

Saint Mary Magdalene Parish

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

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August 30th, 2020 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

St. Columba Church Site

Sun 30th 9:00 am For the People
 Sun 6th 9:00 am Anne Barton

Sts. John & Paul Church Site

Sun 30th 11:00 am Jennifer White
 Sun 6th 11:00 am Tom Bagley

St. Dunstan's Church Site

Sat 29th 5:00 pm Rosemary Thomas
 Sun 30th 9:00 am Leo & Susan Losier
 30th 11:30 am John Patrick Cotter
 Sat 5th 5:00 pm Henry Ocampo
 Sun 6th 9:00 am Francis Corbett
 6th 11:30 am Camille Theriault

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 1	Eden Otto Dever	1981
	Helen Margaret Garvie	1981
	Sarah Ethel Campbell	1989
	Simon Smyth-Clerc	1993
	Edward Thomas Moran	1997
Sep 2	Bertrand Joseph Dolan	1983
	James Robert Kenny	1992
	Olga Richards	1992
	Katherine Leonard	1999
	Mary Cecilia O'Brien	2002
	Madeline McLaughlin	2014
	Dr. Barbara Patricia Thorpe	2015
Sep 3	Dr. Frank Ramey	1987
	Jean Marie Breton	1994
	Rita Henneberry	2000
	Kathleen Ruth Murtaugh	2001
Sep 4	Beatrice M Poirier	1980
	Harold V Flanagan	1984
	Osborne Ralph Fullarton	1995
	Gabrielle Marie Elgee	1996
	Harold Thomas Partington	2008
Sep 5	Alphee Smyth	2005
Sep 6	Mary Phyllis McCarthy	1995
	Dora Doreen Stillman	1996
	Isabel McInnis	2003

Readings for September 6th

1st Reading Ezekiel 33:7-9
 2nd Reading Romans 13:8-10
 Gospel Matthew 18:15-20

**LECTORS SCHEDULE FOR
 STS JOHN AND PAUL CHURCH SITE**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
August 30 th	Mike MacIntosh

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



***Sanctuary Lamp
 Week of August 30th
 In Loving Memory of
 James Aeneas Campbell***

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.



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.

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 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.

The Cost of Being a Christian **(Fr. John Jennings)**

Bubbles, ... physical distancing, masks – Covid 19 has given us many new experiences, some more challenging than others. I have to admit, those measures which have impeded socializing are the most difficult of all. Why do we take on those restrictions on what we have for so long seen as normal behavior? We do so for the sake of others, not to protect ourselves. They are sacrifices made for those we love and even for the strangers who come into our lives.

Selfless commitment and sacrifice play a huge role in human life and happiness, perhaps more than we normally might expect. The married couple, each of whom sets aside their own desires and preferences for the sake of the other certainly shows commitment born in love. The parents who give up their own comfort and wants for the good of their children can often be heroic in their sacrifices. Examples such as this, small and great surround our life experiences. In each of them we can see something of what it means to “pay the price” for what we believe. Committed love calls for sacrifice.

It is such selfless commitment that is called for in Christian discipleship. It is the *cost of discipleship*. One cannot live as a disciple of Jesus without making a commitment in love that has demands on our time, talent and treasure. It asks much of us to live as a disciple of Jesus whose sacrifice was so great.

In the Gospel of this Sunday (Matt.16:21-27), we hear Jesus tell his disciples that he is to face suffering and death. He also reassures them that he will rise again. His selfless commitment to sacrifice himself for us will ultimately lead to resurrection. That is, through his commitment he will bring life.

As Matthew relates this story, we hear Jesus tell his disciples that they are called to do as he does. They will follow him: *If anyone wants to become my follower, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me* (Matt.16:24). Jesus call for sacrifice, a willingness to give of ourselves. We disciples are asked to have the same commitment to love as he showed.

In doing so, we, like Jesus have the power to bring life to others and to our world. But it does make demands of us. Being Christian is not just about receiving. More important is our willingness to give, to offer our own life, time, energy and attention for the Gospel.

But isn't this commitment and dedication what is asked of us in any life-giving relationship. In all our friendships, our marriages, our families and so many other relationships there is a call for commitment and a call for setting ourselves aside for the sake of the other person. It is this self-giving that brings life to our relationships and allows them to continue and grow. As we grow in life, we discover that *it is not all about me*. Every relationship is richer and more life-filled when we sacrifice for the other. It is the cost of relationship. It is the cost of discipleship. In paying this cost, we become the spirit of Jesus in our world and what a difference we can make!

Q/ What are some specific, practical things I can do to express my commitment and dedication as a disciple of Jesus?

For your reflection:

“Life in God should be a daring adventure of love—a continuous journey of putting aside our securities to enter more profoundly into the uncharted depths of God. Too often, however, we settle for mediocrity. We follow the rules and practices of prayer but we are unwilling or, for various reasons, unable to give ourselves totally to God. To settle on the plain of mediocrity is really to settle for something less than God that leaves the heart restless and unfulfilled. A story from the desert fathers reminds us that giving oneself wholly to God can make a difference: Abba Lot went to see Abba Joseph and said to him, “Abba, as far as I can I say my little office, I fast a little, I pray and meditate, I live in peace and as far as I can, I purify my thoughts. What else can I do?” Then the old man stood up and stretched his hands towards heaven. His fingers became like ten lamps of fire and he said to him, “If you will, you can become all flame.”¹⁵”

Sr. Ilia Delio, **Franciscan Prayer**

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 23	Total	St C	Sts J&P	St D
Weekly, at Mass	\$5,322	\$410	\$535	\$4,377
Weekly, average PAD	\$3,457	\$50	\$952	\$2,454
YTD Offertories (Actual)	\$303,695	\$15,071	\$49,299	\$239,325
YTD Offertories (Budget)	\$434,912	\$22,060	\$60,886	\$351,965
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$131,217)	(\$6,989)	(\$11,587)	(\$112,640)
Poor & Needy	\$180	\$0	\$0	\$180
Building fund	\$110	\$0	\$0	\$110
Other	\$20	\$0	\$0	\$20
# PAD users	132	1	31	100
# Envelopes used	135	24	14	97
# Envelopes issued	727	71	66	590

Offertories: Aug 16	Total	St C	Sts J&P	St D
Weekly, at Mass	\$5,389	\$705	\$410	\$4,274
Weekly, average PAD	\$3,457	\$50	\$952	\$2,454
YTD Offertories (Actual)	\$297,082	\$14,561	\$48,042	\$234,479
YTD Offertories (Budget)	\$422,120	\$21,411	\$59,095	\$341,613
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$125,038)	(\$6,850)	(\$11,053)	(\$107,134)
Poor & Needy	\$225	\$0	\$0	\$225
Building fund	\$130	\$0	\$0	\$130
Other	\$90	\$0	\$0	\$90
# PAD users	132	1	31	100
# Envelopes used	160	22	16	122
# 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 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.