

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 1.1-11

Second Reading

Ephesians 1.17-23

Gospel

Matthew 28.16-20

Psalm 47

GOD MOUNTS HIS THRONE
TO SHOUTS OF JOY: A BLARE
OF TRUMPETS FOR THE
LORD.

“I Am with You Always”

On the Solemnity of the Ascension, the Church does not celebrate Christ leaving us behind, but Christ reigning in glory and sending his disciples into the world. Before he ascends, Jesus gives the Church both a mission and a promise: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations” and “I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

These words matter for parish life. The mission of the Church is not only carried out in distant places or by extraordinary people. It begins here: in our homes, families, parish, work, friendships, and the ordinary places where faith is lived quietly and faithfully.

Christ’s presence has not disappeared. He remains with his Church through the Holy Spirit, in the sacraments, in the proclamation of the Gospel, and in the love and service of his people. We are not alone.

As we prepare for Pentecost next Sunday, let us ask for renewed confidence in Christ’s promise and a deeper openness to the Holy Spirit. Please see the back cover of the bulletin for a short reflection on preparing for Pentecost.

Liturgical Reflection

At the end of Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus meets his disciples on the mountain. They worship him, but the Gospel also says that “some doubted.” That detail is honest and consoling. The mission of the Church begins not with flawless certainty, but with disciples who come before the risen Lord as they are.

Jesus does not wait for them to become impressive. He sends them. “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.” The Church is missionary because Christ commands it, but also because Christ remains with her. His final promise is not simply encouragement; it is the foundation of Christian confidence: “I am with

you always, to the end of the age.”

The Ascension does not mean that Jesus is far away. It means that he reigns with the Father and is present to his Church in a new and enduring way. He is present when the Gospel is preached, when the sacraments are celebrated, when families pray, when mercy is shown, and when ordinary Christians live their faith with courage.

This week, the Gospel invites us to ask where Christ is sending us now: into our homes, our parish, our work, our friendships, and the places where faith has grown quiet. We go not because we are strong, but because he is with us.

Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Frances Gallant, by Mary-Noella Mac Innis & Pateman. † Mary Lascelles, by Paul Lascelles. † Agnes & Francis Wijesekera, by Sherine, Anne and family. † Ronald Wright, by Debbie and Pierre Lanouette. † Rosemary Shepherd, by Linda Gervais.
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People of the Parish † Azucena Facto, by Edwin and Bernadette Facto. † Rosemary Shepherd, by Cindy and Sandy Duff.
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • † Elio Piccolo † Jennifer Wolchuk, by Micheline & Brian Newberry. † Ward Hayward, by family.
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • † Catherine O'Donnell, by Cathy, Nancy and Carolyn.
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • † Megan Graham (Birthday Blessings)
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • † Karl Friedrich, by Anne and Alan Gordon.
Friday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • † All Souls Intention

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



Live as one
sent by Christ.

News & Events

May 18

Saint John I, Pope and Martyr

Saint John I served the Church during a difficult time of political pressure, theological conflict, and division. Though frail in health, he accepted a difficult mission for the sake of peace and the unity of the Church. His fidelity to Christ and to the office entrusted to him brought suffering, imprisonment, and ultimately death. His witness reminds us that holiness is not measured by influence, comfort, or outward success, but by steadfast love for the truth. Saint John I teaches us that even when circumstances are unjust or burdensome, the Christian response is rooted in faithfulness, courage, and trust in God. May his example strengthen all who are called to serve the Church with humility, perseverance, and peace.

Canadian Military Wives Choirs Spring Concert Sunday, May 24, 3 p.m.



The Canadian Military Wives Choirs Ottawa will present their Spring Concert at St. Patrick Fallowfield next Sunday.

Many parishioners may not realize that the choir practises here at our church throughout the year. This concert is a wonderful opportunity to support them.

Admission is free, and donations are welcome.

160th Anniversary Parish Steak BBQ Wednesday, June 17, 5 p.m.



The Knights of Columbus are pleased to host the 160th Anniversary Parish Steak BBQ. This annual fundraising event is a great opportunity to enjoy good food and time together as a parish community. Please mark your calendars and stay tuned for the menu, ticket details, and further information.



News & Announcements

Job Opportunity: Custodian Position Available





St. Patrick Church is currently seeking a reliable and detail-oriented Custodian. This position is responsible for the cleaning, maintenance, security, and overall care of the church, offices, and hall. Applicants must demonstrate professionalism and respectful awareness of the religious and cultural environment of the parish. A valid security background check is required.

- Start Date: June 1
- Wage: \$21.00 per hour
- Hours: Minimum of 24 hours per week
- Interviews: May 27 or May 28

Interested applicants are invited to submit their résumé to: office@stpatricksfallowfield.com

 Pentecost
Sunday, May 24

 Sacrament of Confirmation
May 26 and 28, 7 p.m.

 Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
Sunday, May 31

 Corpus Christi
Sunday, June 7

Help Us Preserve Our Parish History



 As part of our 160th Anniversary History Committee Initiative, we invite parishioners and friends of the parish to share memories, stories, and historical facts from the life of our parish. A brief tidbit is just as welcome as a longer story, and you are welcome to submit more than once. Photos and documents are also welcome. Scan the QR code to learn more and submit your story.


Thank You for Supporting Roses for Life from the Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus extend their heartfelt gratitude to all parishioners for their generous contributions to the Roses for Life program. Through your kindness, our parish raised \$231 to fund vital programs that provide care and resources for new mothers in our community. Your generosity helps make a meaningful difference in promoting the dignity of life. Thank you for standing with us in this important cause!

Become a Steward of Our Lady's Grotto




Looking for aspiring new stewards to assist weekly with grooming and weeding of the garden in front and in back of Our Lady of the Fields Grotto. Anyone interested in helping maintain this beautiful gift while reflecting in a quiet sacred place of prayer with Our Blessed Mother can contact Barry Devine at:

 (613) 795-1955, or

 barry@stpatricksfallowfield.com

CWL Bursary Applications Now Open



 Graduating this year and planning to attend college or university in the fall?

The Catholic Women's League is offering two \$1,000 bursaries to student parishioners of St. Patrick Parish, Fallowfield. Applications are due by June 18, 2026.

For more information or to submit your application, visit the parish website.

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Preparing for Pentecost – Come, Holy Spirit!

Next Sunday, we celebrate Pentecost—the day the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles, filling them with courage, wisdom, and the fire of mission. As we approach this great feast, we're invited to prepare our hearts to receive the Spirit anew.

In the days ahead, consider setting aside time for prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to renew your faith and guide your steps. Read the Acts of the Apostles, especially chapter 2, to reflect on how the early Church was transformed by the Spirit's power. You might also pray the traditional Come, Holy Spirit prayer each day this week, opening yourself to the gifts of

wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

Let us enter Pentecost ready—not only to celebrate a past event, but to welcome the Spirit into our lives today. May we be renewed in zeal, unity, and love as the Body of Christ, sent out to share the Good News with the world.



Come Holy Spirit Prayer

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

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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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