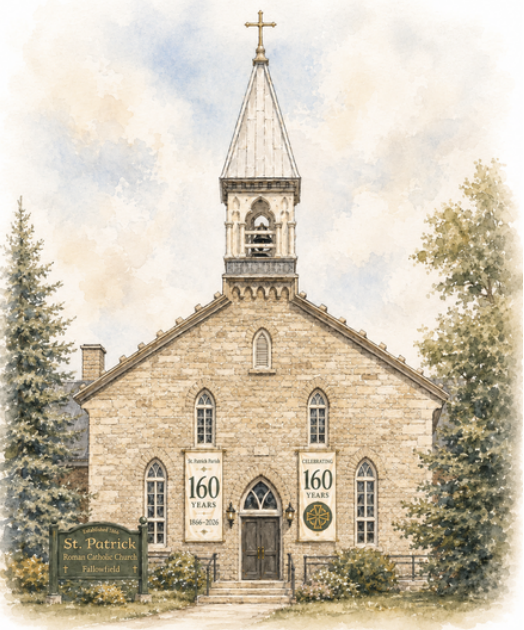


ST. PATRICK PARISH, FALLOWFIELD



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

1 Kings 19.9a, 11–13a

Second Reading

Romans 9.1–5

Gospel

Matthew 14.22–33

Psalm 85

SHOW US YOUR STEADFAST
LOVE, O LORD, AND GRANT
US YOUR SALVATION.

Gospel Reflection

The disciples are not avoiding their responsibilities when the storm arises. Jesus has sent them across the lake, yet obedience does not spare them from difficulty. The Gospel challenges the assumption that hardship means we have taken a wrong path or that God has abandoned us.

Jesus comes to the disciples in the night. They cannot recognize him because fear distorts what they see. His first gift is not an explanation of the storm but the assurance of his presence: “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Peter asks to come to Jesus across the water. His courage depends on Christ’s word: “Come.” Peter

walks where he could never stand alone because he is responding to the Lord’s call. When his attention shifts toward the threatening wind, fear overtakes trust.

Peter’s prayer—“Lord, save me”—is the prayer of someone who knows his need and the identity of the one who can help him. Jesus reaches out.

Faith does not require us to pretend that the wind is harmless. It asks us to recognize that Christ is nearer and stronger. When anxiety begins to govern our attention, we can return to this direct prayer: Lord, save me, hold me, and teach me again to trust your presence.

No Weekday Masses Next Week

Please note that there will be no weekday Masses next week. Regular weekday Masses will resume on Tuesday, August 18. We appreciate your understanding.

Coffee Socials Return in September

Coffee Socials are back this September, and we know many parishioners have been looking forward to their return. These gatherings are a simple and enjoyable way to spend time together after Mass, catch up with familiar faces, and meet someone new.

Scheduling is now open

If you hosted a Coffee Social last year, or if you are interested in hosting one for the first time this year, we would be glad to hear from you. Parish groups, ministries, families, and individuals are all welcome to host.

To reserve a date or learn more, please email coffee@stpatricksfallowfield.com



Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	† Rosemary Shepherd. † Jackie Goyette, by Mary and Trevor Schlievert. - Glenn & Betty Clarke, on their 60th wedding anniversary, by family.
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	† Hector Boucher, by Dianne & Pierre Boucher. † Duane Stever, by Angela Stever and family. - Hugo, for birthday blessings and generational healing, by Nana & Papa.
Tuesday	No Mass	
Wednesday	No Mass	
Thursday	No Mass	
Friday	No Mass	

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



Do not let hardship convince you that God is far away.

August 14
Saint Maximilian Kolbe

On August 14, the Church remembers Saint Maximilian Kolbe, a Franciscan priest, missionary, and martyr who gave his life for another prisoner at Auschwitz. Deeply devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary, he spent much of his life using preaching and publishing to spread the Gospel. His final act of self-giving remains a powerful witness to the truth that Christian love is not merely a feeling, but a willingness to place the good of another before oneself, even in the face of hatred, suffering, and death.

Sunday Smile

How does Moses make his morning coffee?

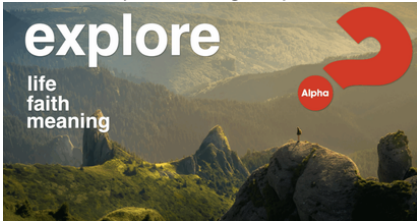


Hebrews it.

This week's Sunday Smile is courtesy of Pat Liscum, who accepts full responsibility.

News & Events

Alpha 2026
Wednesdays starting Sept. 16th



Come and experience Alpha — a welcoming series that explores life, faith, and meaning. Each evening includes a shared meal, an engaging video, and open conversation in a friendly, non-judgmental environment. Whether you're new to the parish, curious about faith, or simply looking to connect with others, Alpha is a great way to meet fellow parishioners and enjoy meaningful discussions. Scan the QR code to learn how to register, we hope to see you there!

Cor: Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity for Men
Mondays starting Sept. 14th



Cor is a gathering for men of St. Patrick's Parish focused on prayer, formation, and fraternity. Hosted by Knights of Columbus Council No. 11271, Cor is open to all men of the parish, whether or not they are Knights. Cor helps men grow in faith and virtue, deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ, and build meaningful fellowship with other Catholic men. For more information see the back of the bulletin or the website.

News & Announcements

Part-Time Cemetery Assistant Needed

Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese, of which St. Patrick, Fallowfield is affiliated, is looking to hire a part-time, on-call Cemetery Assistant. Tasks would include cutting grass, assisting with burial site set-up and closing, and related work to ensure the cemetery is well maintained throughout the summer months. Currently, this position is for approximately 10 hours per week. If you are interested, please reach out to Marc Bisson, Director, at Hope Cemetery, 613-822-1212.

Support our Parish at Boston Pizza Barrhaven

During our 160th Anniversary Year, Boston Pizza Barrhaven will donate 5% of eligible sales to St. Patrick's Parish. When dining in, write "St. Patrick's Church" on your receipt and place it in the yellow school bus at the front of the restaurant. For takeout or delivery, mention St. Patrick's when ordering. Thank you for your support.

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.

CWL School Supplies Drive

Please help the CWL fill backpacks for underprivileged students attending Catholic schools in our area. Donations of crayons, pencils, pencil crayons, sharpeners, erasers, scissors, glue sticks, rulers, pencil cases, lunch bags, themoses, as well as cash or gift cards (from Walmart, Staples, Giant Tiger) are all welcomed. Donations of supplies can be placed in the labelled totes at the link or at the church hall entrance. Gift cards and Cash can be placed in an envelope clearly marked 'CWL SCHOOL INITIATIVE' and dropped into the collection basket or at the Church Office no later than Tuesday, August 25.

Please note: Backpacks, lined paper, notebooks, duo-tangs, binders and pens are not required.



160th Anniversary: Save These Dates

-  Family BBQ and events for the children
Sunday, Sept 20, 12:00 p.m.
-  160th Anniversary Gala
Saturday, October 17, 2026
-  160th Anniversary Mass & Sunday Receptions
Sunday, October 18, 2026

August 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and National Acadian Day

On August 15, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, when we profess that, at the end of her earthly life, Mary was taken body and soul into the glory of heaven. Her Assumption reveals not only the honour God gives to Mary, but also the destiny promised to all who belong to Christ.

In Canada, August 15 also has a special cultural significance as National Acadian Day. Acadians have marked this day since 1881, when their first national convention chose August 15 as their national feast, drawing upon the Catholic celebration of the Assumption and devotion to Mary as patroness of the Acadian people. National Acadian Day was formally recognized by Parliament in 2003.

The connection is particularly meaningful. Acadian history has been marked by displacement, hardship, perseverance, and a remarkable determination to preserve language, culture, community, and faith. Today, Acadian communities continue to enrich the French-speaking and cultural heritage of Canada.

The Assumption itself is a feast of hope. In Mary, the Church sees the promise of the resurrection already fulfilled: a human life brought completely into communion with God. Suffering and death do not have the final word.

As we honour the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15, we can also give thanks for the Acadian people and their contribution to the life of Canada, while asking Mary's intercession that we too may remain faithful to Christ and steadfast in hope.

ATTENTION MEN OF ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

Cor: Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity for Men

Please come join your brother parishioners for coffee and donuts, prayer and fraternity

The men of Knights of Columbus Council No. 11271 are excited to share the implementation of a new formation and fraternal event called "Cor", which is open to all men of St. Patrick's parish.

Blessed Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus with a keen understanding of every man's call to holiness and a fatherly vocation. Cor (Latin for "heart") continues this mission by centering men's hearts on Jesus.

Cor exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity.

Cor events will be held in the Parish Hall on Mondays, biweekly, starting at 7pm. The kickoff will begin Monday, September 14th.



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 — Regular Groups Resume in September

- 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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