

Saint Mary Magdalene Parish

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

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September 13th, 2020 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Note from Fr. Bill and Fr. Peter to all parents of St. Mary Magdalene Parish regarding Faith Formation/Religious Education:

Hi Parents of the Children and Youth in our Religious Education/Faith Formation programs at St. Mary Magdalene Parish,

Greetings! We trust that your summer has been a good one, even with (or maybe even because of), the challenges that the Pandemic has brought us.

We know you are wondering what will be offered in regards to the Faith Formation/Religious Education for our children. The following comes from conversations with the coordinators at all three Church Sites and the Faith Formation Committee at St. Dunstan's Site:

1. We will wait until October to implement a plan for religious education for children and youth. Parents will be necessarily occupied through September with getting their children back to school and the many demands this requires during the pandemic. This also gives us as a parish, time to evaluate how things are going within the school system before we venture forward with any in-person aspect of the religious education program.
2. We have not yet opened our Church sites, except for Sunday/Weekend Masses and our office is open for employees. Others can access the office by appointment. We will not open our Parish Centers (Halls) until we feel we can safely do so, and with proper protocols. We will continue to evaluate this. However, for this year (October through May), we will offer options for parents to tend to the religious formation of your children at home. We are presently working on options that will allow you to have 10 to 20 sessions of approximately 30 to 45 minutes each. You all have different circumstances to consider as you provide this for your children. It is important that you are able to offer something and the amount of time and energy you can realistically give to this depends on many factors that are particular to each of you. Just do what you can and God will be able to do great things with you and your children.
3. For the Youth (Grades 7-9), we will be offering something on-line in conjunction with other parishes. This will not require the parents to lead or facilitate.
4. Once we open our Parish Centers (Halls) for gatherings, we will consider safe ways for families of our Religious Education Program to gather periodically as a support to what they are doing at home.
5. For those who were to celebrate First Communion and/or Confirmation this past April/May, we will be in touch soon to offer you possibilities for this to happen in the Fall.
6. We will be in touch in mid to late September with Options for 'at-home' sessions and a registration form.

In the meantime, be assured of our prayers as you head into September with all of the excitement and challenges involved.

Blessings,

Fr. Bill Brennan and Fr. Peter Osborne

MASS INTENTIONS

St. Columba Church Site

Sun 13th 9:00 am Donnie Butler
 Sun 20th 9:00 am Danny Kenny

Sts. John & Paul Church Site

Sun 13th 11:00 am For the People
 Sun 20th 11:00 am Veronique Fournier

St. Dunstan's Church Site

Sat 12th 5:00 pm Sally Delmas
 Sun 13th 9:00 am Ethel Albuquerque
 13th 11:30 am DFM Page Family
 Sat 19th 5:00 pm Bob Shaw
 Sun 20th 9:00 am Tim Dilworth
 20th 11:30 am Bill Sarty

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

NECROLOGY

Sep 14	Msgr Raymond Myles Hickey	1987
	Jackie Kenneth Maples	1990
	Donald Bernard Daley	2000
	Kathleen Stella Burns	2002
	Ann Marie Wood	2012
	Theresa Comeau	2019
Sep 15	Arnold S Ferguson	1983
	Harold H Cunningham	1984
	Edward Eldon Foster	1988
	John McNulty	1989
	Frank Herbert Crawford	1990
	Robert Edward Whalen	1993
	Luk Mui Tang	1995
	Robert W. (Bill) Warren	2007
	Theresa Mary McIntyre	2009
Sep 16	Raymond John Ward	2005
Sep 17	Graydon Horncastle	1983
	J Murat LeBlanc	1984
	Frederick Maroney	1990
	Lois Marguerite D'Arcy	2005
	Mary Cecilia Tims	2007
	Robert (Bob) Boudreau	2012
	Mary Aledia Scholten Brewer	2013
Sep 18	Lois Heffernan	2008
	Valerie "Danette" Pond	2019
Sep 19	Hubert S McLean	1984
	Margaret Stevens Bradbury	2000
	Sylvia Beaulieu Flemming	2011
Sep 20	Dr J Edward P Butler	1987
	John Allan Rowan	1999
	Gerald J. McLaughlin	2018
	Eileen Grasse	2019

Sanctuary Lamp

*Week of September 13th
 In Loving Memory of
 Francis Corbett*

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.

Faithful Departed

***Dan Lockhart, husband of Jane, father of Brent
 Margaret Michaud***

Readings for September 20th

1st Reading Isaiah 55:6-9
 2nd Reading Philippians 1:20-24, 27
 Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

**Holy Communion distributed in your vehicle
 between 10:15 am and 10:30 am Sunday at
 St. Dunstan's site.**



Lebanon: Development and Peace - Caritas Canada accepting donations to support hardest hit populations

Development and Peace wishes to convey its solidarity with the Lebanese people and with all of our partners in Lebanon, after the tragic explosions that shook the capital of Beirut, Lebanon, on August 4, 2020. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the people affected by this disaster and those who have lost loved ones.

Urgent needs

The shock wave is immense, and the needs of local communities are growing.

Our partners on the ground are already working to assess the situation and help those impacted by this disaster. Affected communities will need food, clean water, health care and shelter. The explosions destroyed a large proportion of the seed stored in the port, leading to fears of increased food insecurity in a context that was already greatly unstable due to the crisis.

Development and Peace partners quickly mobilizing

Our partners on the ground in Lebanon need your help to reach as many people as possible. Each donation makes a difference.

How can you help?

You can help by contributing to our Emergency Fund - Crisis in Lebanon to support the people hardest hit by this disaster.

Go to our website: devp.org and click on **DONATE NOW**, or call toll-free: 1-888-234-8533. Thank You

Development and Peace is participating in the Humanitarian Coalition's Lebanon Crisis appeal through its active membership in Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE:

Our local Development and Peace, Diocesan Council, are holding their Annual General Meeting virtually using the ZOOM app, on Tuesday, September 15th at 7 PM.

Please consider joining us and seeing what D & P is still doing in these challenging times. Pre-registration by September 8th is necessary however, by sending your name and e-mail address to Chris McAloon at:

dc.sj.devdp@outlook.com

We look forward to having you join us, and connecting with others who are committed to the work of development and peace within our Catholic Church, and beyond. Thanks so much for your ongoing and vital support to helping our sisters and brothers in the Global South and elsewhere.

LECTORS SCHEDULE FOR STS JOHN AND PAUL CHURCH SITE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
September 13 th	Judy Ingram
September 20 th	Courtney Mason
September 27 th	Janice Leahy

Online Alpha Course ~ Our Lady of Peace Parish is offering Alpha online beginning Thursday, October 1st from 7:00 to 8:15 pm. Alpha is perfect place to discuss the big questions of life, introduce people to God or renew your own relationship with Jesus. Alpha is open to everyone! Who will you invite? To register please email pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca.

Wilmot United Church require additional volunteers for their weekly Wednesday Lunch Program for the vulnerable in our community. Required hours are 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. All Covid-19 protocol is being followed. For further information please contact Lynn MacKinnon at 999-3126.

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

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/>

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.

The Cross: Symbol of Love & Hope Fr. John Jennings

One of the great symbols that we have in most of our churches and in many other spaces including our homes is the crucifix. This is an image that has the suffering Christ on the Cross. It represents the great sacrifice that Jesus made and the pain of that sacrifice. It says a lot about what he did for us. But it does not say it all. More importantly it may blind us to an even more important aspect of Jesus and of what he reveals about our God.

The crucifix only became a significant symbol for Christians quite late in Christian history. The early Christians and for more than the first 1000 years of our history had a different cross as symbol of their faith. It was a glorious cross, representing the resurrection and Jesus' victory over even death. Often it had no figure on it, frequently it was richly decorated and a stunning sign of the wonder of what God has shown through the risen Christ. This symbol expresses the full story of our salvation. That is, through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. This is what we mean by the Paschal Mystery.

The Gospels present Jesus as the model of the unconditional, total love of God for us. In Jesus words and actions, we repeatedly witness this love in real terms. Matthew reveals this (Matt 18:21-35). Peter asks how many times he should forgive a sister or a brother.

Would 7 be enough? (In biblical language the number 7 was used to mean totality or completeness.)

Jesus' response is astounding. "Not seven time, but I tell you seventy-seven times." We must forgive and reconcile without limit. Our God loves us with out limit, the model given us by Jesus is a love that is unceasing and as his disciples, that is our mission. In the name of the unceasing love we receive, we are to express it to others, all others. We are to be the face of God's love and mercy to our world.

But do we really believe this? Is this really how we see the God of our Christian faith. So often we still think and speak of a God who is primarily a judge, one who stands ever ready to measure and close the gates of heaven to us. To accept that all of us, every single human being is held in the palm of God's hand and that God will never let go of us, seems so difficult for us.

What our faith is really all about is expressed in two core beliefs, the Incarnation – that in Jesus, God has come and lives among us and the Paschal Mystery of Jesus' life, death and resurrection – where Jesus expresses how our God is saving and life-giving. Together, these express the constant reconciling love of God for us.

It may be difficult for us to understand this. It may be hard to accept it into our hearts and lives. It may be a struggle to let go of some of our ingrained images of God. But what the whole life and message of Jesus proclaimed is that God loves all of us unconditionally.

Perhaps we have to take this more seriously. God loves us with our goodness and our badness. God loves us as saints and God loves us as sinners. God loves us long before we commit any sin, and loves us long after we have sinned.

The medieval mystic Julian of Norwich once described heaven like a banquet to which God has invited everyone. God is there in their midst, welcoming everyone, meeting and speaking with everyone and smiling at and with everyone. This is the God of unconditional love – no judging, no condemning. And if there is a big book with many names, it is not the book of judgement. It is the invitation list and it is infinite in its length, for it includes all.

- Do I really believe that God loves me unconditionally? And always?
- Am I able to live a faith that sees everyone as the beloved of God?

Note from Fr. Bill: Some are asking how the new Provincial Government regulation that allows for people to have one-meter distancing as long as we are wearing a mask will affect our protocols in the parish for attending Mass. Presently we are able to accommodate everyone that is attending by using the 2-meter social distancing and so we will continue to do that as an additional precaution for safety.

However, as our gatherings increase in number and because we wear masks throughout the Mass, we have an option to revisit our seating arrangements at each site and will do so as is necessary with the numbers who are attending. I will keep you informed as changes are made. For now, we will be maintaining the two-meter distancing until I inform you of a change. However, it does allow us more freedom in people needing to leave their seat to use the bathroom facilities. You will be able to use bathroom facilities at any time because we are maintaining the wearing of masks for everyone throughout the Mass except for those under 2 years of age and those with medical conditions preventing them from using a mask. We will continue the use of masks throughout the full Mass because we are not always able to keep the 2-meter distancing for seating people and movement that is necessary during the Mass for such things as bathroom use. Please see the Bulletin below regarding our protocols when attending church services.

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

- 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.

Farmers' Market: vegetables, pickles, baked goods & crafts at **St. Francis of Assisi Hall**, Lincoln, Saturday, Sept 19, from 8am to 11 am.

The Catholic Health Association of New Brunswick is offering two (2) Scholarships in the amount of \$1000.00 each, they will be awarded to one (1) student studying in a French educational institution and one (1) student studying in an English educational institution. Students must be entering their second year of studies or later, in a post-secondary program in the field of health care. Information and application forms are available online at www.chanb.com. Applications must be postmarked by September 30th 2020. For further information please email catholichealth@chpci.com.

We share the following Memorandum from
Fr. Doug McNeill with you:

MEMORANDUM

From: Rev. Douglas McNeill

Episcopal Vicar for Temporal Affairs

To: Pastors and the Parish Office

Re: 2020 Collections

Date: July 28, 2020

We have received notification from the CCCB and the Development and Peace Office of the yearly collections that are taken up during various times of the year, due to the current COVID-19 Crisis with additional collection dates. Realizing that many parishes have envelopes in their packets and people have continued to support these various collections, the CCCB and Development and Peace have issued alternate dates, for the convenience of the faithful.

We ask that you inform your parishioners of these additional dates and the other Fall collections and advertise them accordingly.

Upkeep of the Holy Land (April 10) Sept 13

Needs of the Canadian Church Sept 27

Papal Charities (May 9th) Oct 4

Evangelization of the Nations Oct 18

Development & Peace (Lent) Nov 15

Diocesan Collection for Infirm Priests Nov 22

Pro-Life Dec 6

Offertories: Aug 30	Total	St C	Sts J&P	St D
Weekly, at Mass	\$7,242	\$451	\$557	\$6,234
Weekly, average PAD	\$3,457	\$50	\$952	\$2,454
YTD Offertories (Actual)	\$312,098	\$15,522	\$50,417	\$246,159
YTD Offertories (Budget)	\$447,703	\$22,709	\$62,677	\$362,317
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$135,605)	(\$7,187)	(\$12,260)	(\$116,158)
Poor & Needy	\$185	\$0	\$0	\$185
Building fund	\$125	\$0	\$0	\$125
Other	\$185	\$0	\$0	\$185
# PAD users	132	1	31	100
# Envelopes used	133	24	15	94
# Envelopes issued	727	71	66	590

Offertories: Sep 6	Total	St C	Sts J&P	St D
Weekly, at Mass	\$5,399	\$387	\$269	\$4,743
Weekly, average PAD	\$3,457	\$50	\$952	\$2,454
YTD Offertories (Actual)	\$326,187	\$16,009	\$53,559	\$256,619
YTD Offertories (Budget)	\$460,495	\$23,358	\$64,468	\$372,669
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$134,308)	(\$7,349)	(\$10,909)	(\$116,050)
Poor & Needy	\$195	\$0	\$0	\$195
Building fund	\$312	\$0	\$0	\$312
Other	\$25	\$0	\$0	\$25
# PAD users	132	1	31	100
# Envelopes used	170	23	13	134
# Envelopes issued	727	71	66	590

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

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 you can receive by contacting the office. You would have to fill out and return to the office along with a 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

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.