

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 45:1, 4–6

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1–5ab

Gospel

Matthew 22:15–21

Psalm 96

**GIVE THE LORD
GLORY AND
HONOUR.**

Celebrating 160 Years

1866–2026

This weekend, we give thanks for 160 years of worship in our stone church and for the generations who have made St. Patrick a place of faith, service, and friendship. Thank you for celebrating with us!

Saturday, October 17

5 p.m. Solemn Mass
Anniversary Gala follows in the parish hall for ticket holders.

Sunday, October 18

9 a.m. Solemn Mass
Join us afterward for coffee and refreshments in the parish hall.

11 a.m. Solemn Mass
Presided by His Grace Archbishop Marcel Dampousse. Everyone is invited to the reception in the parish hall following Mass.

In this anniversary issue

Read Fr. Paul's message, 160 Years of Faith, and explore our church's dedication plaque on page 2.

Meet our patron, St. Patrick, on the back cover.

Gospel Reflection

The question put to Jesus is designed to divide. If he supports the Roman tax, he risks appearing disloyal to his own people; if he rejects it, his opponents have grounds to accuse him before the authorities. Jesus asks to see the coin and directs attention to the image it bears.

Caesar's image identifies the coin. Christian reflection has long recognized a further question beneath this exchange: whose image do we bear? Created in the image of God, we owe him our whole lives.

This gives ordinary responsibilities their proper setting. Honesty at work, care for neighbours, and service to the common good become ways of

answering God's call. Prayer should help us recognize what faithfulness requires in each of these places.

We can begin with a practical question: what receives the best of my attention? Our calendars, spending, and habits often reveal the loyalties we find difficult to name. God invites us to examine them with honesty and trust.

This week, bring one ordinary decision into prayer. Ask how it might express your belonging to God. Then act on the answer, even if the faithful choice is quiet, inconvenient, or known only to him.

Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	† Jackie McKenna, by the family. † Mary Lascelles, by Paul Lascelles. † Rose and Douglas Wijesekera, by Sherine, Anne and family. † Peter Dudley, by the Dudley family.
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	† All Souls Intention. † Joseph Bajada, by Loreta Bajada. - Intentions of Kelsey McLaughlin and Michael Zelenchuk, by Paul and Cindy Noah.
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish.
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	† Mary Orser, by the family.
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Lorna Harford, by Pat Conway.
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	† Ray Switzer, by Pat Switzer.
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Unnannounced Intention

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



“Carry the Faith Forward;
Invite someone to Mass
this week”

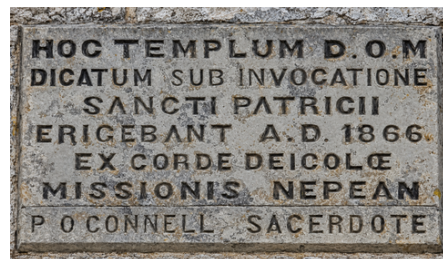
160 Years of Faith

Dear friends, today we celebrate 160 years since St. Patrick’s stone church in the village of Fallowfield opened on October 21, 1866. After a period without a church, while the community was a “mission of the heart of Catholic life in Fallowfield. Built through the dedication and sacrifice of Irish settlers and the parish’s founding families, the church served a growing congregation and was enlarged in 1905 to meet its needs. With its Gothic-style altars, statues of saints, and stained-glass windows, the church has stood on Piety Hill as an enduring testament to the faith and devotion of generations of parishioners.

Today we honour those who contributed their resources to build this church, the pastors who served here, the faithful who worshipped here, and all who tirelessly preserved the heritage entrusted to them: a faith passed from parents to children and lived in the sacred place erected “under the invocation of St. Patrick.” Our 160th Anniversary celebrations continue the rich and storied history of this beloved parish. As stewards of the legacy we have received, we commit ourselves to passing on to present and future generations our lived faith in Jesus Christ and our confidence that our parish church will remain a living sign of God’s presence in this community.

— Fr. Paul Shepherd

The 1866 Dedication Plaque



Above the church's main entrance

“This church, dedicated to God, the best and the greatest, under the invocation of Saint Patrick, was erected in the year of our Lord 1866 from the heart of the faithful of the Mission of Nepean, while Father P. O’Connell was priest.”

Translation of original Latin Inscription above the main entrance, 1866.

News & Announcements

2027 Sacrament Registration Now Open

Registration is now open for First Reconciliation, First Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation. Parents are invited to register their children through the parish website at stpatricksfallowfield.com.



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:

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Follow us, 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.



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.

Cor: Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity for Men

ATTENTION MEN OF ST. PATRICK'S PARISH!

Cor is a brand new initiative which aims to grow and deepen our faith through meaningful fellowship with other men of this Parish.

We next meet on Monday October 19th. Cor begins at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall, and runs until 8:15 p.m.

For more information please see our website or email:

cor@kofc11271.org

Pre-Order Your 160th Anniversary Cookbook

Pre-order the St. Patrick Fallowfield 160th Anniversary Cookbook (\$25)

by e-transfer to stpatrickcwlevents@gmail.com (no password needed).

Put Cookbook + phone number in the subject line. Payment reserves your copy(ies); we'll contact you when it's ready for pickup.

October 18

World Mission Sunday: One in Christ, United in Mission

This Sunday, October 18, marks the 100th World Mission Sunday. Pope Leo XIV has chosen the theme "One in Christ, united in mission," calling Catholics everywhere to renew their commitment to sharing the Gospel through prayer, witness, and generous support for the Church's missionary work.

Through Baptism, each of us shares in this mission. Some are called to leave their homes and serve in distant communities. Others bear witness to Christ within their families, workplaces, and neighbourhoods. Wherever we live, our words and actions can help others encounter his love. World Mission Sunday also reminds us to support missionaries and communities whose needs extend beyond the resources available to them.

For St. Patrick Parish, this observance has particular meaning as we celebrate our 160th anniversary. Our own community began as the Mission of Nepean, served by visiting priests who brought the sacraments to families in Fallowfield. We are beneficiaries of that missionary care, and the faith entrusted to earlier generations is now ours to share.

As we give thanks for our parish's history, let us pray for those proclaiming Christ throughout the world and consider how we can support their work. Let us also recognize the opportunities close to home: an invitation to Mass, a thoughtful conversation about faith, or patient encouragement for someone seeking God. The next chapter of our parish's life will be shaped by our willingness to make Christ known.

St. Patrick, Our Patron

As we celebrate our parish's 160th anniversary, we honour St. Patrick, whose life reminds us how faith can take root through hardship. Taken from Britain to Ireland as a young captive, Patrick found strength in prayer. After escaping, he later returned as a missionary bishop, bringing the Gospel to the people among whom he had once been enslaved.

His witness helped shape Ireland's Christian heritage, which generations of Irish people carried far beyond its shores. For our parish, bearing his name is both a link to that heritage and an invitation to follow his example: to trust in God, persevere through difficulty, and share Christ's love with others.

In the decades before our stone church opened in 1866, many Irish immigrants sought new lives in Canada, including those fleeing the Great Famine of the 1840s. They carried their faith into a new homeland, establishing communities where prayer, worship, and care for one another helped sustain them through hardship.

The Irish settlers and families who helped build our parish belong to this wider story. As we celebrate 160 years, we give thanks for the faith entrusted to us. May we carry it forward by welcoming newcomers, caring for our neighbours, and sharing the hope of Christ with each new generation.

St. Patrick, pray for us.



Painting inspired by the statue of St. Patrick in our church.

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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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