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

Wisdom 6:12–16

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

Gospel

Matthew 25:1–13

Psalm 63

MY SOUL THIRSTS FOR YOU, O LORD MY GOD.

Gospel Reflection

All ten bridesmaids grow tired while they wait. What distinguishes the wise is the oil they bring for a delay they cannot predict. When the cry goes up at midnight, the oil they carried through those quiet hours is what allows them to go out and meet the bridegroom. Jesus asks us to consider what sustains our friendship with him when life becomes wearying or uncertain.

A lamp needs a continuing supply of oil, and faith also needs tending. Prayer, the sacraments, and daily acts of love make room for God's grace. On a weary evening, prayer may be as simple as speaking the name of someone we love before God. These habits help us recognise Christ's presence in ordinary responsibilities and remain ready to answer his call.

The closed door gives this parable its urgency. We cannot postpone every act of love, every apology, or every return to prayer until a more convenient day. Nor can another person's faith take the place of our own response to God. Yet we prepare for a wedding feast, and Christ calls us into the joy of communion with him. We can look forward to his coming as we would to the arrival of someone we have longed to see.

This week, try setting aside a few quiet minutes for prayer, visit someone who is lonely, or begin a conversation that could bring reconciliation.

Honouring Those Who Served

This weekend, we pause in gratitude and silence to remember the men and women who gave their lives in the service of peace and freedom. Their sacrifice reminds us that the blessings we enjoy today were dearly won and must never be taken for granted.

Remembrance Day is not only about looking back, but also about looking within. It calls us to reflect on the cost of conflict and to renew our own commitment to peace: in our families, our communities, and our world. True remembrance is found not only in our words, but in our actions that honour the dignity of every human life.

May the memory of the fallen inspire in us a deeper compassion, a steadier hope, and a lasting desire to be peacemakers wherever we are.

Mass Intentions · November 7–13

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	• † All Souls Intention. • † Rose & Douglas / Agnes & Francis Wijesekera, by Sherine, Anne & family. • † Kathryn Hannan, by Mary & Gerry Hannan.
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	• † All Souls Intention. • † Candice Bansie, by Cindy Noah. • † Departed souls of the Legion of Mary, by Legion of Mary.
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	• People of the Parish.
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	• † Jack Coogan, by the family.
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	• † Frank and John O'Donnell, by Cathy, Nancy and Carolyn.
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	• † Lorraine Clark, by Tom & family.
Friday	9:00 a.m.	• † Greg Crossman, by Joan Crossman.

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



Remember veterans and their families in your prayers.

News & Events

Euchre Tournament

Sunday, Nov. 22, 2026, 1 to 4 p.m.



Join the Catholic Women's League for an afternoon of euchre on Sunday, Nov 22. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Bring your friends or come on your own for friendly competition, prizes for the winners, door prizes and more. Admission is $10 per person. Advance tickets are available by e-transfer to stpatrickcwlevents@gmail.com; no password is required. Please include your name, phone number and number of players in the e-transfer message.

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, Nov. 28th, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Join us for the St. Patrick's CWL Christmas Bazaar Browse over 20 vendors, including crafters, artisans, Pampered Chef, and more. Children can shop for presents at the White Elephant Table, and the Christmas Café offers a place to pause and enjoy a treat. Admission is free! Donations for the White Elephant Table are welcome. Please bring gently used decorative items, games, puzzles, jewelery, and similar items to the parish hall on Nov. 27, between 1 and 4 p.m. No clothing pls.

New Year's Eve Dance

Wednesday, Dec. 31st



The Knights of Columbus invite you to celebrate New Year's Eve in style! Join your parish family for an evening of great food, music, dancing, and celebration as we welcome 2027. We're planning a night bigger and better than ever, and we want you to be part of it. We're giving you plenty of notice to gather your friends and keep December 31 free. That means no "we already made other plans" excuses this year! Tickets go on sale in November, stay tuned for more info.

News & Announcements

Sunday Missals (2026-2027) Now Available

The new Liturgical Year begins on November 29th, the First Sunday in Advent. Sunday Missals for the 2026 – 2027 (year B) cost is $5 per book, and Sunday Missal for Young Catholics for the 2026 – 2027 (year B) cost is $10 per book. Can be purchased from the ushers after weekend Masses and from the parish office, during office hours (Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.). Thank you for your attention and support.

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.

All Souls Intentions

Throughout November, we remember our deceased relatives and friends through Parish All Souls Intentions Masses. Special All Souls envelopes are available at the church entrance and in the parish office. You may also mail a donation or e-transfer to finance@stpatricksfallowfield.com. Please indicate All Souls Intention and include the names of those to be remembered, along with your own name. For e-transfers, use masses as the password.

160th Anniversary Cookbook is Ready For Pick Up & Sales Continue

The St. Patrick Fallowfield 160th Anniversary Cookbook is now available for pick up in the foyer in front of the church office, during the following:

Nov 14 4:30-6:30 p.m., Nov 15 8:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m., Nov 21 4:30-6:30 p.m., Nov 28 4:30-6:30 p.m. and Nov 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Due to an overwhelming interest, we are now sold out. We are accepting a second round of pre-orders, as long as there is enough interest. Add you name to a waiting list by sending an email to stpatrickcwlevents@gmail.com. Include "Cookbook", your name and phone number and how many. If enough interest, you will receive an email in a few weeks.

CWL Giftcards for the Missions

The CWL is collecting gift cards, cash and cheques to support local shelters and mission this Christmas. Collection runs from Nov 7 to Dec 6.

To donate, place your gift card, cash or cheque in an envelope clearly marked "CWL Christmas Campaign" and drop it in the collection basket. Cheques payable to: "CWL ST PATRICK PARISH NEPEAN"

You can donate by e-transfer to stpatrickcwlevents@gmail.com.

Help share the joy of Christmas with those in need!

November 9

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

The Lateran Basilica in Rome is the oldest church in the West and the Pope's cathedral as Bishop of Rome. Known as the mother and head of all churches in the world, it stands as a symbol of unity for the whole Church.

This feast reminds us that our faith is not only built of stone and marble, but of living stones, the People of God. Each of us is called to be a dwelling place for Christ, a spiritual temple where God's presence can be seen and felt. As we honour this ancient and sacred building, we are invited to renew our reverence for our own parish church, where we encounter Christ in Word and Sacrament.

Ministry SPOTLIGHT



Ressurection Choir

This week, we would like to take a moment to thank the Resurrection Choir for their service and important contribution to the parish. They help make each funeral special and provide mourners with thoughtful and meaningful musical support during difficult times. Please consider joining their ranks and visit the parish website for more details.

News & Announcements

Advent Children's Choir

CALLING ALL CHILDREN AND YOUTH who would like to take part with the 9:00 choir for the prelude hymn each week of Advent. All interested children are asked to meet the 9:00 choir at 6:15 on Thursday, November 19 and November 26, in the church. Children between 5-19 are welcome. Use the doors in between the rectory and church.



THIS SUNDAY: Coffee with the Choirs

It's time for Coffee with the Choirs again this Sunday! Our choirs always put on a wonderful Coffee Sunday, so come down to the parish hall after Mass for a cup of coffee and a chance to catch up with friends or meet someone new.

Would you or your parish group like to host a future Coffee Sunday? We'd love to hear from you. For more information, email coffee@stpatricksfallowfield.com.

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

- 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