

THE GROUNDBREAKING CELEBRATION

FOR THE NEW CHURCH BUILDING OF ST PATRICK'S, WILDFIELD

Sunday | 24 May 2026



PROGRAMME

I SUNDAY MASS AT 1:00 P.M. AT THE CURRENT CHURCH for the Solemnity of Pentecost

II PROCESSION TO THE SITE OF THE NEW CHURCH with prayers and hymns during the procession

As the procession arrives at the site, the following hymn is led by the CHOIR. The hymn will continue until the procession is completed and everyone has taken their place.

HAIL, GLORIOUS SAINT PATRICK

Sister Agnes, 1853 (Covenant of the Charleville, County Cork) / H.F. Hemy, 1818-1888
Adapted for Saint Patrick's, Wildfield (Brampton)



1. Hail, glorious Saint Pat - rick! Dear Saint of our Isle!
2. Hail, glorious Saint Pat - rick; Thy words were once strong
3. In the war a - gainst sin, in the fight for the Faith,



On us, thy poor chil - dren, be - stow a sweet smile And
A - gainst Sa - tan's wiles and a he - re - tic throng; Not
Dear Saint, may thy chil - dren re - sist un - to death; Their



now thou art high in the mansions a - bove, On
less is thy might where in Hea - ven thou art, O,
strength be in meek - ness, in pe - nance, and pray'r; Their



Wild - field's green val - leys look down in thy love.
come to our aid, in our bat - tles take part.
ban - ner the Cross which they glo - ry to bear.

Refrain

Hail, glo-rious Saint Pat-rick! From Hea-ven a - bove,
On Wild-field green val - ley look down in thy love.

Once the image of Saint Patrick is put in place, Monsignor Owen Keenan will incense the statue.

III WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

At the conclusion of the hymn, the Master of Ceremonies will take to the podium and begin the formal programme.

MONSIGNOR OWEN:

Good afternoon and welcome to the Blessing and Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new church building of Saint Patrick's Parish in Wildfield, Brampton!

We want to first acknowledge our choir of children from Saint Patrick's School, under the direction of Roseanna Scarfo.

It was in January of 2018 when we as a parish launched the "Loaves and Fishes" Fundraising Campaign for this project. And even then, the discussions and work towards this project had been going on for years leading up to that launch. With the prayers and work of so many we have come to this special occasion.

We would like to acknowledge the presence of His Worship Patrick Brown, the Mayor of the City of Brampton, accompanied by City Councillor Gurpartap Singh Toor. We welcome Her Worship Annette Groves, the Mayor of the Town of Caledon, accompanied by Regional Councillor Mario Russo. Also here with us Mister Nando

Iannicca, the C.E.O. and Chair of the Regional Council of Peel Region.

Also with us today is Ron Possamai of Global Architect Incorporated.

We have here with us the members of our Parish Building Committee. *(List of Members separate)*

We also welcome Mister David Finnegan from the Archdiocese of Toronto, and Mister Marc Ferguson of Bemocon Contracting.

Here with us today are relatives and friends of Father Vito Marziliano. We continue to remember him as well as the late Renzo Pillon in our hearts and minds. We pray today that the work the Lord has begun in them may continue with us, and that He might bring it to fruitful completion.

We also acknowledge the presence here today of some of the priests that have served this parish in recent years.

And finally, we acknowledge you, the parishioners and friends of Saint Patrick's in Wildfield, who have given so much of your time, talent, and treasure to get us to this point.

IV DIGNITARIES' REMARKS

BRIEF ADDRESSES Mayor Patrick Brown
CITY OF BRAMPTON

MONSIGNOR OWEN:

We will now hear from some of our dignitaries. First, we welcome to the podium Brampton Mayor Patrick Brown.

Mayor Annette Groves
TOWN OF CALEDON

MONSIGNOR OWEN:

Thank you, Mister Mayor. Now we welcome to the podium Caledon Mayor Annette Groves.

Chair Nando Iannicca
REGION OF PEEL

MONSIGNOR OWEN:

Thank you, Madame Mayor. Now we welcome to the podium Peel Regional Chair Nando Iannicca.

Monsignor Owen Keenan
PASTOR

MONSIGNOR OWEN:

Thank you, Mister Chair.

Monsignor Owen Keenan will deliver his remarks, at the end of which he will immediately proceed with the Rite of Blessing and Groundbreaking.

V RITE OF BLESSING AND GROUNDBREAKING

HYMN OF PRAISE

The CHOIR leads the singing of the following hymn:

HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE THY NAME

Text: Te Deum laudamus; German: Grosser Gott, wir loben dich; Ignaz Franz, 1719-1790;
translation by Clarence Alphonsus Walworth, 1820-1900, in Catholic Psalmist, 1858, alt.
Tune: GROSSER GOTT, 7 8 7 8 77; melody in Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1774, alt.



Ho - ly God — we praise Thy name!
Hark, the loud — ce - les - tial hymn



Lord of all — we bow — be - fore Thee!
An - gel choirs a - bove — are rais - ing!



All on earth Thy scep - ter claim.
Cher - u - bim — and Se - ra - phim,

All in hea-ven a - bove _ a - dore Thee:
in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais-ing.

In - fi - nite _ Thy vast do - main,
Fill the hea-vens with sweet ac - cord,

e - ver - las - ting is _ Thy reign.
Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly Lord!

SIGN OF THE CROSS

MONSIGNOR OWEN:

In the name of the Father † and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

MONSIGNOR OWEN:

May the grace and peace of God our Father, the source of all blessings, be with you all.

ALL: And with your spirit.

MONSIGNOR OWEN:

The work we are beginning today should enliven our faith and make us grateful. We know the familiar words of the psalm: “If the Lord does not build the house, in vain do its builders labor.” Whenever we look to the interests of our neighbour or the community and serve them, we are God’s own co-workers. Let us pray for His help through this celebration, my brothers and sisters, that God will bring this construction to successful completion and that His protection will keep those who work on it safe from injury.

PRAYER FOR THE BUILDING OF THE NEW CHURCH

MONSIGNOR OWEN:

Let us pray: Heavenly Father,

ALL:

send Your Holy Spirit upon us, Your people. Give us vision to seek Your truth, and the courage to lovingly accept Your will. Guide us in the decisions we must make, that the work we do now, in building our new place of worship, will ensure the presence of Your reign on earth. Help us to see that what we must build is not just brick and stone, but love, compassion, and understanding among all people. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

FATHER COLE:

Let us listen to the word of God from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians:

1 Corinthians 3: 9-11

Brothers and sisters: We are God's servants, working together; you are God's field God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay a foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

A brief moment of silence is observed after the reading.

PRAYER OF BLESSING OF THE GROUND

MONSIGNOR OWEN:

Brothers and sisters in Christ: We have come together to seek God's blessing as we set apart this ground for the building of this place of worship and house of prayer.

Let us pray:

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe. You fill the entire world with Your presence and Your name is to be hallowed through all the earth. Bless all those who have worked or contributed to provide the site which today we set apart † for the building of our new church. May this be a place where all may come to know the presence of Christ, experience the joy of His friendship, and grow in His love.

May Your gracious blessing, O Lord, descend like the dew from heaven upon this place and upon all who shall visit it and make it their spiritual home. You have given us joy in a work begun in Your name; may they soon celebrate Your presence in this place, and in the time to come, praise You forever in our eternal home. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God, now and forever.

ALL: Amen!

Monsignor Owen Keenan takes Holy Water and sprinkles the site in all four directions. He may also sprinkle the people with Holy Water.

CEREMONIAL BREAKING OF THE GROUND

Monsignor Owen Keenan, accompanied by the dignitaries, will proceed to the location of the ceremonial ground breaking. Taking the shovel and turning the soil three times, he says:

MONSIGNOR OWEN:

With faith in Jesus Christ, this work is begun and this ground is broken in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen!

The dignitaries join Monsignor Owen Keenan for the ceremonial dig. Following this, the Monsignor Owen Keenan returns to the podium and says these or similar words:

MONSIGNOR OWEN:

We will now watch as the shape of the cross is dug by machine. This is a sign of our work being rooted in Christ.

Into this cross we will pour the blessed and consecrated oils from the previous years. These oils – the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick, and the Sacred Chrism – were blessed by the Bishop for the sacred rites of the Church. They represent for us now the prayers of all who have been Baptized and Confirmed, those anointed by Christ’s strength to help them in their illness, those who have received Communion, those who have been married, and those who have been buried in Christ in our parish. We anoint this land today and we look forward to the day when the new church building will be anointed – consecrated – to the praise and glory of God and the sanctification of His people.

A cross-shaped hole is dug, and the sacred oils from previous years are poured into the hole.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

When all this has been done, Monsignor Owen Keenan returns to the podium and says:

MONSIGNOR OWEN:

(Let us pray:) O God, the builder of all things, You have placed on us the obligation of toil. Grant that the work we begin may serve to better our lives and through Your goodness contribute to the spread of the kingdom of Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Monsignor Owen returns to the podium to give the following instructions:

MONSIGNOR OWEN:

Following the final blessing, we invite you all for the barbecue celebration to take place at the parish park. Those of you who have registered and have with meal tickets will have priority in the food line. You can present them to the volunteers. For those who have yet to pick-up your meal tickets, our volunteers will be near the entrance to the parish park.

As a remembrance of this day, we invite you to keep your program guides. Should you wish to dispose of them, please do so in the bins at our parish park. Do not leave them on the ground here. We also have a limited number of remembrance keychains (courtesy of Mister Robert Shoemaker), as well as a small plastic container with soil taken from three places: this newly-blessed ground, and from the graves of Father Francis McSpirtt and Father Vito Marziliano (thank you to the Servello Family).

We ask that you remain where you are and let our dignitaries leave first.

Please be careful and mindful of the local traffic as you make your way back to the current church and the park.

Then Monsignor Owen Keenan gives the final blessing and dismissal to close the Rite:

MONSIGNOR OWEN:

The Lord be with you.

ALL: And with your spirit.

MONSIGNOR OWEN:

May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, † and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

ALL: Amen.

MONSIGNOR OWEN:

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTIPHON IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY

Then the CHOIR leads all in the singing of the Marian Antiphon:

SALVE REGINA

Traditional Marian Antiphon for use throughout the year

Sal - ve, Re - gi - na, Ma - ter mi - se - ri - cor - di - æ:
Hail Holy Queen, Mother of mercy:

Vi - ta, dul - ce - do, et spes nos - tra, sal - ve.
Life, sweetness, and hope of ours, hail.

Ad te cla - ma - mus, ex - su - les, fi - li - i He - væ.
To you we cry, exiles, children of Eve.

Ad te su - spi - ra - mus, ge - men - tes et flen - tes
To you we sigh, mourning and weeping

in hac la - cri - ma - rum val - le.
in this tearful valley.

E - ia, er - go, Ad - vo - ca - ta no - stra,
And so, therefore, Advocate of ours,

il - los tu - os mi - se - ri - cor - des
those your merciful

o - cu - los ad nos con - ver - te.
eyes to us turn.

Et Ie - sum, be - ne - dic - tum fruc - tum ven - tris tu - i,
And Jesus, blessed fruit of the womb of yours,

no - bis post hoc ex - si - li - um os - ten - de.
to us after this exile show.

O cle - mens, O pi - a,
Oh clement, Oh tender,

O dul - cis Vir - go Ma - ri - a.
Oh sweet Virgin Mary!

VI RETURN TO SAINT PATRICK'S PARK FOR THE BBQ CELEBRATION

The people make their own way back to the parish park to celebrate.



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