

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 2.14, 22-33

Second Reading

1 Peter 1.17-21

Gospel

Luke 24.13-35

Psalms 16

**LORD, YOU WILL
SHOW ME THE
PATH OF LIFE.**

An Open Invitation to Register with our Parish

Many people who regularly attend Mass here are not registered with the parish office. In fact, some may not even know that parish registration exists. 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 worshipping 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. These numbers are often shared with the archdiocese and help inform their planning and decisions.

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



Gospel Reflection

On the road to Emmaus, the risen Christ draws near to two disciples who are walking away—from Jerusalem, from hope, from the Cross they cannot yet understand. Their eyes are “kept from recognizing him,” not because he is absent, but because their expectations have not yet been conformed to God’s plan. Patiently, Jesus opens the Scriptures, revealing that the Messiah must suffer before entering into glory. Their hearts begin to burn—not yet with full sight, but with the awakening of faith. It is only in the breaking of the bread that their eyes are opened. What was hidden becomes clear: the crucified one lives, and he has been

with them all along. Word and Sacrament together unveil the presence of Christ.

This Gospel speaks directly to us. We, too, can walk in confusion, interpreting our lives apart from the Cross. Yet the Lord does not abandon us. He meets us in the Scriptures proclaimed and in the Eucharist celebrated, gradually forming our understanding and rekindling hope.

The disciples rise that very hour and return to Jerusalem. Encounter leads to mission. Having recognized the Lord, they cannot remain where they were—they must go and proclaim: He is truly risen.



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"> • † Rosemary Shepherd, by David, Daniel, Nicola and Veda Rodrigues. • Ian Tessa & Kieran (Birthday Blessings), by their family. • Freddie McLaughlin (Intentions of), by Cindy Noah.
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • † Deceased members of the St Patrick's CWL, by the CWL. • † Brian Harvey, by the Stuart family. • World peace (Intentions of), by Dianne & Pierre Boucher. • † Rosemary Shepherd, by John Luciana and Kathleen McConville. • Barry Devine (Get Well/Health), by Aunt Margaret and Uncle Bernie.
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • † Antonia David, by Filemon and Corazon DeJesus.
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • † Mother, by the Mailhot family
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • † All Souls Intentions
Friday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unannounced Intention

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



If He walked beside you, would you recognize Him?

April 13 St. George, Martyr

Saint George is remembered as a soldier who chose fidelity to Christ over allegiance to earthly power. Serving in the Roman army, he refused to renounce his faith during persecution and suffered martyrdom with steadfast courage. The familiar image of George slaying the dragon is not merely legend but a symbol: the triumph of faith over evil, of truth over fear, of Christ's victory lived out in the life of His saints.

In every age, the "dragon" takes different forms—pressure to conform, fear of standing apart, the quiet temptation to compromise. St. George reminds us that Christian witness is not passive. It calls for clarity, courage, and trust in the One who has already conquered. As we continue in the joy of Easter, his example invites us to stand firm, knowing that no darkness endures before the light of Christ.

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!

Fallowfield Community Garage Sale

Saturday, May 9, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.



The Fallowfield Community Association invites you to a neighbourhood-wide Garage Sale throughout Fallowfield Village. Browse a wide variety of items. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to a local food bank, making this a great opportunity to support the community while finding some treasures. Scan the QR code for a Google Maps link which guides you to over 25 participating homes throughout the neighbourhood.



News & Announcements

A Season of Grace



This Sunday at 1:00 p.m., our parish will celebrate the First Holy Eucharist of 65 children. In addition, between April 5 and 12, there were 17 Baptisms, Welcomings, and Confirmations, with another 62 Confirmations to follow in May. Much of this unfolds quietly behind the scenes, yet this year has brought a remarkable number of youth catechumens. We are deeply grateful for the many volunteers whose faithful service makes this possible, and our hearts are full to see these numbers approaching pre-COVID levels. Please keep all those receiving the Sacraments in your prayers, along with their parents, that together they may grow in faith within our vibrant parish community. *Dei gratia.*

*Dei gratia: omnia
possibilia sunt, omnia
vulnera sanari possunt,
et omnis via dirigi potest.*

*By the grace of God: all
things are possible, all
wounds can be healed, and
every path can be directed.*

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. All are welcome—no formal training required. If you are interested, speak the choir director before or after 9 a.m. Mass.

Growing Children’s Liturgy — Volunteers Needed

Children’s Liturgy needs volunteers at the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses. If you enjoy working with children and feel called to share the Gospel, please contact childrensliturgy@stpatricksfallowfield.com.

April 25 Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist

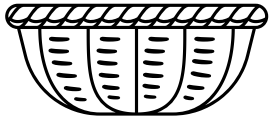
As we honour St. Mark, we are reminded that those saints who grace our ceiling are not merely works of art, but living witnesses to the Gospel. On their feast days, they merit a special recognition, drawing our eyes upward and our hearts deeper into the mystery they proclaim.



Quarterly Financial Report — Q1




Thank you for your generosity!



REVENUES	ORDINARY	EXTRAORDINARY	TOTAL
January-26	41,054.83	2,997.50	44,052.33
February-26	38,710.36	34,333.00	73,043.36
March-26	57,558.01	3,141.00	60,699.01
Total Quarter	137,323.20	40,471.50	177,794.70
EXPENSES	ORDINARY	EXTRAORDINARY	TOTAL
January-26	37,102.72	0.00	37,102.72
February-26	35,492.52	0.00	35,492.52
March-26	57,868.81	0.00	57,868.81
Total Quarter	130,464.05	0.00	130,464.05

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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.

A Request for Prayers

As we reflect on the Archbishop's words and the hope they express for the future of the Church, let us also remember him in our prayers. Archbishop Damphousse has recently been diagnosed with cancer, and we ask the Lord to grant him healing, peace, and strength in this time.

Stay Engaged

Scan the QR code to stay connected with parish life—follow us on social media for updates and moments from our community, and subscribe to our mailing list so you never miss important news. If you share photos from parish events, we'd be glad to see them—please 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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- DEI GRATIA - Parish Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

