

Saint Mary Magdalene Parish

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

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October 18th, 2020 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

These Autumn days reflect the amazing beauty of God's creation. Nature has always been a source of a deep encounter between God and humanity. The following quotes reflect this truth and might resonate deeply with us as we reflect on them:

"There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory." 1 Corinthians 15:41

"For since the creation of the world God's invisible attributes, God's eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse." Romans 1:20

"The heavens are telling of the glory of God;
And their expanse is declaring the work of God's hands." Psalm 19:1

"Great are the works of the Lord;
They are studied by all who delight in them." Psalm 112:2

"O Lord, how many are Your works!
In wisdom You have made them all;
The earth is full of Your possessions." Psalm 104:24

Parents of children/youth (Kindergarten to Grade 9): Last week we sent a letter to all of the parents who have children registered in our religious education programs in 2019-2020 detailing what we are offering parents this year to assist them with 'at home religious education'. 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.

**Parish Pastoral Council meeting on Wednesday, Oct 21st @ 7 pm
at the Monsignor Boyd Family Centre.**

Protocols for attending Sunday Mass: Please see note from Fr. Bill at the back of this bulletin.

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

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1st Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5ab

MASS INTENTIONS

St. Columba Church Site

Sun 18th 9:00 am Vincent McCann
 Sun 25th 9:00 am Nancy Dobbelsteyn

Sts. John & Paul Church Site

Sun 18th 11:00 am Doris Chase
 Sun 25th 11:00 am For the People

St. Dunstan's Church Site

Sat 17th 5:00 pm Mary Kathleen O'Connor
 Sun 18th 9:00 am Dec Members Legion of Mary
 18th 11:30 am For the People
 Sat 24th 5:00 pm Eileen Rideout
 Sun 25th 9:00 am Malcolm MacAfee
 25th 11:30 am Jerome House

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

Oct 16	James C Hurley	1989
	Isabel MacPherson	1993
	John Angus Hugh Gillis	1994
	Dr Kenneth Runyon	2000
	Barbara Ann Brien	1992
	Marie Emma Wood	1992
	Alice Mary Boucher	2001
	Richard Hughes	2011
	Jeseon Na	2012
Oct 18	Marie Jacqueline LeBlanc	1985
	J. Stewart Carrier	2009
	Claire Goodine	2011
Oct 19	Florence B Murphy	1983
	Elizabeth Maroney	1992
	John Maurice C Wade	2003
	Mary Joanne Haney	2006
	Mary Kathleen O'Connor	2016
Oct 20	Rev Frederick Carney	1985
	Cyril Joseph Gallant	1988
	Jack Furzer	2010
	Gary Michael Arbour	2013
	Constance Campbell	2018
Oct 21	Helen Marie McDermott	1994
Oct 22	William N Stafford	1987
	Adele Irene Coyle	1991
	Carl Douglas Patterson	1995
	Mary Genevieve Jordan	2000
	Frederick Daniel Keenan	2000
	David Patrick Kilburn	2004
	Ralph Burgess Steele	2014
	Julia Irene Martin	2018
Oct 23	Mary Clare Murphy	1998
	Frederick Arthur Murdoch	2008
	Pat Murray	2012
	Robert Joseph Gautreau	2014
	O'Neill O'Hanley	2014
	Malcolm MacAfee	2018
Oct 24	Burton Joseph Rideout	1992
	Louis Joseph Chiasson	1993
	Manuel (Joe) DaCunha	2004
Oct 25	Fred Evans	1986
	Stefan Rinco	1987
	Anna M. Cain	1989
	Eileen Rideout	2014
	David Kelly	2014



NECROLOGY

Oct 12	Hazel E Graham	1982
	John Joseph Moore	1992
	Rev Thomas McKendy	1994
	Irma Muriel Hickey	2013
	Mary Helen Gormley	2017
Oct 14	Cynthia April Schaar	2001
	John Matthew (Jack) Ryan	2004
	Len A Kennedy	2010
	John Marvin King	2016
Oct 15	Betty Lou Boudreau	1986
	Gabriel McGowan	2001
	Pasquale G Parmigiani	2005
	Glen A Kennedy	2010
	Elizabeth Ann George	2012
	Dorothy M Alexander	2013

Readings for October 25th

1st Reading Exodus 22:21-27
 2nd Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10
 Gospel Matthew 22:34-40

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.

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
October 18 th	Lynda MacNeil
October 25 th	Fred & Mary Farrell
November 1 st	Mike MacIntosh

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.

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/>

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.

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St. Mary Magdalene Facebook

**Our Sacred Stories: God & Us
God's Broad and Open View
(Fr John Jennings)**

Covid-19 affects everyone. We may or may not catch the virus, or have a loved one who does. But we are all affected. We find ourselves isolated and having to distance ourselves from others. Barriers have been erected between communities and regions. Borders are closed between countries. The virus has divided our world. Until we have more effective treatments and we are able to be protected with vaccines this will be our world. Does God really care? Does God enter our human story?

The readings of this Sunday help us to see that God speaks to us in human terms. In our scriptures, both the Old and New Testament we hear of God using human instruments to enter our story. In the 1st reading, the prophet Isaiah, speaks of the Persian King, Cyrus. As Isaiah describes it, a pagan king becomes the instrument by which God saves the People of Israel from exile and returns them to their land. Through Cyrus, God intervenes in the history of God's People. (Is.45:1, 4-6)

In Matthew's Gospel, we hear one of the stories of Jesus' discussing with the Pharisees. (Matt.22:15-21) They try to trap him into denying his Judaism or into speaking against Roman authority. Jesus response to them is to do neither. The story draws us into a recognition that faith and our relationship with God is lived out in the midst of the secular world. Jesus points out to the Pharisees that they are to give to God what belongs to God and to the Emperor what belongs to him.

We live in a complex world of the secular and the spiritual. Neither denies or excludes the other. The story of Christian faith is founded on what we refer to as the Incarnation. It is one of the foundations of our faith that God enters our human condition in the person of Jesus Christ, God and human. This basic belief is the fullest expression that God speaks to us in human terms. This is a proclamation that all humanity, all human life, all human history is touched by the presence of God. God truly does speak to us in human terms, in every time and place. God really does stand with us.

Over the centuries, our Catholic faith and tradition has often expressed this incarnational vision of God-with-us. We are a faith that sees God speaking and acting in the context of our human story, i.e. in the times in which we live. Our Church's 2000year history shows many occasions when we failed to be God's voice in a way that could be heard by people of particular cultures and times. But it is also replete with

a host of times when it reached out to the context, time and cultures in which it lived. As Church and as the presence of God's People in our own time, this is the gift we can bring to our world.

The Second Vatican Council expressed this vision repeatedly. It spoke explicitly of this vision in the last of its great documents, *The Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World* (*Gaudium et spes*). This document takes its title from its beginning words: "The joy and the hope, the grief and the anguish of the people of our time... are the joy and the hope, the grief and the anguish of the followers of Christ as well."(GS 1) With these words, Vatican II expressed its solidarity with the world and context of its time. It understood that our God speaks and acts in the present world in which we live. In every era, the life and faith of our Church is intended to hear and speak to the culture and people of our time.

How do we as Church listen to our time and culture? How do we reach out with the Good News?

Our Lady of Peace Parish Take-Out Fall Supper ~ Sunday, November 1st. Roast beef dinner, including potatoes, gravy, vegetables, roll and apple crisp for dessert. Cost \$15.00. Take out times at 4:00, 4:30 , 5:00 and 5:30 pm. Pick up in St. Theresa's parking lot, 1 William St. Call 444-6010 for tickets.

Note from Fr. Bill: (Protocols on attending Mass)

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.

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 (**deadline 19 Oct 2020**). Please follow this link (or copy it into your browser), fill out the required information and submit (sample form included below).

<https://www.cognitofrms.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 the primary grades (up to and including grade 3) and one for the elementary grades (4-6).

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

Sincerely, Fr. Bill



Office of the Bishop

2020-2021 Pastoral Year Letter – *“Towards a Renewed Personal Encounter with Jesus”*
A Call to the Clergy and Lay Faithful of the
Diocese of Saint John

September marks the beginning of a new pastoral year. The last few years have presented significant challenges for our Diocese, including the difficult amalgamation process for a number of our parishes and the pandemic. Yet despite these challenges Jesus never leaves us orphans. The Holy Spirit is on the move, and this gives us reason to hope. St. Paul reassures us, “Hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us” (Romans 5:5).

As we continue to face the uncertainties of our time, I am calling on all of the faithful to focus on the mission of evangelization and the renewal of our Diocese. This begins when people encounter Jesus Christ and are transformed. Christ, who promised us that he would be with us “always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20), is present to us in so many ways. Paragraph 1373 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, “Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us,” is present in many ways to his Church: in his word, in his Church’s prayer, “where two or three are gathered in my name,” in the poor, the sick, and the imprisoned, in the sacraments of which he is the author, in the sacrifice of the Mass, and in the person of the minister. But “he is present ... most especially in the Eucharistic species.” The sacraments are the privileged ways, the most powerful ways that God shares his divine life with us and enables us to grow in our friendship with him. We encounter Jesus especially in the Eucharist, and in prayer, particularly before the Blessed Sacrament.

Pope Francis tells us that, “the Christian life needs to be nourished by attentive listening to God’s word and, above all, by the cultivation of a personal relationship with the Lord in Eucharistic adoration, the privileged “place” for our encounter with God.” (*Message for the 54th World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2017*). What a grace it is to spend such intimate time with our Lord! I have encouraged our pastors to offer times of

Eucharistic adoration in their parishes, and am asking the faithful to take advantage of these times so that we can grow deeper in our personal relationship with Jesus. Let us devote some of the time spent in adoration to pray not only for renewal in our Diocese and parishes, but also for much needed vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

So as to afford people more opportunities to encounter Christ, I am also asking parishes to offer one tool of evangelization beginning this fall. Some excellent programs include Alpha (which means “beginning”, and is a program covering the basics of Christianity designed to reach the unchurched), Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) faith studies, or the Christ Life Evangelization Process. It is my hope that many will participate in courses like these in order to rekindle the fire in our hearts and ignite the desire to know Christ and share him with others.

When we experience a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ who gives meaning to our lives, and our hearts are on fire for Jesus, we cannot help but want to fulfill our God-given mission from baptism to be the missionary disciples that we are called to become. We are compelled to reach into the community and serve in various areas of need as apostles of mercy. As the Holy Father tells us, “When evangelizers rise from prayer, their hearts are more open; freed of self-absorption, they are desirous of doing good and sharing their lives with others.” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, par. 282). I encourage you to find out which outreach programs your parish supports, and seek out opportunities to serve in your community. It is also through such acts of charity that we encounter the Lord.

Please be assured of my ongoing pastoral solicitude and prayers, as we unite ourselves to the mission of evangelization and renewal. Let us give God permission to move in power in our Diocese, staying close to him in the Word and sacraments and in prayer. May we come alive in our faith, and proclaim him to a world in desperate need of the hope he promises.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Star of the New Evangelization, pray for us!

✠ Christian Riesbeck, CC
Bishop of Saint John

September 21, 2020
Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
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.

Evangelization of the Nations (World Mission Sunday)	Oct 18
Development & Peace (Lent)	Nov 15
Diocesan Collection for Infirm Priests	Nov 22
Pro-Life	Dec 6

This year, **World Mission Sunday** is on October 18, 2020. This is a world-wide celebration of and collection for the missionary Church. The funds raised will go to emergency aid when disasters strike, to care for refugees in war torn nations, to establish and support rural health clinics, and to provide for the daily needs of all missionaries. Please pray for the missions often and please be generous on World Mission Sunday.

Offertory totals for past two weeks will be in next weekends bulletin.

Offertories: Sep 27	Total	St C	Sts J&P	St D
Weekly, at Mass	\$3,976	\$417	\$440	\$3,119
Weekly, average PAD	\$3,457	\$50	\$952	\$2,454
YTD Offertories (Actual)	\$349,697	\$17,596	\$56,900	\$275,201
YTD Offertories (Budget)	\$498,869	\$25,304	\$69,840	\$403,725
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$149,172)	(\$7,708)	(\$12,940)	(\$128,524)
Poor & Needy	\$260	\$0	\$0	\$260
Building fund	\$25	\$0	\$0	\$25
Needs of the Church	\$729	\$82	\$72	\$575
Other	\$110	\$0	\$100	\$10

Offertories: Sep 20	Total	St C	Sts J&P	St D
Weekly, at Mass	\$5,162	\$450	\$515	\$4,197
Weekly, average PAD	\$3,457	\$50	\$952	\$2,454
YTD Offertories (Actual)	\$344,754	\$17,179	\$55,898	\$271,677
YTD Offertories (Budget)	\$486,078	\$24,655	\$68,049	\$393,373
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$141,324)	(\$7,476)	(\$12,151)	(\$121,696)
Poor & Needy	\$435	\$0	\$0	\$435
Building fund	\$260	\$0	\$100	\$160
Other	\$200	\$0	\$100	\$100
# PAD users	132	1	31	100
# Envelopes used	142	25	20	97
# 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.

- 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.