

# *Saint Mary Magdalene Parish*

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

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**July 19th, 2020 – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## **Celebration and Thanksgiving of Fr. Maria's ministry and friendship among us:**

Due to the restrictions on public gatherings and social distancing it is not possible to celebrate Fr. Maria's ministry through a reception with food, speeches and all of the things we would love to do. It is also not possible to offer him our greetings before and after Mass since the priests remain in the sanctuary at this time and people are asked not to mingle as we usually do and just enter and exit the church in an orderly fashion that is safe. However, we have much to celebrate and be thankful for. So we offer the following ways to share our gratitude and offer him our blessings.

On Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> from 2 pm -4pm there will be a 'drive through greeting time' in the Sts. John and Paul Parking lot. You simply drive by and speak to him from your vehicle. There will be a place to put a card or note in a box for him to take with him.

As well, you can send your expressions of gratitude, memories and blessings through his email [arokiamm@gmail.com](mailto:arokiamm@gmail.com) or through the Parish Email [stdun@stdunstansparish.ca](mailto:stdun@stdunstansparish.ca) . Anything coming through the Parish Email will be forwarded to him. Feel free to be creative with your expressions of thanksgiving through video, songs, poems, other... that can be attached with your email.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**St. Columba Church Site**

Sun 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Danny Kenny  
 Sun 26<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Donnie Butler

**Sts. John & Paul Church Site**

Sun 19<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am For the People  
 Sun 26<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am Sylvia Guidry

**St. Dunstan's Church Site**

Sat 18<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm Mildred Logue  
 Sun 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Edward Bowes  
 19<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am Margaret Hardiman  
 Sat 25<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm Bob Shaw  
 Sun 26<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Francis Delmas  
 26<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am Viola Kenny

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

**NECROLOGY**

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| July 20 | William Francis Graham     | 2001 |
|         | Robert Richards            | 2013 |
|         | Rita Anna Herkert          | 2019 |
|         | Eugene Gregory McGinley    | 2019 |
| July 21 | Thomas G Thompson          | 1987 |
| July 22 | Francis Allister (Al) Wood | 1982 |
|         | Paul Joseph Keleher        | 1989 |
|         | Douglas Ross Burpee        | 2003 |
|         | Clifford Theodore Fournier | 2014 |
| July 23 | Charles Cornelius Boyne    | 1989 |
|         | Marie-Paul LaHaie          | 1992 |
|         | Ronald Jack Edwards        | 1994 |
|         | Dorothy Muriel Halman      | 2010 |
|         | Maria Veronica Florean     | 2014 |
|         | Loretta Emma Birch         | 2018 |
| July 25 | Marilis Disselkamp         | 1990 |
| July 26 | Gladys Jacqueline Guitard  | 1998 |
|         | John James Doherty         | 2002 |

**Faithful Departed**

**Betty Gilbert**, sister of the late Eleanor Brzak, aunt of Michelle

**Readings for July 26<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading 1 Kings 3:5-12  
 2nd Reading Romans 8:28-30  
 Gospel Matthew 13:44-52

**Sanctuary Lamp**

**Week of July 19<sup>th</sup>**

**In Loving Memory of**

**Rita Herkert from the Herkert Family**

**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.

**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.

**An Invitation from Bishop Riesbeck:**

We are inviting people to participate in a Novena to the Holy Spirit in preparation for the Solemnity of Pentecost. Click or copy and paste the link below and you may participate beginning, Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FM0c17IrFJQ>

## **Note from Fr. Maria and 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 10:45 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. Maria and 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

## Being Saints for Our World and Times (Fr. John Jennings)

Saints are a valued part of our Catholic Church tradition. They can be found in our Creed where we proclaim our belief in the “communion of saints”. To express this belief is to assert that we live in fellowship with those who have died and gone before us. Their good continues to touch us all in our personal and in our community lives. In fact, our Creed calls us to something even bigger, more surprising. We are to be a community of saints.

We might have many images of saints. Often, we see them as perfect (or nearly so), as pious and prayerful, as persons who have lived lives of strong spirituality, as individuals who were so good that they seem beyond our capacities. This image seems so removed from our own lives. And frequently we regard saints as turning their backs on the world. Quite the opposite.

Being a saint is living the Spirit in the midst of our world and what is going on around us. Being a saint is responding with love and compassion to the challenges of our world today. In every age, there are challenges that call for a Spirit of loving compassion and a willingness to life-giving action. The saint in us and among us arises in the responses to these challenges, in every age and place.

In Matthew’s Gospel, the writer has Jesus relating a number of stories or parables to describe what the reign of God is like. The proclamation of that the reign is present and near is at the core of Jesus’s message. The parables of the Reign of God are efforts to help us recognize that presence. In chapter 13, Jesus tells several short parables of simple human activity and experiences. In one of them he tells of seeds sown among weeds in a field, in another he relates the way leaven/yeast mixed into the flour affects all of the bread. (Matt.13:24-30, 33)

The “communion of saints” is not limited to those who have died and gone before us. Their good is not just an outreach from the past. They are the models for our present and the hope for our future. And saints are all around us. In the midst of our world and our own times, we sow the seeds of the reign of God on the “good soil” and the bad. With the Spirit of Jesus, we are called to sow everywhere, in all times and circumstances. The saint does not turn their back on the world, but walks amid the world to reflecting the Spirit of Jesus to all. Then we are becoming saints for one another, and the reign of God is building among us. Who are my own saints, today?

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://www.dioceseofsaintjohn.org/News/TNF-05-22.aspx>

### 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](http://www.chimohelpline.ca)

| <b>Offertories: Jul 12</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>St C</b> | <b>Sts J&amp;P</b> | <b>St D</b> |
|----------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Weekly, at Mass            | \$8,329      | \$470       | \$352              | \$7,507     |
| Weekly, average PAD        | \$3,430      | \$50        | \$952              | \$2,427     |
| YTD Offertories (Actual)   | \$241,163    | \$11,397    | \$39,075           | \$190,691   |
| YTD Offertories (Budget)   | \$358,162    | \$18,167    | \$50,142           | \$289,854   |
| YTD Surplus/(Deficit)      | (\$116,999)  | (\$6,770)   | (\$11,067)         | (\$99,163)  |
| Poor & Needy               | \$282        | \$0         | \$0                | \$282       |
| Building fund              | \$525        | \$0         | \$0                | \$525       |
| Other                      | \$451        | \$0         | \$0                | \$451       |
| # PAD users                | 132          | 1           | 31                 | 100         |
| # Envelopes used           | 121          | 22          | 14                 | 85          |
| # Envelopes issued         | 727          | 71          | 66                 | 590         |

| <b>Offertories: Jul 05</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>St C</b> | <b>Sts J&amp;P</b> | <b>St D</b> |
|----------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Weekly, at Mass            | \$4,738      | \$685       | \$396              | \$3,657     |
| Weekly, average PAD        | \$3,430      | \$50        | \$952              | \$2,427     |
| YTD Offertories (Actual)   | \$226,969    | \$10,787    | \$36,361           | \$179,821   |
| YTD Offertories (Budget)   | \$345,371    | \$17,518    | \$48,351           | \$279,502   |
| YTD Surplus/(Deficit)      | (\$118,402)  | (\$6,731)   | (\$11,990)         | (\$99,681)  |
| Poor & Needy               | \$90         | \$0         | \$0                | \$90        |
| Building fund              | \$325        | \$0         | \$30               | \$295       |
| Other                      | \$400        | \$0         | \$400              | \$0         |
| # PAD users                | 132          | 1           | 31                 | 100         |
| # Envelopes used           | 144          | 22          | 19                 | 103         |
| # Envelopes issued         | 727          | 71          | 66                 | 590         |

**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](mailto: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.