Faustina Kowalska. This feast draws from the revelations entrusted to St. Faustina in the 1930s, in which Christ revealed the depths of His mercy and called the world to trust in Him. Central to this devotion is the image of Jesus with rays of red and pale light streaming from His heart, with the words: “Jesus, I trust in You.”

This feast flows naturally from the liturgy. The Gospel recounts Christ appearing to the apostles, showing His wounds, and instituting the forgiveness of sins. Divine Mercy Sunday highlights this truth: the Risen Christ’s first gift to the Church is mercy. The Church attaches a plenary indulgence to this day under the usual conditions: sacramental confession, Holy Communion, prayer for the Holy Father’s intentions, and detachment from sin, inviting all the faithful to trust in Christ’s mercy.

Gospel Reflection

In the quiet of the locked room, fear still grips the disciples. The doors are shut, not only against the world outside, but against the uncertainty within their own hearts. Into that fear, the Risen Christ comes by standing in their midst and speaking: “Peace be with you.” This is not a mere greeting, but a gift, the restoration of communion between God and man, won through His wounds. He shows them His hands and His side. The wounds remain, yet they are no longer signs of defeat, but of mercy. What once testified to suffering now reveals love poured out to the end. From these wounds flows the mission of the Church: “Whose sins you forgive are forgiven.”

Divine Mercy is not an idea, but a living power entrusted to the apostles, and through them, to the Church in every age, for the healing of souls. Thomas, absent at first, speaks for every restless heart: “Unless I see... I will not believe.” Yet Christ does not reject him. He returns, invites him closer, and meets him in his doubt. Faith is not blind—it is a surrender born from encounter. “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.” This blessing rests upon us. Though we have not touched His wounds, we are invited into His mercy—to receive His peace, His forgiveness, and new life in Him, and to carry that mercy into the world.

Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	• † Mirella Spadotto, by Mary-Noella Mac Innis and Pateman.
		• † Kevin Cassidy, by Maureen & Richard Mancini and family.
		• † Mary Lascelles, by Paul Lascelles.
		• † Sid Smith, by Ron & Linda Gervais.
		• † Joan Texeira, by Pat Conway.
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	• † Baby Finn and Grandpop Dave Kahn, by the Kahn family.
		• † Rosemary Shepherd, by Marilyn Allen.
		• † Raymond Switzer, by Brenda Cavanagh.
		• † Bert Bussey, by Margaret George Dench.
		• The McLaughlin and Edwards families (Intentions of), by Cindy Noah.
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	• People of the Parish
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	• † All Souls Intention
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	• † Carmela Tence, by Lorna Harford.
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	• † All Souls Intentions
Friday	9:00 a.m.	• † All Souls Intentions

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



Trust in the Risen Lord—His mercy meets you in doubt

April 13 St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr

St. Martin I, one of the last popes to be honored as a martyr, courageously defended the true teaching of Christ against the Monothelite heresy, which denied the fullness of His human will. Refusing to compromise the faith, he convened a council in Rome to uphold the Church’s teaching, despite intense pressure from the Byzantine emperor. For his fidelity, St. Martin was arrested, taken from Rome, and eventually exiled to the Crimea, where he endured great suffering and hardship. Though he did not die by execution, the trials he endured for the sake of the truth led to his death, and the Church venerates him as a martyr. His witness reminds us that fidelity to Christ and His Church may demand great courage. In every age, the truth of the Gospel must be proclaimed with clarity and conviction, trusting that Christ remains with His Church.

News & Events

160th Anniversary
Community Breakfast
Sunday, May 3, after all Masses



Join us for our first 160th Anniversary Community Breakfast hosted by the

Knights of Columbus! While there’s no cost, we are gratefully accepting free-will donations from those who wish to support parish activities. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather with fellow, share a meal, and celebrate in a spirit of fellowship. All are welcome—we can’t wait to see you there!

Life in the Spirit Seminar
“Come, Holy Spirit!”
Saturdays, Apr. 18 to May 30



All are invited to Holy Redeemer Parish in Kanata for a powerful time of

renewal and encounter with the Holy Spirit. Through inspiring talks, praise and worship, prayer ministry, and fellowship, participants are invited to open their hearts to the grace and gifts of the Spirit—“I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh” (Joel 2:28). Scan to register, or call Justin at 647-522-7407.

News & Announcements

Growing Children's Liturgy — Volunteers Needed

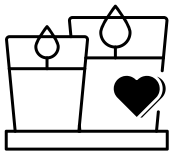


This weekend, our Children's Liturgy team are hosting Coffee Sunday! As we gather in fellowship, we also look ahead with hope: we would love to continue and grow this ministry, but we need more volunteers to make that possible. In particular, we are hoping to expand Children's Liturgy to the 11 a.m. Mass, which will require additional leaders willing to serve our young parishioners. If you have ever considered getting involved, this is a meaningful and rewarding way to support the life of our parish. Please join us for coffee this Sunday, meet our team, and consider how you might be called to serve. Scan the QR code to learn more and sign up.



Lighting a Candle for Your Loved Ones

For those who may be wondering where our votive candle stand is now located, it can be found in the atrium (the passageway connecting the church, rectory, and parish hall). All are invited to stop by, light a candle, and offer a quiet prayer for loved ones and intentions close to their hearts.



Artist Needed for Minor Touch-Up Work

We are seeking a parishioner with experience in painting or artistic work to assist with some minor projects related to our 160th Anniversary celebrations. While the work is relatively small, it requires a careful eye for colour matching and a steady, skilled hand. If you have these abilities and are willing to offer your time, please contact the parish office.



9 a.m. Choir – Voices Needed (Especially Men)

The 9 a.m. Choir is seeking new members, with a particular need for men to help strengthen and support the choir's sound. If you enjoy singing, this is a great opportunity to serve the parish and enrich the liturgy. All are welcome—no formal training required. If you are interested, speak the choir director before or after 9 a.m. Mass.

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. Please register before April 16 to ensure your place! Scan the QR to learn more.

Strengthened by the Spirit: Adult Confirmations This Sunday

At the 11:00 a.m. Mass this Sunday, we will joyfully celebrate the Confirmation of several adults who have journeyed through the RCIA process. Strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, they are now more fully united to Christ and His Church. As a parish community, let us pray for them, welcome them with joy, and support them as they continue to grow in faith and live out their Christian vocation.

Support our Parish: Shop at 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!


On Two Wings: Faith & Reason Circle



A new parish study group exploring the great works of theology, philosophy, and literature to form the Catholic mind. Beginning Thursday evenings in late April, we will read and discuss Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis. Open to adults (18+), including young adults. No prior background required. Scan the QR code to learn more and register.

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A Sign of Hope: Vocations in Our Archdiocese

 In a recent pastoral letter for Good Shepherd Sunday (April 26), Archbishop Damphousse shares encouraging news: after a period with no seminarians, our archdiocese now has six men in formation for the priesthood, with as many as twelve expected next year. These vocations are a powerful sign of hope and a reminder that the Lord continues to call shepherds for His Church.

In response to this growth, our parish will soon take part in a diocesan initiative to support the

formation of these future priests. We invite you to read the Archbishop's full letter, now available on our website, which offers a deeper reflection on priestly formation and our shared responsibility to support those who are answering God's call.



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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