

Saint Mary Magdalene Parish

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

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August 16th, 2020 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Explosions in 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

St. Columba Church Site

Sun 16th 9:00 am Ronald “Ron” J Roy
 Sun 23rd 9:00 am Norman LeFait

Sts. John & Paul Church Site

Sun 16th 11:00 am Joe Weirathmueller
 Sun 23rd 11:00 am Timmy Toner

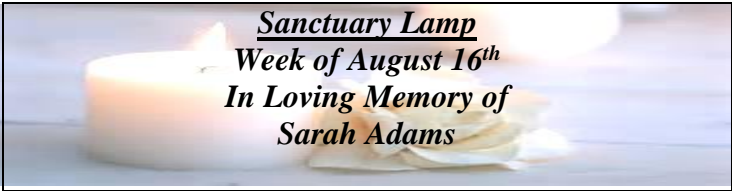
St. Dunstan’s Church Site

Sat 15th 5:00 pm Daniel Scott Campbell
 Sun 16th 9:00 am Bill Sarty
 16th 11:30 am For the People
 Sat 22nd 5:00 pm Mary O’Connor
 Sun 23rd 9:00 am Napoleon Roy
 23rd 11:30 am Armand Richard

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

NECROLOGY

Aug 17	John Daniel Swift	1981
	Rita Alice McAlinden	1997
	Francis Joseph Boucher	1998
	Roberta Murdoch	2002
	Michael Louis Jardine	2013
	Raymond Arthur McCue	2016
	Marilyn Helen Khoury	2016
Aug 18	Matthew Robert Goodine	1984
	Nora Luscombe	1986
	Margaret M Byno	1989
	Byron Joseph MacMillan	1990
	Roma Veronica Pendrigh	1999
	Marion Louise Rowan	2012
Aug 19	Carol Ann Roach	1987
	Meta Lillian Hachey	1993
	Elizabeth (Betty) Murphy	2002
	Harold Francis Doherty	2004
	Anna Margaret Howes	2008
Aug 20	Anna Belle Comeau	1984
	Frederick James Dugan	1985
	Antoine (Tony) Leger	1991
	M Eileen McGloan	1995
	Michael Landry	2000
	William Patrick Ryan	2012
Aug 22	Msgr Andrew McFadden	1988
	Geraldine Emma Woods	1997
Aug 23	Delmas A Olts	1981
	Catherine A Keenan	1992
	Theresa Maria Tobin	1992
	Dorina Therese Nolan	1998



Sanctuary Lamp
Week of August 16th
In Loving Memory of
Sarah Adams

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.

Readings for August 23rd

1st Reading Isaiah 22:15, 19-23
 2nd Reading Romans 11:33-36
 Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

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.

Note from 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 10:30 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. 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

**How wide is our World?
How broad is our Vision?
(Fr. John Jennings)**

We are part of a global, human community. Unfortunately, we are not always ready to pay attention to this. Our vision can be short and our concerns quite local. When we first heard of the corona virus, it was somewhere else, not here where we were. It was not our concern. Then suddenly we became aware that it is our concern. We are part of a global community and for good or for ill, we share this planet. In fact, with time, we discover that in all things, we are in this together. That is how God made us; how God gifted all Creation with life; how God loved us and the rest of humanity into life. Jesus and the Incarnation are an expression of God's great love for all humanity and all creation. We are a global community.

Every so often I visit the neighbourhood in which I grew up. As I do this, I am surprised by how small everything seems to be. The street is now so short. What seemed as a child to be a long, steep hill is now a gentle grade. Those big backyards are tiny now. The bushes we used to hide in are sparse little shrubs. What happened to my big neighbourhood? How did it become so small?

Perhaps nothing happened to it. But a lot happened to me. I grew in both size and in experience. I left my little neighbourhood and moved into the larger world. What was my whole world as a child is now but a tiny piece of my world. As the years passed, my world grew. It encompasses many other neighbourhoods, many cultures and beliefs. As my world grew, so too did my vision. Even my vision of faith and of God and of God's plan has broadened.

In fact, this broadening of vision is not just limited to you and to me. The people of the Old Testament like other peoples in the ancient world viewed God in a limited way. Each people had their own gods who looked after them, just as other peoples were cared for by their gods. The Israelites began with such a vision.

Over time for the Israelites this limited view of God began to change. Very gradually, their One God began to be seen as the One God not just for Israel but for all peoples. We find indications of this growing vision of a universal God, caring for all peoples in the Prophet Isaiah:

And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,... these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer;... for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all the peoples. (Isaiah 56:6-7)

Matthew's gospel recognizes this growing vision. He tells the story of Jesus encountering a Canaanite woman. She wanted him to free her daughter from torment by a demon. The disciples thought it inappropriate that a foreigner, a Gentile should expect Jesus to call on the God Israel. Jesus himself seems reluctant to include her in his mission – *I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. (Matt 15:21-28)*

Only with her insistent faith does Jesus turn and reach out to her. He acknowledges that her faith is great. It revealed a broad vision of the God of Israel. She saw and expressed what Isaiah had proclaimed - God is for all humanity. All are welcome in God's reign. We are in this together.

**How wide and welcoming is our faith?
How open are we to the "other" - the
foreigner, the one who is different from us
in race, in culture, in creed and belief?**

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 JOHN AND PAUL CHURCH SITE**

Date

August 16th

August 23rd

August 30th

Lectors

Lynda MacNeil

Fred & Mary Farrell

Mike MacIntosh

Note from Father Bill:

Please see my note in this bulletin regarding the protocols for Weekend Masses. Note that you will be able to receive Holy Communion in your Vehicle on Sunday Morning from 10:15 am to 10:30 am. It is now just a 15-minute time slot.

Also, a note on use of the Bathroom when you attend Mass: The Bathroom is available for emergency. Please refrain from going down through the aisle of the Church to the bathroom once you are seated. This is to assure that we always are maintaining the required 6-foot social distancing. In case of an emergency for bathroom use, please sanitize the faucet handles, flush handle, paper towel dispenser, soap dispenser, and door knobs after bathroom use. To prepare your children for attending Mass, please let them know it is like 'being in their car seat' for the time they are driving. They are being asked to remain in the pew the same as the adults are for the time they are there. This too is a safety issue for us all. Many thanks for your considerate cooperation with everything that allows us to gather for Mass. Without it, we would not be able to gather.

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.

Some Quotes for our 'Journey' this week:

"I shall pass this way but once; any good that I can do or any kindness I can show to any human being; let me do it now," wrote the Quaker missionary Etienne de Grellet.

"Everything will be okay in the end. If it's not okay, it's not the end." John Lennon

"As we enter the path of transformation, the most valuable thing we have working in our favor is our yearning."

— Cynthia Bourgeault, The Wisdom Jesus: Transforming Heart and Mind

"Philippians 2:5: "Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." The words call us up short as to what we are actually supposed to be doing on this path: not just admiring Jesus, but acquiring his consciousness."

— Cynthia Bourgeault, The Wisdom Jesus: Transforming Heart and Mind

"Somewhere in those depths of silence I came upon my first experiences of God as a loving presence that was always near, and prayer as a simple trust in that presence."

— Cynthia Bourgeault, Centering Prayer and Inner Awakening

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

Offertory totals for August 15 & 16 will be available in next weekend's bulletin.

<u>Offertories: Aug 2</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>St C</u>	<u>Sts J&P</u>	<u>St D</u>
Weekly, at Mass	\$4,694	\$427	\$430	\$3,837
Weekly, average PAD	\$3,457	\$50	\$952	\$2,454
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YTD Offertories (Actual)	\$279,643	\$13,674	\$44,738	\$221,231
YTD Offertories (Budget)	\$396,537	\$20,114	\$55,514	\$320,910
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YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$116,894)	(\$6,440)	(\$10,776)	(\$99,679)
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Poor & Needy	\$110	\$0	\$0	\$110
Building fund	\$197	\$0	\$0	\$197
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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# PAD users	132	1	31	100
# Envelopes used	118	23	12	83
# 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

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

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.