

# *Saint Mary Magdalene Parish*

*St. Columba* † *Sts. John & Paul* † *St. Dunstan's*  
*Fredericton Junction* *New Maryland* *Fredericton*

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**July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Celebration and Thanksgiving of Fr. Maria's ministry and friendship among us: This Sunday Afternoon, July 26<sup>th</sup>, from 2 pm – 4 pm at Sts. John and Paul Parking Lot. Drive-tru and wish Fr. Maria thanksgiving and blessings from your vehicle.**

Due to the restrictions on public gatherings and social distancing it is not possible to celebrate Fr. Maria's ministry through a reception with food, speeches and all of the things we would love to do. It is also not possible to offer him our greetings before and after Mass since the priests remain in the sanctuary at this time and people are asked not to mingle as we usually do and just enter and exit the church in an orderly fashion that is safe. However, we have much to celebrate and be thankful for. So, we offer the following ways to share our gratitude and offer him our blessings.

One Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> from 2 pm - 4pm there will be a 'drive through greeting time' in the Sts. John and Paul Parking lot. You simply drive by and speak to him from your vehicle. There will be a place to put a card or note in a box for him to take with him.

As well, you can send your expressions of gratitude, memories and blessings through his email [arokiamm@gmail.com](mailto:arokiamm@gmail.com) or through the Parish Email [stdun@stdunstansparish.ca](mailto:stdun@stdunstansparish.ca). Anything coming through the Parish Email will be forwarded to him. Feel free to be creative with your expressions of thanksgiving through video, songs, poems, other...that can be attached with your email.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**St. Columba Church Site**

Sun 26<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Donnie Butler  
 Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:00 am Theresa Comeau

**Sts. John & Paul Church Site**

Sun 26<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am Sylvia Guidry  
 Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> 11:00 am Sharon Ann Bears

**St. Dunstan's Church Site**

Sat 25<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm Bob Shaw  
 Sun 26<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Francis Delmas  
 26<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am Viola Kenny  
 Sat 1<sup>st</sup> 5:00 pm Dorothy Cecere  
 Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:00 am Alex Lawson  
 2<sup>nd</sup> 11:30 am Deceased Members of the  
 Page Family

Mass Intentions: Contact Marlita Chase (Parish Office 444-6001). Indicate at which Church Site that you want the Mass celebrated. [stdun@stdunstanspariash.ca](mailto:stdun@stdunstanspariash.ca).

**NECROLOGY**

July 27	William James Lake	1981
	Richard Conrad Goodine	2001
	John Henderictus Scholten	2008
	Carole Winnifred Clark	2015
	Eldon Mills	2016
July 28	Erica Anna May Howe	1990
	Effie Randall	1996
	Shirley Ann Farrell	2004
July 29	Marie Claudia Hutchinson	1981
	Edna May D'Amour	2006
	David John Kileel	2006
	JoAnn Voller-Jones	2009
	Nell Ramsay	2016
	Donna Mary Anne Forbes	2017
July 30	Stella Gertrude O'Connor	1991
July 31	Catherine Evelyn Andrews	1982
	Jean Phyllis Tweedie	2006
	Joseph Leo Sisk	2008
	Rita Georgina Johnson	2016
Aug 1	George F Flood	1982
	Tony El-Khoury	2006
Aug 2	Jack Grant	1982
	Walter John McCaughey	1982
	Helen Margaret Jacobson	1993
	E Frances Flood	2003
	Aleitha Mary MacAuley	2016
	Cynthia Leigh Oley	2019

**Readings for August 2<sup>nd</sup>**

1st Reading Isaiah 55:1-3  
 2nd Reading Romans 8:35, 37-39  
 Gospel Matthew 14:13-21



**Volunteers needed for Masses at St. Dunstan's Site:** We need 6 attendants at each Mass to welcome, screen, collect your contact information, offer direction about sanitizing, offertory and seating as you arrive for Mass. This is all an essential aspect of gathering safely according to government guidelines as we live this pandemic reality.

If you are interested and able to assist please choose one of the three Weekend Masses and you will be assigned on a rotating basis so as not to be tied up each weekend. There will be training for the role and it will require arriving for Mass 45 minutes before Mass begins. To sign up please phone or email the Parish Office and give both your phone number and email.

**Outreach to Those in Need:** During this Pandemic our local Food Banks, Fredericton Community Kitchen and Homeless Shelters are making tremendous efforts in providing for those in need. Our parish has been able to contribute to these through our Poor and Needy Fund that you contribute to regularly. We have been able to assist other efforts as well focused on the most vulnerable at this time. If you would like to contribute to any these programs just go to their website and follow directions on making donations to them.

## **A thanksgiving tribute to Fr. Maria from our Parish:**

Dear Fr. Maria,

On behalf of all of the Parishioners of St. Mary Magdalene Parish, we offer these words of thanksgiving to you Fr. Maria.

Our first experience of you was your faith filled, joyful and competent pastoral leadership at Sts. John and Paul Parish before the formation of St. Mary Magdalene Parish. We witnessed in members of Sts John and Paul community a confidence in your leadership and a deep trust in your pastoral presence. In particular their appreciation for your way of befriending others and enthusiasm for initiatives that the parish wanted to take in regards to children, youth and adult faith formation, liturgical planning, support of the Catholic Women's League and parish suppers, fundraisers and social gatherings.

As we have joined together Sts. John and Paul in New Maryland, St. Columba's in Fredericton Junction and St. Dunstan's in Fredericton you have been an encourager of moving forward in a positive and unitive manner and have brought the same gifts that were experienced by the folks at Sts. John and Paul into our new parish reality. You have offered us ways of moving forward from your wider and more 'global' experience of church from your home experience in India and your seminary and mission experience in Tanzania, Africa. As we have come to know more of your personal story in these experiences we are inspired by your courage and openness to experiencing God's presence in other cultures and the way Church is lived and expressed in diverse ways around our globe.

You have made every effort to take advice and counsel in order to understand, discern and respond in ministry. It has been easily noticed that you take great effort in prayer, reflection and time to create and preach your weekly homilies. You have readily and enthusiastically taken on requests to celebrate the sacraments and attend to requests for the many ways people need pastoral care. In addition, we have enjoyed your good humor, ease and openness with which you relate.

You have served us very well Fr. Maria. We hope that you have known our support, encouragement and appreciation during our years together. We ask God's blessings on you in this next step of your many courageous leaps of faith that you and God have made together over the years.

Be assured of our continued prayers and we are grateful you are only moving 'one bridge' away.

We hope that you will enjoy the new laptop (Apple) computer that our parish gives to you as a small token of our gratitude for you, and that it will be one instrument that you use to stay in touch with us.

Many, Many Thanks and God Bless,

Shelley Knorr, Parish Pastoral Council Chair

Kevin Roherty, Parish Finance Council Chair

Fr. Bill Brennan, Your Team Partner as Priest in Solidum

### **CAN WE HELP?**

During these days we all need to be conscious of what people are living with so we can be of assistance. We never know when we may need to know contacts for ourselves or others who need help, protection, safety and direction. Our Parish Bulletin is an instrument available to us to be informed. Domestic Violence is one such area to be well informed about and so please become familiar with the following:

The following community organizations are connections to provide support and guidance on how to recognize domestic or intimate partner violence, how to seek assistance if you are a victim, a child or a bystander who wants to help. The following organizations have professionals trained in how to assist and link people to the appropriate resources within our community. People who are in the midst of a threatening or violent event are reminded that 911 is the first option.

- Transition House for Abused Women and Children: 459-2300 (24 Hour Crisis Line), 457-2770 (Daytime Business Line)

- Gignoo Transition House: 458-1224 (24 Hour Crisis Line), 458-1236 (Daytime Business Line)

- Chimo Helpline (Provincial Crisis Line): 450-4357 or

<<http://www.chimohelpline.ca>>[www.chimohelpline.ca](http://www.chimohelpline.ca)

## **Note from Fr. Maria and Fr Bill,**

Hope you are all staying safe and well. As you are aware, several weeks ago the government regulations in regards to COVID 19 have changed to allow for more than 50 people to gather for a religious service as long as the 6-foot social distancing can be maintained and other safety protocols are followed.

This will mainly affect St. Dunstan's Site which can accommodate more than 50 people safely. At Sts John and Paul Site and St. Columba Site we will set up a speaker in the Church Hall to accommodate those who arrive once the Church is filled to 'safe' capacity. At St. Dunstan's Site we will probably be able to accommodate those who decide to attend.

Of course, it is important to remind us all that we continue to be dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass so that safety remains a priority in discerning whether to attend or remain home. The decision to not attend Mass is deeply respected for the sake of keeping yourself and others safe. For those who discern to attend Mass, we will be moving to our regular weekend Mass schedule as follows:

**Saturday @ 5pm -St. Dunstan's Site**

**Sunday @ 9 am at St. Columba**

**Sunday @ 9 am @ St. Dunstan's Site**

**Sunday @ 11 am @ Sts John and Paul Site**

**Sunday @ 11:30 am @ St. Dunstan's Site**

**The 9 am Mass will be livestreamed and you have the option of receiving Holy Communion in your vehicle at St. Dunstan's Site between 10:15 and 10:45 am on Sunday.**

For those attending Mass, we do need to follow all of the safety procedures as follows:

1. We need to have the name and phone number of every person who attends as 'follow up' information should an incident happen.

-We will no longer be placed in Groupings of 50 people identified by a color. You are free to choose the Mass you desire to attend.

-We will keep the lists we have for St. Columba and Sts John and Paul Site and your name will be checked as you enter the church and are screened. If you are not on the list, just come to Mass and your name and phone number will be added.

-For St. Dunstan's Site, you will be asked to fill out an information sheet with your name (and each family member's name who is attending with you) and a contact phone number. You will be asked to place it in a box when you arrive. It will be helpful if you fill this information out before you come to Mass and bring it with you. The sheet is attached.

2. You will be asked the following screening questions.

- Do you have any of the following symptoms: fever/feverish, cough, sore throat, head ache, runny nose, a new cough or worsening chronic cough, new onset of fatigue, diarrhea, loss of taste or smell; in children, purple marking on the fingers and toes?

- Have you had close contact within the last 14 days with a confirmed case of Covid-19?

- Have you been diagnosed with Covid-19?

- Have you returned from travel outside of Atlantic Canada within the last 14 days for any reason other than work purposes in another province?

- Have you had close contact with anyone from outside of Atlantic Canada in the past 14 days?

- Have you been told by a public health official that you may have been exposed to Covid-19

3. You will need to wear a mask throughout the Mass unless for health reasons you can not wear a mask or you are under 2 years of age.
4. You will be asked to sanitize your hands on entering and exiting the church.
5. You will be seated in orderly fashion from front to back.
6. Holy Communion will be distributed at the end of the Mass as you leave. Holy Communion will be distributed on the hand only.

Thank you for all of those who have taken on special 'attendant' roles to assist us in gathering safely according to these protocols in compliance with government regulations. Be safe and well!!  
Blessings, Fr. Maria and Fr. Bill

Please continue to tune into the **Live Stream Mass** through our Website on Sunday at 9 am. It will also be uploaded to the Homepage so you can view it at another time. To live stream, google St. Dunstan's Church Fredericton and look for a 'click here' button right below the two Video Screens. The Mass will be uploaded to one of those Video Screens.

Live Stream Link to Website:

<https://stdun7.wixsite.com/stdunstansparish>

St. Mary Magdalene Facebook

## Seeking, Discovering, Paying the Price (Fr. John Jennings)

February 2 is sometimes referred to as Groundhog Day. There is a curious tradition attached to this day. In some places, it is held that if the groundhog emerges from his winter hibernation on this day and sees his shadow, winter will be longer. It will continue for 6 more weeks.

In the 1993 movie “Groundhog Day”, a weatherman (Bill Murray) is called upon to do his annual assignment. Unable to avoid the assignment, he takes it on begrudgingly. To his dismay, he discovers that he enters an experience of perpetual Groundhog Day. He cannot escape it and finds himself waking up each morning to Groundhog Day again.

It may seem to us that we find ourselves in a perpetual Covid-19. We have now been in isolation and limited contact for more than 4 months. It looks like it will continue for some time longer and we do not know how long. We have had to give up much and accept many changes in how we act and in our expectations. Such adjustment particularly with its uncertainty is hard. As difficult and discouraging as this is, however, perhaps there are hopeful signs that our experience will bring some positive changes to our world and even to our own personal lives.

How many of us have discovered that having time to ourselves periodically has been to our benefit? Our world, in some measure may discover that we are “in this together” and we need each other to come out of it. It may happen slowly, but looking at our world and all creation as Pope Francis expressed it, “our common home”, may well become a more prevalent view, with shared responsibility. It may well be that we are discovering that elements of our contemporary technology are less a threat and more a benefit in keeping us connected with one another.

In our own relationships, we may be discovering how rich they are and how important they are for our mutual happiness and contentment. One of the ironies of this time is the fact that while we are in isolation and separation, we may have found ourselves going out of our way to reconnect with the people who mean so much to us, near and far.

Our current experience has offered us a chance for more awareness of the benefits of quiet time, reflection and prayer. Stepping back and looking at our life and faith in this circumstance may help us grasp the wonder of Jesus’s words in so many ways. In particular, what we hear from Matthew this Sunday.

Jesus tells three parables of the Kingdom (Matt 13:44-52). All three parables speak of seeking and discovering.

Once the person seeking has made the discovery there is something further. To acquire the discovery there is a price to pay. Something must be given up in order to have the treasure, the pearl or to make room for the fish in the net.

To discover the Kingdom is to discover what responds to our core, our spirit. What offers us ultimate fulfillment, happiness and contentment. The parables alert us to the reality that the discovery is only the beginning. There is a price to pay if it is to become truly rooted in our lives. To acquire or hold this discovery we have to make room for it in our lives.

Jesus would call this “making room”, *repentance* – “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.” (Matt 4:17). To be in the Kingdom means that we live differently – changes in our values, changes in our priorities, changes in what we see as important. To live as Jesus’ disciples means we live in our world with the same love, care and compassion for all. This is the challenge of the kingdom and the living of a life marked by *repentance*.

Other Links:

Live Stream Link to Website:

<https://stdun7.wixsite.com/stdunstansparish>

St. Mary Magdalene Facebook:

Daily TV Mass – <https://saltandlighttv.org/mass>  
Weekdays at 9 am and 1 pm.

Diocese of Saint John <http://dioceseofsaintjohn.org>

The following is a link to *The New Freeman*  
<http://newfreeman.ca/>

### LECTORS SCHEDULE FOR STS J & P CHURCH SITE

#### STS. JOHN & PAUL CHURCH SITE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
July 19 <sup>th</sup>	Courtney Mason
July 26 <sup>th</sup>	Albert & Margaret Murray
August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ray & Anita Allain
August 9 <sup>th</sup>	Lorraine Bird
August 16 <sup>th</sup>	Lynda MacNeil
August 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Fred & Mary Farrell
August 30 <sup>th</sup>	Mike MacIntosh

<b>Offertories: Jul 19</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>St C</b>	<b>Sts J&amp;P</b>	<b>St D</b>
Weekly, at Mass	\$3,853	\$577	\$295	\$2,981
Weekly, average PAD	\$3,484	\$50	\$952	\$2,481
YTD Offertories (Actual)	\$251,981	\$11,974	\$41,757	\$198,250
YTD Offertories (Budget)	\$370,954	\$18,816	\$51,932	\$300,206
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$118,973)	(\$6,842)	(\$10,175)	(\$101,956)
Poor & Needy	\$460	\$0	\$0	\$460
Building fund	\$150	\$0	\$0	\$150
Other	\$60	\$0	\$0	\$60
# PAD users	132	1	31	100
# Envelopes used	106	23	10	73
# Envelopes issued	727	71	66	590

<b>Offertories: Jul 12</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>St C</b>	<b>Sts J&amp;P</b>	<b>St D</b>
Weekly, at Mass	\$8,329	\$470	\$352	\$7,507
Weekly, average PAD	\$3,430	\$50	\$952	\$2,427
YTD Offertories (Actual)	\$241,163	\$11,397	\$39,075	\$190,691
YTD Offertories (Budget)	\$358,162	\$18,167	\$50,142	\$289,854
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$116,999)	(\$6,770)	(\$11,067)	(\$99,163)
Poor & Needy	\$282	\$0	\$0	\$282
Building fund	\$525	\$0	\$0	\$525
Other	\$451	\$0	\$0	\$451
# PAD users	132	1	31	100
# Envelopes used	121	22	14	85
# Envelopes issued	727	71	66	590

<b>Offertories: Jul 05</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>St C</b>	<b>Sts J&amp;P</b>	<b>St D</b>
Weekly, at Mass	\$4,738	\$685	\$396	\$3,657
Weekly, average PAD	\$3,430	\$50	\$952	\$2,427
YTD Offertories (Actual)	\$226,969	\$10,787	\$36,361	\$179,821
YTD Offertories (Budget)	\$345,371	\$17,518	\$48,351	\$279,502
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$118,402)	(\$6,731)	(\$11,990)	(\$99,681)
Poor & Needy	\$90	\$0	\$0	\$90
Building fund	\$325	\$0	\$30	\$295
Other	\$400	\$0	\$400	\$0
# PAD users	132	1	31	100
# Envelopes used	144	22	19	103
# Envelopes issued	727	71	66	590

**2019 Income Tax Receipts – Please call or email the office if you would like to have your receipt mailed to you 444-6001.**

Options for your offertory contributions available to you at this time.

1. Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) you can make your donations through a debit at your bank on a weekly, semi-monthly or monthly basis. There is a PAD form below. You would have to fill out, scan and return via email along with a scanned copy of a voided cheque. Form available at <https://stdun7.wixsite.com/stdunstansparish>

2. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) You can e-transfer your offertory at any time with this option, if you do online banking. You would use the following email address: [stdun@stdunstansparish.ca](mailto:stdun@stdunstansparish.ca)

**Website:** Michael Minifie, Business and Facilities Manager is designing a new Website that will be St. Mary Magdalene Parish Website. We will inform you when it is in operation. This will reflect our new parish reality rather than having a St. Dunstan's and a St's John and Paul website. In the meantime, as you know, we are using the St. Dunstan's Website for all of our on-line and live stream events.