

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 2.14a,36-41

Second Reading

1 Peter 2.20b-25

Gospel

John 10.1-10

Psalms 23

THE LORD IS MY
SHEPHERD; THERE IS
NOTHING I SHALL WANT.

Vocations Appeal — Special Collection

For many years, our archdiocese has prayed for vocations to the priesthood. We give thanks that God has answered those prayers.

Just a few years ago, we had no seminarians in formation. Today, six men are preparing for the priesthood, and next year, we expect up to twelve. These vocations are a gift from God and a great sign of hope for our Church.

Each of these men has answered the call of the Good Shepherd with courage and faith. Now we are invited to respond, to walk with them and support their formation, especially their studies at the seminary, which costs around \$65,000 per seminarian, per year.

The Good Shepherd Sunday special collection will support the Vocations Appeal. Our goal this year is to raise \$500,000 to ensure that every seminarian receives the education and formation needed to serve God's people well and lead a Church that goes out, goes deep, and goes together.

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Gospel Reflection

Good Shepherd Sunday places before us a striking and consoling image: Christ as the one who not only leads His flock, but gives His life for it. In Acts of the Apostles, St. Peter proclaims with clarity that “God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.” The response is immediate and personal: the people are “cut to the heart.” The Good Shepherd calls, and the sheep must answer.

That call is echoed in Gospel of John, where Jesus declares Himself not only the shepherd, but the gate. To enter into life, to find pasture, to be safe from all that would harm the soul—there is only one way: through Him. This is not a

restriction, but a promise. As Psalm 23 reminds us, “The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.”

Yet this path is not without cost. First Epistle of Peter speaks plainly: Christ suffered for us, leaving us an example. To follow the Shepherd is to trust Him not only in comfort, but in trial. Even when His voice leads us through uncertainty or sacrifice, it is always toward life, never away from it.

This Sunday invites us to ask: do we recognize His voice—and are we willing to follow where He leads?



Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Sid Smith, by Debbie and Pierre Lanouette. † Douglas Wijesekera, by Sherine, Anne and family. † Rosemary Shepherd, by Marie Arnold. † Jackie Goyette, by Linda Gervias.
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People of the Parish
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • † Henk de Kemp, by Susan Buchanan. • † Rosemary Shepherd, by Charles and June Brown. • † Rosemary Shepherd, by Doreen & Debbie Wilson. • † Ronald Wright, by Alice Prince. • Maggie Najm (Get Well/Health), by Abdul Bazerly.
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • † All Souls Intention
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unannounced Intention
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



Listen to the Shepherd's Voice.

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

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!




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. Enjoy a hearty breakfast with a few new additions this year as we gather 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

Encounter School of Ministry: Summer Intensive

Worship - Teach - Equip - Activate

 Summer Intensive provides a survey of the content offered in the

first four quarters of the Encounter School of Ministry.

Our introductory experience (hosted this year at Our Lady of Fatima Parish), is ideal for those who are discerning their enrollment in the full Encounter School of Ministry (hosted at St. Mary's Parish), and would like to experience our content and culture beforehand.


The content covered includes:

- Identity & Transformation
- Hearing God & the Prophetic Gifts
- Power & Healing
- Inner Healing & Freedom

Details:

- July 23-25, 2026
- Registration: \$60
- Meals included!
- Our Lady of Fatima Parish

Genesis: The Palette of Creation Art Show

 On May 2nd, come explore through art the beauty of God the

Creator and his creation. Hosted by the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall at Saint-François d'Assise Church, the show will feature local artists with a focus on creation and how we find God through it.

Roses for life

Roses will be on sale next weekend as part of the Knights of Columbus "Roses for Life" program, available after Mass and at the Community Breakfast. This meaningful initiative supports pro-life causes locally and worldwide, with funds going to the Miriam Centre in Orleans and Birthright in Bell's Corners, both of which assist mothers in need. Local donations are also matched through the Knights of Columbus Aid and Support After Pregnancy initiative.

Coffee Sunday, Hosted by Our Parish Community



This week's Coffee Sunday is something special—our first hosted not by a parish ministry or group, but by fellow parishioners. Three families have come together to make it happen, embodying exactly what Coffee Sunday is meant to be: a community gathering in fellowship. Be sure to come out and show your support!

We are also deeply grateful to all who have supported Coffee Sundays through their generous donations each week—this simply would not be possible without you. If you're interested in hosting a future Coffee Sunday, gather a team and contact us at coffee@stpatricksfallowfield.com.



Ministry SPOTLIGHT



Altar Servers



Thank you to our altar servers for their reverent and faithful service at every Mass. Their care and attention help ensure that our liturgies are carried out with dignity and devotion.

Altar servers assist the priest at the altar and play a quiet but essential role in the life of our parish.

We invite young members of the parish to consider joining this ministry. If you feel called to serve, we would be glad to welcome you.



SCAN TO LEARN MORE OR SIGN UP!

Training, expectations, and next steps



Thank you for saying "yes" to serving our parish!

News & Announcements

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God has called.

They have answered.

Now the call comes to us.

Thank you for your generosity and for your prayers for our future priests.



Scan here to donate online or visit ottawacornwall.ca/donations.

Select:

- Fund - "Special Collections"
- Sub-fund - "Vocations Works"



Did You Know?

In Gospel of John, Jesus doesn't only call Himself the Shepherd, He also calls Himself the gate. In the ancient world, sheepfolds often had a single opening and no physical door. At night, the shepherd himself would lie across that entrance, becoming the living gate: nothing entered or left except through him.

This gives real weight to Christ's words. He is not simply guiding from a distance, He is personally the one who guards, protects, and gives access to life. "Whoever enters by me will be saved... and find pasture." The image is both comforting and demanding: comforting, because the Shepherd is

fully committed to His flock; demanding, because there is no other way in.

To pass through the gate is to entrust ourselves to Him—to believe that His voice leads not only to safety, but to the fullness of life He promises.

Stay Engaged

Scan the QR code to stay connected with parish life.



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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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