

Saint Mary Magdalene Parish

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

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December 9th, 2018 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

St. Mary Magdalene is our New Parish Name. There will be brief notes in our bulletin for several weeks that will help us get to know this amazing woman (Saint). Here is today's note: **Saint Mary Magdalene** was a Jewish woman who, according to the four gospels traveled with Jesus as one of his followers and was a witness to **his crucifixion**, burial, and resurrection and was the first to proclaim to the world the resurrection of Jesus. ^[2] She is mentioned by name twelve times in the gospels, more than most of the apostles. Mary's epithet *Magdalene* most likely means that she came from the town of Magdala, a fishing town on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee.

At Sts. John and Paul Church Site our new Parish is offering the opportunity to celebrate Advent by doing something community oriented each Sunday of Advent. Here is the schedule for Advent.

December 16th - Third Sunday of Advent - Hygiene Kits for the Shelters (A zip lock bag with the following items: toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, soap, washcloth, deodorant, shampoo).

December 23rd - Forth Sunday of Advent – Non-perishable items for the Food bank.

Advent Wreath Families. **December 9th** - Sheri-Lee Samson, Jeff Moore, Carter, Spencer and Rebecca Moore

December 16th - Natalie. Ryan, Liam and Amelia O'Shea

December 23rd - Melanie, Chris, Gillian and Ellie Miles

St. Dunstan's Church Site Christmas Exchange. Please take a Gift Tag off the Jesse Tree located at the Regent Street entrance. There are also Tags for Non-Perishable Food Items. Information and directions are on a sheet on the table. Thank you for your generosity and support of our Christmas Exchange Program.

St. Columba Church Site Memorial Donations for Christmas Flowers – Anyone wishing to make a donation towards Christmas Flowers in memory of loved ones is asked to place your donation in a white envelope and put it in the collection box. Please include your name, envelope number and what family members you would like to honor.

Sts. John & Paul Church Site invites you to make monetary donations for our Christmas floral arrangements in memory of deceased loved ones. All monies contributed will be used to purchase flowers that will decorate our church throughout the Christmas season. If you would like to donate funds for **Christmas flowers** in memory of a loved one, you may do so by completing the information below and placing it with your donation in a plain envelope. That envelope can be put into the collection basket at Mass. Names of deceased loved ones will be included in the Christmas bulletin.

Christmas Flower Donations for St. Dunstan's Church Site – You are invited to make a donation for 'Flowers' in memory of a loved one to help make our Church beautiful for Christmas. Please write **"FLOWERS"** on the front of your regular envelope and then write the name(s) of your loved one(s) on the back or place a special envelope in the offering. A special display listing all those being remembered will be placed next to the side Altar.

Sign up Sheet for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers Christmas Masses at St. Dunstan's Church Site is at the Regent Street entrance of the Church. Please sign up once for one ministry.

**Regional Advent Reconciliation Service will be held on Thursday, December 13th
at 7:00 pm at St. Dunstan's Church Site**

MASS INTENTIONS

St. Columba Church Site

Sun 9th 9:00 am Mae and Joe Butler
 Sun 16th 9:00 am Special Intention

Sts. John & Paul Church Site

Sun 9th 11:00 am Alexina Pelletier
 Mon 10th 9:00 am Anna Esrigar
 Sun 16th 11:00 am Rachel Currie

St. Dunstan's Church Site

Wed 12th 6:30 pm Antonio DiPasquale
 Thur 13th 12:05 pm Clarence Johnston
 Sat 15th 5:00 pm Philibert Landry
 Sun 16th 9:00 am Leo and Susan Losier
 11:30 am Tim Dilworth

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

stdun@stdunstansparish.ca.

St. Thomas Chapel – Thursday's @ 7:30 am Mass

1st Friday Eucharistic Adoration 1–2 pm at St. Dunstan's

Eucharistic Adoration Sts. John & Paul Thursdays 1-8 pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 4:00 – 4:30 pm
 at St. Dunstan's Church Site**

Legion of Mary Tuesday mornings at 11 am St. Dunstan's

Natural Family Planning www.billings.life/en 450-9343

**Sunday Missals 2018-2019 are now available at all our
 Church Sites.**

**Sunday Missals for Young Catholics at St. Dunstan's
 office \$8.00 ea.**

Readings for December 16th

1st Reading Zephaniah 3:14-18a
 2nd Reading Philippians 4:4-7
 Gospel Luke 3:10-18

**Knights of Columbus Breakfast Sunday,
 December 9th, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.
 Adults \$ 7.00, children \$ 3.00, families \$ 20.00.
 Everyone welcome.**

NECROLOGY

Dec 10	Dr J Gerard DeGrace	1988
	Stanley George Ubsdell	1991
	M Theresa Herbert	2003
	Dorothy O'Rourke	2007
	Isabel Mercer	2016
	Julie Marie Thomson	2017
Dec 11	Mrs Virginia Carroll	1975
	Joseph W O'Connor	1983
	Edward Daniel Keenan	1996
	Charles Herman Malchow	1999
	Antonio DiPasquale	2012
Dec 12	Elizabeth Donahoe	1977
	Gertrude Burns	1985
	Thomas Vincent Greene	1993
	David Patrick Simpson	1998
	Mary Ann Caverly	2000
	Ancel Lawrence Dubee	2000
	Prof. Reinhold G Kaiser	2016
	Lila MacNeil	2017
Dec 13	Antoinia D'Amour	1970
	Margaret Ann Briggs	1974
	Mildred Hagerman	1975
	Ambrose Chambers	1987
	Loretta Katherine Cameron	2001
	Mathias Noel	2012
Dec 14	Charles Gilbert King	1965
	Clarence J Comeau	1973
	Vincent Joseph Carlin	1977
	Nancy Elizabeth Murdoch	2004
	Ruby Mary Murdoch	2011
	John James Barrett	2012
Dec 15	Mrs Elodie Neville	1970
	Edith Vera McInerney	1997
	Royden John Myshrall	2006
	Timothy George Dilworth	2017
Dec 16	Rev Daniel F Johnston	1981
	Patricia Ann Richardson	1998
	Houla (Helen) Khoury	2003
	Dr. Generoso (Gene) Blando	2014

**Sanctuary Lamp
 In Loving Memory
 Deceased Members of the McMullin Family**

**Fredericton Ladies Choir Annual Christmas
 Concert, Sunday, Dec 9th @ 3 pm at St. Dunstan's
 Church. Admission \$15.00 (Storm date
 Tuesday, December 11th, @ 7 pm)**

Summary of your donations December 1st & 2nd

St. Columba Church Site

Collection \$ 649.60

Sts. John & Paul Church Site

Collection \$ 966

Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) \$ 866

Total \$ 1,832

St. Dunstan's Church Site

Offertory (operating)

Envelope \$ 10,920

Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) \$ 1,425

Loose \$ 1,129

Total \$ 13,474

Budget \$ 8,888

Variance \$ 4,586

Other (Bldg Fund, Cemetery, Poor, etc) \$ 1,905

Kitchen Reno Donations to date \$ 30,592

MINISTRY SCHEDULE DEC 15TH & 16TH

ST. COLUMBA CHURCH SITE

Greeter

Lynn Butler

Lectors

Makayla Dunbar

Jennifer Phillips

Eucharistic Ministers

Keith Muzzerall

Offertory

Brandy McCann

Chris McCann

Jerry McCann

STS. JOHN & PAUL CHURCH SITE

Lectors

Fred Farrell

Mary Farrell

Offertory

Joe & Lauren Bouchard

Eucharistic Ministers

Neyda Long (CO)

Bertha O'leary

Georgina Jones

ST. DUNSTAN'S CHURCH SITE

Lectors

5pm Mary Holland

Lilia Cozzarini

9am Cassidy LaFrance

Meg Mombourquette

11:30 Bev Woznow

Ella Allen

Eucharistic Ministers

Patrick Tang (H2)

Gracie Mersereau

Penny Hutley-Dobson

Peter Maillet (H2)

Heather Maillet

Kate Black

John Denning

Marg Denning

Marie Costello (H2)

Rose-Anne DiGiacinto

Anne Macies

Claire Leach

Jeannine Cochrane

Our Lady of Grace School concert is Friday Dec 14 at 7:00 pm at New Maryland United Church, we have two beautiful plays for you as well as a bake sale silent auction and refreshments. Admittance for adults is \$10.00. Children free.

Through Sts. John and Paul Church Site, 2 local families will be supported by our Parish this Christmas Season. There are lists in the Church entry where you can sign up to purchase items for the families. Gifts are to be unwrapped (can include wrapping paper with the gift if you would like), be clearly labelled as to who the gift is for, example - Family #111 Boy Age 6 months. Gift receipts are to be placed in an envelope clearly marked with the same description and so should Gift cards. Gifts are to be at Sts. John and Paul no later than December 9th at 11:00 am Mass. Thank you for lending a helping hand this Christmas Season.

Advent Prayer Booklets - Please pick up one of the following Advent Booklets for yourself or your family to assist you on your Advent journey. They are on the tables at the entrances of the church.

1. **The Fathers Love – Henry Nouwen**
2. **Peace on Earth – Danielle Bean**
3. **Word Made Flesh – Gabrielle Johnson**
4. **Jesus The Savior Among Us – Pope Francis**
5. **Living Faith – Daily Devotions**
6. **Advent Calendars**

Friday, December 14 at 12pm Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Peter Melanson at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Regional Hospital Chapel. All are welcome to join and pray for those in our community who are sick and in most need of the blessings of the season.

Children's Gifts to Pine Grove Nursing Home & Veterans Unit at DECH. Children (through their parents) are invited to bring gifts for residents during Advent. Please see notice with further information at the church entrances.

Couples for Christ New Brunswick invite all CFC Members and its Family Ministries to a Year End Gathering Christmas Party. December 14th @ 7 pm. Stella Maris Community Centre. See notice at church entrances for more information.

Give the Gift of Camp- Camp Sheldrake is a non-profit Catholic based camp located in Miramichi for ages 5-17. For a discounted price of \$300 you can purchase a gift certificate to sponsor a child of your choice for a week of camp in the upcoming 2019 summer season. To pick up gift certificates locally please contact Natalie O'Shea 454-2516 or by email natoshea12@gmail.com

Christmas Mass Times:

Christmas Eve - Dec 24th Sts. John & Paul 5 pm

St. Columba 7 pm

St. Dunstan's 5, 7, 9 pm, 12 midnight

Christmas Day – Dec 25th St. Dunstan's 10 am

New Year's Eve – Dec 31st Sts. John & Paul 5 pm

New Year's Day – Jan 1st St. Columba 9 am

St. Dunstan's 11 am

Preparing the Way of the Lord: A Promise of New Life (Fr. John Jennings)

Five years ago the world lost a great man. Nelson Mandela, the Father of modern South Africa died. The nation was in mourning for someone who was a beacon of freedom and equality for them and for the whole world. Mandela was a champion of opposition to apartheid, separation and inequality of races in South Africa. He was a prophet and advocate for justice and equality for all.

In so many ways, Mandela was another John the Baptist. Both he and John spent time in a “desert experience.” Both came forth to proclaim a new world. Both were prophets who called for change of heart, a turning around. Mandela called for a South Africa that was open to all, marked by freedom and justice. John heralded that the reign of God, a reign of justice and of peace had come near. Theirs was a call for change, a message of hope.

This is what prophets do. A prophet speaks God’s promise and reveals the hope that is God’s dream for all. No one prophet is adequate to make this happen. Our world needs many, again and again. For God’s dream of a world marked by liberation, peace, love and justice continues. But it has not yet been accomplished.

Prophets spend their lives proclaiming God’s dream in word and in action. This was and continues to be the message and mission of Jesus. It has been passed on to us as a mission for the whole world, for all humanity. The Spirit of Jesus draws all humanity to God’s dream of justice and peace, freedom and harmony.

We are disciples of Jesus, we are also prophets. Our very baptism calls us to share the mission of Jesus. It also draws us to the role of prophet for our world, beginning with our own circle of family, friends and community. At our baptism we are anointed with the oil of Chrism as a sign of the gift of the Spirit that is given us. With this anointing we hear these words: “As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet and King, so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life.”

This Advent season calls our local community, our new parish of St. Mary Magdalene to repentance, that is, “a change of heart”. Change is a challenge, letting go is not easy. But it is also a promise, a hope for the future and thus it is life-giving. May we become the new community of love, harmony, peace and promise we are called to be. May we be the prophets of God’s promise in our world and in our community. **How are you a prophet for your new parish community?**

Sts. John and Paul Catholic Women’s League will be holding their Annual Spring Luncheon on April 27, 2019 in the Family Center. Watch the bulletin for more details.

Sts. John and Paul Catholic Women’s League will be hosting a Ladies Day Retreat on March 23, 2019 in The Family Center. The guest Speaker is to be announced. Bring a friend.

Development & Peace: International Human Rights Day – Join Development and Peace – Caritas Canada in highlighting International Human Rights Day. Together, let’s build a world of justice! Join us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @ Devpeace / or visit www.devpe.org 1-888-234-8533

This year's **National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples** celebrated on December 12, 2018, the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. More information available at the church entrances.

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Weekday Mass Times

Saturday @ 5:00 pm at St. Dunstan's

**Sunday @ 9 am at St. Columba and
St. Dunstan's**

Sunday @ 11:00 am at Sts. John and Paul

Sunday @ 11:30 am at St. Dunstan's

Websites: www.stdunstansparish.ca
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