

Saint Mary Magdalene Parish

St. Columba †
Fredericton Junction

Sts. John & Paul †
New Maryland

St. Dunstan's
Fredericton

Father Bill Brennan

Father Peter Osborne

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January 10th, 2021 – Baptism of the Lord

Note to all parishioners at St. Mary Magdalene Parish:

Happy New Year everyone!!

As you are aware, we are now in the Orange level of our COVID 19 protocols in the Province. This means that we are back in our household bubbles and that we can only have 50 or fewer people at a Mass depending on the capacity to social distance.

If you would like to attend a weekend Mass at St's. John and Paul or St. Dunstan's you need to register for Mass by calling our Parish Office (444-6001) BY Friday at 4:00 pm. If you are put through to our voice mail, please give your name and phone number and the names of anyone else from your household bubble who will be attending. Also indicate the Mass time you want.

Sts. John and Paul @ 11 am on Sunday

St. Dunstan's at 5 pm Saturday, 9 or 11:30 am on Sunday

If we are filled to capacity, we will call you and let you know, otherwise you are on the list.

To assure that everyone will be able to participate in a Mass, we will be live-streaming the 9 am Mass at St. Dunstan's on our parish website. Google 'St. Dunstan's Parish Fredericton and click on 'website'. As you are aware, we continue to be dispensed from the Sunday Obligation to attend Mass so as to encourage us to make safe choices for ourselves and others.

To assure everyone's safety, please do not attend if you or someone in your household bubble are waiting for a COVID 19 test result or have been asked to self – monitor for symptoms over a 14-day period and are still within that time frame. As well, please do not attend if you or someone in your household bubble is having any flu-like symptoms (fever, cough, difficulty breathing, headache, sore throat, diarrhea, runny nose, loss of taste or smell).

It is most important that everyone is screened with all of the questions and that you sanitize your hands and allow the attendants to seat you in the places they are asked to sit you. This requires us to be patient and kind with each other. The volunteers who are screening, signing you in, asking you to sanitize your hands and sit you have been carefully instructed as to what they need to do to keep everyone safe. As you meet and greet them a 'Big Thank You' is always appreciated to express our gratitude that we are able to gather because of the volunteer efforts they make to assure everyone's safety.

Many Blessings,

Fr. Bill Brennan and Fr. Peter Osborne

MASS INTENTIONS

St. Columba Church Site

Sun 10th 9:00 am Louise Washburn
 Sun 17th 9:00 am Connie Petrie

Sts. John & Paul Church Site

Sun 10th 11:00 am Fr. Tom Daley
 Sun 17th 11:00 am Simone Comeau

St. Dunstan's Church Site

Sat 9th 5:00 pm Patricia Murphy
 Sun 10th 9:00 am Sheila Carew
 10th 11:30 am Michael Bardsley
 Sat 16th 5:00 pm Carrie Burns
 Sun 17th 9:00 am Judy Stanley
 11:30 am Jim Asher

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

NECROLOGY

Jan 4	Victor Witold Lucjan Bober	1981
	Mary Josephine Gallagher	1990
	Msgr Joseph M Gallagher	1994
	Dennis Andrew Wolstenholme	1997
	Joseph Leander Guitar	2004
	Belva Louise Keohan	2007
Jan 5	Harold Peter Hughes	1999
	Helen Mae Morris	2009
	Annie Alice Swazey	2011
	Mario Jose Espejo	2014
Jan 6	Raymond J Sweeney	1983
	Meladi Saad	1986
	Dennis James Gaskin	1994
	Josephine Elizabeth DeCoursey	1998
Jan 7	Gregory McDade	1981
	Marjorie Eleanor Underhill	1998
Jan 8	Dorothy Mary Shannon	1994
	Mona McLaughlin	2004
Jan 9	Helen Bernice Lynch	1986
	T Louis McGloan	1986
	Helen Elizabeth Gorman	1992
	Irene Gertrude MacDonald	1992
	Nora Gertrude Dolan	2008
	Alfred Daniel Burgoyne	2014
Jan 10	Mabel E Wade	1983
	Mona Shirley Richards	1992
	Marjorie Turner	2000
	Fenton Gerard Burke	2001
	George John Oley	2015
	Howard G. Grant	2020
Jan 11	Molly (M Isabella) Barry	1987
	Fernande DeGrace	1991
	Ralph John Keilty	2015
	Robert Michael Bardsley	2017
	Shirley Grace Mazerolle	2018
Jan 12	Mary Frances Morrissey	1987
	Thomas M Gregan	1999
	Dorothy Lee	2005
Jan 13	Eveline Marie Kenny	1995
	Mary Agnes McGuire	2003
	Agnes Yvonne Foster	2010
	Marcel Roger Rioux	2018
Jan 14	Vesta Jennie King	1990
	Harold William Chlow	1991
	Evelyn Elizabeth Eardley	1997
	Ana Lilian Rosales	2010
	James Lee (Jim) MacAfee	2017
Jan 15	William James Kennedy	1986
	Marie Louise Diana Bourque	1989
	Joyce Thelma Edwards	1989
	Catherine Nora O'Brien	1989
	Donald Edward Northrup	1994
	Lester John Whalen	1994
	Mariette C Blinn	1996
	Edward John Wilby	2002
	Marie Margaret Gallagher	2011
Jan 16	Thais Mary Connors	1997
	Richard P Creaghan	1984
	Harold Thomas Coyle	1997
	Gwendolyn Cavell Kileel	2004
	Mary Monica Robertson	2009
	Mary Sullivan	2013
Jan 17	Miroslaus (Mike) Grzadka	1991
	Mary Margaret Soucie-Matheson	2005
	Rita Innis Bent	2013
	Francis (Frank) William Forestell	2015

Sanctuary Lamp

*Week of January 10th
 In Loving Memory of
 Paul Laurie*

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
Fern Carpenter, wife of Miles
Eleanor Nason
Maria Xenia Morales

Readings for January 17th

1st Reading 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19
2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20
Gospel John 1:35-42

LECTORS FOR STS JOHN AND PAUL CHURCH SITE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
Jan 10 th	Courtney Mason
Jan 17 th	Judy Ingram
Jan 24 th	Albert & Margaret Murray
Jan 31 st	Lorraine Bird

2021 Sunday Missals (\$4.00 each) are now available to pick up in the Monsignor Boyd Family Centre Parish office from Monday to Friday 9 am to 4 pm. Please phone before you come, the Missal will be brought to you at the back door. Please have the correct change.

Missals are available at the entrances of ALL the church sites. An envelope is inside the cover of the missal for your donation. Just put it in the offertory box.

Parents of children/youth (Kindergarten to Grade 9): If you still want to register your child/youth in our Religious Education Program for 2019-2020 please see the note from Fr. Bill at the back of the bulletin for details. The letter gives a link for registration for this coming year. If you have not received it, please see the note at the back of this bulletin.

THURSDAY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT STS. JOHN & PAUL SITE: Resumed Thursday, January 7th at Sts. John and Paul Church Site from 1 pm to 5 pm with Fr. Peter Osborne. Government mandated protocols will be followed.

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

Annual Catechist Retreat ON-LINE "Encounters" Come away and rest a while~ Mark 6:31 with Trevor Droesbeck and Charlene Peters. **ON-LINE via ZOOM** Due to COVID-19 and the unpredictability of travel between zones and provinces we have decided to offer this retreat On-Line! Join us from the comfort of your home for some much-needed rest, reflection, and prayer. Friday January 29th (7 pm-8:30 pm) and Saturday, January 30th (10 am-5 pm). Cost \$20 **Registration is limited.** For further information, contact Margot McAloon-Parker 444-6025 or fredreled@dioceseofsaintjohn.org

Alpha Youth On-Line! Got Questions? Want to have honest, open, non-judgemental, confidential conversations about life, faith and Jesus? WE invite our youth from across the Diocese to our first Alpha Youth On-Line. Sessions start Wednesday, January 20, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. Come and see what the buzz is all about!! For more information, please contact the Diocesan Coordinator, Margot McAloon-Parker, fredreled@dioceseofsaintjohn.org

Graydon and Beth Nicholas will host a **6 session Zoom Lenten Program through Christian Life Community Canada (CLC)** on Monday evenings starting February 15, 2021. CLC is about ordinary people leading ordinary, busy lives, inspired by the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. CLC may be for you if you want to deepen your relationship with God; integrate your whole life with the fullness of your beliefs; and want to be part of a prayerful, supportive community of mission-oriented Christians. If you want to learn more, a **CLC Zoom Information Session** will be held on **Monday, January 25, 2021, 7:00-8:30 pm.** To attend the Information Session, **please register by January 23** with your name, phone number, email address and parish to **bethandgraydon1@gmail.com** or phone 476-2009 (Beth) or 476-0526 (Graydon). You will receive your Zoom login passcode by email on January 24. (See the back of this bulletin for more information on this retreat and further explanation about CLC).

Hi parents and guardians, (Religious Education/Faith Formation)

As we indicated in a letter in late August, our religious education/faith formation program will be done at home this year. Included below are two options that offer lots of flexibility. They're meant for you to do whatever you can, so don't worry about covering all of the material.

If your child is in grade 2, they will be preparing for First Reconciliation and First Communion.

If your child is in grade 3 (or older) and has not made their First Communion, please phone Fr. Bill at the Parish Office (444-6001) and he will give you directions on what is required to prepare them.

If your daughter/son is in grade 7, 8 or 9, they will be invited to do Faith Formation on-line with youth leaders from the Fredericton Parishes. More information will follow in the near future for these grades, **please note that books are not required to be ordered for these grades.**

If your child is in Grade 9, they will be preparing for Confirmation. Confirmation sessions will be announced at a later date via e-mail.

Registration this year will be on-line. Please follow this link (or copy it into your browser), fill out the required information and submit (sample form included below).

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/ReligiousEd1/CFFRegistrationFall2020>

The fee per book is \$20 – date for pick-up and payment will be confirmed by a separate e-mail

We are offering the following options:

Option 1 - Be My Disciples Program:

This is the program we have been using for a number of years. It's easy to use at home with the student books as your guide. There are 24 chapters in each book/year level that cover all of the essential themes of our faith lives in the Church. It would be ambitious to do all 24 chapters, so you might find yourself doing less than that. It will be important to do at least 10 between October and May.

If you have several children close in age, you can use one book for both children. Every book comes with a code that allows you to access the book on-line.

Each chapter has a page titled, "With my Family". You might choose to let this page be your guide and use the references in that page to direct you to other parts of the chapter for more content.

Option 2 - Heritage Program:

This is a supplement to the "Be My Disciples Program". It's often given to parents to use as a "catch-up" for children who are beginning Religious Education for the first time. It is also easy for parents to use at home. There are 10 lessons that cover the life of Jesus, the central beliefs of the Church, all of the Sacraments, making Christ-centered decisions (Morality), and Catholic prayers and practices. There is one book for ages 9-11 and one for ages 12-14.

Thank you all for your continued support for the faith of our youth.

Sincerely, 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

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/>

Our Sacred Stories
Darkness to Light: The Rising Light of Hope (Epiphany)
(Fr. John Jennings)

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples
but our God will arise upon you
and the light of our God will appear over you.

(Is. 60:1-2)
Covid-19, and the dark challenges and disappointments that touch our lives have been part of the whole Christmas season in this year. As we close the season with the Epiphany story there is a reminder that in midst of it all, there is always hope, and darkness does give way to light. This feast day is all about light and the broadening our horizons. Our readings on this Sunday begin with this piece from Isaiah with his impassioned call to all to see the light of God shine forth for all the peoples of the earth. The readings continue through Paul writing to a little community of Christians in Ephesus (Eph.3:2-6). He tells them that the good news of God's saving love is not limited to the Israelites but rather, shared with all of humankind and its saving light shines on all. Finally, we hear the story of Matthew which tells of the wise men from the east searching for the wonder which they find in the birth of Jesus (Matt.2:1-12). By following the light of a star, they come to discover this wondrous event for all the world.

The birth of Jesus, Son of God and son of Mary is for all humanity, in all times. It may have taken place in little and distant Bethlehem and at a time long ago. It may have resulted in the growth of disciples who have come to be called Christians. But it was not limited to Bethlehem.

Nor was it confined to that moment some 2000 years ago. Nor did it have import only for Christians down through the ages. This feast day, with its story and its image of light calls us to recognize that what we have been given as good news of God's love is for all times, and all places and all peoples. We, as disciples are called to share this good news with an openness and love which embraces all creation and all humanity.

In God's Kingdom, there is a place for all. One of the wonders and expressions of Good News in the midst of our pandemic is the recognition that we are "in this together" – from our local community to our global community. The light and hope shines on all. We see it shining in the willingness to wear masks for the sake of others and we can note it also in the cooperative world-wide search for and development of vaccines. From the prophet's cry to see the light arise among us to magi's quest to follow the star, darkness is being dispelled by light. Such light reveals a universal spirit of God's love released upon the earth with the incarnation of Jesus the Christ among us. May we be light and love for one another.

Our Sacred Stories
Baptism and Mission: We Are in This Together
(Fr. John Jennings)

Covid-19, for all its challenges has taught us some lessons. These lessons will hopefully guide us in the days and years ahead. One of these lessons was how much we are dependent on one another to address our challenges. Some 400 years ago, the English poet, John Donne expressed this poetically:

No man is an island entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main; if a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as any manner of thy friends or of thine own were; any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind.

(John Donne, 1572-1631)

Covid-19 has taught us that we are "in this together". The challenges we face can only be addressed if we are together in our response. We isolate, we self-distance, we wear masks not to protect ourselves, but those around us. The vaccines that have brought us promise that the pandemic will someday end have come from a global effort and the result has been vaccines rolling out faster than any previous experience of them.

I don't think I realized it at the time, but my mother did. She was right when she offered a constant lesson: "Wash your hands". Looking back, I am sure we thought it was to protect ourselves from viruses, bacteria and germs. Only now am I beginning to think she said that not just so I would not get sick, but because I could possibly convey the sickness to the rest of our family. She was right, we truly are, "in this together", none of us "is an island entire of itself".

All four of our Gospels see Jesus beginning his public ministry, his mission with his baptism by John at the Jordan. What John the Baptist was doing was common ritual of Judaism. It was a cleansing from sin. The Gospel accounts, however reveal, a new dimension is added to this ritual. As Jesus came up from the river, the Spirit descended upon him and he received his mission – to proclaim the Good News of God's reign. What had been of rite of cleansing from sin, become for the disciples of Jesus and acknowledgement that the Spirit is among us and that we share the mission of Jesus – proclaiming and building God's reign among us and around us.

If baptism were understood as only a cleansing rite, then this would be the end of it. But in our Catholic tradition, baptism marks not an ending or fulfillment, but a beginning. For Jesus, it was only a beginning. He surrounded himself with a host of disciples. He spoke beyond that circle to the crowds, to the world. He had Good News that needed to be shared with everyone. It was the beginning of his mission. And our baptism is the beginning of a mission for us as well.

Our baptism is often referred to as a sacrament of initiation, a door into a community of faith. That initiation or entry comes with a share of the mission of Jesus. We are disciples who are continually learning what we are about and we are missionaries who cannot but share this good news to others and to our world. We are in this together, a community of faith.

Who nurtures my faith? Whose faith do I nurture?

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
<http://www.chimohelpline.ca>>www.chimohelpline.ca

St. Anthony's monthly "Touched by Cancer" Mass for those whose lives have been affected in any way by cancer will take place Friday, January 15 at 7:00 pm. All are welcome. Pandemic protocols will be followed and masks are required.



A 6-SESSION LENTEN PROGRAM for BUSY PEOPLE



A ZOOM INFORMATION SESSION

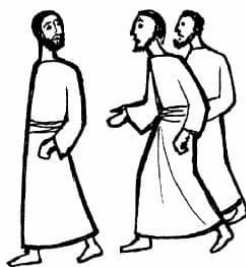


Christian Life
Community
CANADA

with

Graydon & Beth Nicholas

January 25, 2021, 7:00-8:30 p.m.



Jesus turned around and said, '*What do you want?*'

They asked: '*Where do you live?*'

He replied: '*Come and see.*'"

... and they did.

"COME and SEE"

IN THESE UNPRECEDENTED TIMES many are searching for new and creative ways to connect with others. Technology has become a wonderful way of building community.

WHAT IS CLC ?

CLC is about ordinary people leading ordinary 'busy' lives - inspired by the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius

CLC

- includes men and women from all walks of life
- is a world community of small groups of committed Christians whose mission is to follow Jesus and proclaim the gospel of love

CLC helps its members...

- to encounter God in prayer and in all aspects of everyday life,
- reflect on these experiences and become *more aware* of God's presence and action there, and
 - to share this in a community of likeminded Christians so as
 - to respond to God's invitations to love - with greater freedom



CLC may be for you if you ...

- want to deepen your relationship with Christ
 - long to connect with others in a deeper way
- desire to bring together your whole human life with the fullness of your beliefs
 - want to be part of a prayerful, supportive community of mission-oriented Christians



Our **CLC ZOOM Information Session**, will be held **Monday, January 25, 2021, 7:00-8:30 pm.** for those in the Fredericton - Nackawic - Oromocto areas.

We especially welcome adults whose *stage of life is focused on the busy demands of family life and work*, and who are searching for spiritual growth and support for their life of faith.

If you would like to join us, please **register** **by Sat. Jan. 23, 2021** with your name, phone, area, parish (if applicable) and e-mail... bethandgraydon1@gmail.com.

You will receive your log-in passcode on Sunday, **January 24, 2021.**

<u>Offertories: Jan 1 & 3</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>St C</u>	<u>Sts J&P</u>	<u>St D</u>
Weekly, at Mass	\$3,797	\$590	\$560	\$2,647
Weekly, average PAD	\$3,477	\$50	\$952	\$2,474
YTD Offertories (Actual)	\$7,762	\$885	\$1,185	\$5,692
YTD Offertories (Budget)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	\$7,762	\$885	\$1,185	\$5,692
Poor & Needy	\$148	\$0	\$0	\$148
Building fund	\$563	\$0	\$120	\$443
Christmas	\$235	\$0	\$20	\$215
New Years	\$2,350	\$295	\$605	\$1,450
Other	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$0
# PAD users	136	1	31	104
# Envelopes used	156	24	22	110
# Envelopes issued	727	71	66	590

<u>Offertories: Dec 27</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>St C</u>	<u>Sts J&P</u>	<u>St D</u>
Weekly, at Mass	\$9,655	\$605	\$295	\$8,755
Weekly, average PAD	\$3,481	\$50	\$952	\$2,479
YTD Offertories (Actual)	\$542,084	\$27,023	\$81,277	\$433,784
YTD Offertories (Budget)	\$665,159	\$33,739	\$93,120	\$538,300
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$123,075)	(\$6,716)	(\$11,843)	(\$104,516)
Poor & Needy	\$205	\$0	\$0	\$205
Building fund	\$15	\$0	\$0	\$15
Christmas	\$872	\$30	\$120	\$722
Other	\$729	\$10	\$75	\$644
# PAD users	136	1	31	104
# Envelopes used	169	35	14	120
# Envelopes issued	727	71	66	590

<u>Offertories: Dec 25</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>St C</u>	<u>Sts J&P</u>	<u>St D</u>
Weekly, at Mass	\$20,263	\$1,624	\$2,195	\$16,444
Weekly, average PAD	\$3,481	\$50	\$952	\$2,479
YTD Offertories (Actual)	\$526,966	\$26,388	\$79,885	\$420,693
YTD Offertories (Budget)	\$665,159	\$33,739	\$93,120	\$538,300
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$138,193)	(\$7,351)	(\$13,235)	(\$117,607)
Poor & Needy	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Building fund	\$20	\$0	\$0	\$20
Other	\$120	\$0	\$0	\$120
# PAD users	136	1	31	104
# Envelopes used	141	32	22	87
# Envelopes issued	727	71	66	590

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

- 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>

- 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.