

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

Isaiah 25:6–10a

Second Reading

Philippians 4:12–14, 19–20

Gospel

Matthew 22:1–14

Psalm 23

I SHALL DWELL IN THE
HOUSE OF THE LORD
MY WHOLE LIFE LONG.



Thanksgiving Weekend

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, we pause to reflect on the many blessings God has placed in our lives: family, community, and the gift of faith. In 1578, explorer Martin Frobisher and his crew offered thanks to God for their safe arrival in what is now Canada. Today, we gather around our tables and in our parish to give thanks for God's generosity and the blessings we share.

This year, our gratitude takes on special meaning as we prepare to celebrate our 160th anniversary next weekend. We give thanks for the generations whose faith, sacrifice, and service have sustained our parish, and for all who continue to make it a place of prayer, friendship, and welcome.

May this Thanksgiving inspire us to live with grateful hearts, honour the faith entrusted to us, and express our gratitude through kindness and service to others.

Next Weekend: Our 160th Anniversary

See the back cover for details.



Gospel Reflection

The guests in Jesus' parable have other things to do. A farm needs attention. A business demands time. Their refusal is unsettling because their distractions sound familiar. We too can allow ordinary responsibilities to occupy every space that God might enter.

The king's invitation continues. His servants gather people from the roads, including those whose lives are not exemplary. The invitation begins with the king's generosity, before the guests have done anything to deserve it.

Then comes the difficult detail of the wedding garment. The guest has entered the hall, but something essential is missing. Christian tradition

sees in this garment the charity that should shape a life touched by grace: love for God expressed in love for our neighbour. The parable asks whether we are willing to let God's welcome change us.

That question reaches into ordinary life. We may make time for Mass while withholding forgiveness. We may thank God for his gifts while overlooking someone who needs our help. Our response becomes real in the choices we make after leaving the church.

This week, set aside one distraction long enough to pray honestly, and choose one concrete act of mercy. Receive God's invitation with a heart ready to answer.

Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	† Oscar Temelini, by Rick Temelini and Marie-Andree Trudeau. † All Souls Intention. † Deceased members of the Kingston family, by the family.
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	People of the Parish.
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	† Agnes Muldoon, by Colleen Muldoon. † Marion Byrne, by Debbie and Daly McLaughlin. † Diane Borg, by Beverlae Buckland. - In thanksgiving, by the Boucher family.
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Birthday blessings for Shayne O'Connor, by Paul and Cindy Noah.
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	† Pesik Shroff, by the Legion of Mary.
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	† Paul E. Manning, by Claire Bromley.
Friday	9:00 a.m.	† Flordeliza Mosica-Michaud, by her husband.

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



Thanksgiving completes what faith begins—thank Jesus for His mercy.



News & Events

October 16 St. Marguerite d'Youville: Faith in Action + World Food Day

On October 16, we honour St. Marguerite d'Youville, foundress of the Grey Nuns and the first Canadian-born person to be canonized a saint. A widow who experienced poverty and the loss of loved ones, she placed her trust in God's providence and devoted herself to caring for the poor, sick, and elderly. Her faith took practical form in works of mercy, and her example continues through the religious communities she inspired. Her memorial coincides with World Food Day, an opportunity to remember those who lack reliable access to nourishing food. Following Thanksgiving, these observances invite us to consider how our gratitude might become generosity. We can support a local food bank, share a meal with someone who is alone, or offer practical help to a struggling family.

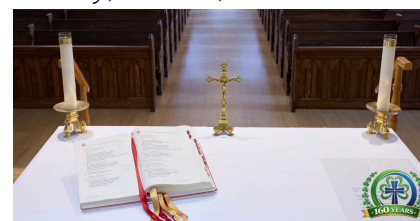
160th Gala — Ticket sales close midnight on Tuesday Saturday, Oct. 17, 6:00 p.m.



If you have not yet purchased tickets for the gala, we hope you consider joining us, the celebration won't be the same without you! Ticket sales end Tuesday, October 13 at midnight. This event promises to be a memorable evening, with dinner, dancing, a cash bar, and great conversations. You don't need to dance to join the celebration! Tickets are \$80 per person and are available through the parish office or online by e-transfer.



Solemn 160th Anniversary Mass with Archbishop Sunday, Oct. 18, 11:00 a.m.



As part of our 160th Anniversary Weekend, we are honoured to welcome Archbishop Marcel Dampousse, who will preside at our 11:00 a.m. Solemn Anniversary Mass on Sunday, October 18. Following Mass, everyone is invited to join us in the parish hall for a reception with Archbishop Dampousse and the concluding celebration of our anniversary weekend. The Mass will also be livestreamed.

News & Announcements

Pre-Order Your 160th Anniversary Cookbook

The CWL would like to thank all the parishioners who took time to send in their Family Favourite Recipes to be included in the St. Patrick Fallowfield 160th Anniversary Edition Cookbook. The cookbook is \$25 and is available for pre-order. You can also reserve your copy (copies) by sending an e-transfer to stpatrickcwlvents@gmail.com. No password required. Please say Cookbook, and phone number in the subject line before sending. This will be used to let you know when the cookbook will be available for pickup. Your copy (copies) will be reserved as soon as payment is received.



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 Keep Children's Liturgy Going

Our Children's Liturgy program has started again, at both the 9am and 11am Mass. However, we still need adult (over 18 years old) volunteers to ensure that we can continue to provide this program in the coming months. No experience is needed, we have resources and support for anyone interested in helping with this program. Please contact Anita in the parish office at childrensliturgy@stpatricksfallowfield.com or speak with the team after either Mass, they are usually in the boardroom cleaning up.

Help Us Preserve Our Parish History



The invitation to submit your stories is still open for a few more weeks. We invite parishioners and friends of the parish to share memories, stories, and historical facts from the life of our parish. Don't be shy!



Ministry SPOTLIGHT



Liturgical Environment



We take a moment today to highlight the liturgical environment team and thank them for all they do. Their work is most visible during Christmas, Lent and Thanksgiving, and is an important addition to our liturgical experience. If you are curious and might like to join the team, please visit the parish website or call the office to be directed to the team leader.

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.



16th Annual Autumn Pilgrimage — Oct. 18th

Join us for a beautiful day of faith, prayer, fellowship, and spiritual renewal at St. Joseph's Oratory, with an afternoon stop at the Shrine of St. Kateri Tekakwitha. Departures available from various locations throughout the Dioceses of Ottawa-Cornwall, Gatineau, Pembroke, and Kingston. Space is limited — reserve as soon as possible! Information & Reservations:
Email: mikebudge2021@gmail.com
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Next Weekend: Celebrating 160 Years of Faith

Next weekend, October 17 and 18, we will celebrate 160 years since our stone church opened in 1866. It is an opportunity to give thanks for the generations who have built, sustained, and enriched our parish, and to celebrate the faith and friendships we share today.

All three weekend Masses will mark this anniversary. Whether you attend on Saturday evening or Sunday morning, you will be part of our parish's thanksgiving, with opportunities throughout the weekend to gather and celebrate together. Our Saturday 5 p.m. Mass will begin the anniversary weekend. That evening, the celebrations continue with the 160th Anniversary Gala, an evening of dinner, dancing, and fellowship. Tickets are required for the gala, and sales close at

midnight, this Tuesday, October 13.

At the Sunday 9 a.m. Mass, our 160th Anniversary Children's Choir, brought together especially for this occasion, will sing as we gather in prayer. Following Mass, everyone is invited to the parish hall for a coffee social. Please stay for refreshments and conversation with fellow parishioners.

At 11 a.m. on Sunday, we will welcome the Archbishop to preside over our Solemn Anniversary Mass. This will be a special opportunity to give thanks together for the life of our parish. Afterward, everyone is invited to a reception with the Archbishop in the parish hall, with coffee and light refreshments, bringing our anniversary weekend to a close.



Anniversary Celebrations begin with Mass Saturday at 5:00 p.m.



160th Anniversary Gala Saturday at 6:00 p.m.



Morning Mass feat. 160th Anniversary Children's Choir Sunday at 9:00 a.m.



Solemn 160th Anniversary Mass with the Archbishop Sunday at 11:00 a.m.



Anniversary reception with the Archbishop in the parish hall. Sunday at 12:00 p.m.

All three Masses will be livestreamed for those unable to join us in person.

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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. and 11 a.m. Sunday Masses.

Get Involved



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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

