

# *Saint Mary Magdalene Parish*

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

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**September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 - 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## **Note from Fr. Bill and Fr. Peter to all parents of St. Mary Magdalene Parish regarding Faith Formation/Religious Education:**

Hi Parents of the Children and Youth in our Religious Education/Faith Formation programs at St. Mary Magdalene Parish,

Greetings! We trust that your summer has been a good one, even with (or maybe even because of), the challenges that the Pandemic has brought us.

We know you are wondering what will be offered in regards to the Faith Formation/Religious Education for our children. The following comes from conversations with the coordinators at all three Church Sites and the Faith Formation Committee at St. Dunstan's Site:

1. We will wait until October to implement a plan for religious education for children and youth. Parents will be necessarily occupied through September with getting their children back to school and the many demands this requires during the pandemic. This also gives us as a parish, time to evaluate how things are going within the school system before we venture forward with any in-person aspect of the religious education program.
2. We have not yet opened our Church sites, except for Sunday/Weekend Masses and our office is open for employees. Others can access the office by appointment. We will not open our Parish Centers (Halls) until we feel we can safely do so, and with proper protocols. We will continue to evaluate this. However, for this year (October through May), we will offer options for parents to tend to the religious formation of your children at home. We are presently working on options that will allow you to have 10 to 20 sessions of approximately 30 to 45 minutes each. You all have different circumstances to consider as you provide this for your children. It is important that you are able to offer something and the amount of time and energy you can realistically give to this depends on many factors that are particular to each of you. Just do what you can and God will be able to do great things with you and your children.
3. For the Youth (Grades 7-9), we will be offering something on-line in conjunction with other parishes. This will not require the parents to lead or facilitate.
4. Once we open our Parish Centers (Halls) for gatherings, we will consider safe ways for families of our Religious Education Program to gather periodically as a support to what they are doing at home.
5. For those who were to celebrate First Communion and/or Confirmation this past April/May, we will be in touch soon to offer you possibilities for this to happen in the Fall.
6. We will be in touch in mid to late September with Options for 'at-home' sessions and a registration form.

In the meantime, be assured of our prayers as you head into September with all of the excitement and challenges involved.

Blessings,

Fr. Bill Brennan and Fr. Peter Osborne

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**St. Columba Church Site**

Sun 6<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Anne Barton  
 Sun 13<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Donnie Butler

**Sts. John & Paul Church Site**

Sun 6<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am Tom Bagley  
 Sun 13<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am For the People

**St. Dunstan's Church Site**

Sat 5<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm Henry Ocampo  
 Sun 6<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Francis Corbett  
 6<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am Camille Theriault  
 Sat 12<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm Sally Delmas  
 Sun 13<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Ethel Albuquerque  
 13<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am DFM Page Family

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

**NECROLOGY**

Sep 7	Madylin Louise Marie McQuade	2001
	Leycester DeVere D'Arcy	2006
Sep 8	Louis Jean Bourque	1990
	Charles W McLenahan	1993
	Marie Jessie Porter	2014
	William Patric Porter	2014
Sep 9	Eileen Gay	1988
	Henriette Jane Hickey	1990
	Gerard (Jerry) Theriault	1996
Sep 10	Mary Catherine Mullaly	1998
	Jules Picot	2018
Sep 11	Mary Ellen McDade	1989
	Eleanor Kathleen Grant	2001
	Catherine Frances Hodgson	2009
	Marcelle Larkin	2015
	Margaret (Marg) Bonnell	2017
	Violet Estey	2018
Sep 12	Christopher Allen Michaud	1981
	Mary Elizabeth Hughes	1995
	Anne Foster Abbott	2008
Sep 13	Helen Ruth York	1982
	Margaret Anne Olive	2012

**Sanctuary Lamp**

***Week of September 6<sup>th</sup>  
 In Loving Memory of  
 Violet Estey***

**Faithful Departed**  
***Sister Ann Marie McGloan  
 Romeo Cyr  
 Brenda Murphy  
 Margaret Wilby***

**Readings for September 13<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading Sirach 27:30 – 28:7  
 2nd Reading Romans 14:7-9  
 Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

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

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Lectors</u></b>
September 6 <sup>th</sup>	Cathy Seguin
September 13 <sup>th</sup>	Judy Ingram
September 20 <sup>th</sup>	Courtney Mason
September 27 <sup>th</sup>	Janice Leahy

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

**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](http://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.**

### **DEVELOPMENT & PEACE:**

Our local Development and Peace, Diocesan Council, are holding their Annual General Meeting virtually using the ZOOM app, on Tuesday, September 15th at 7 PM.

Please consider joining us and seeing what D & P is still doing in these challenging times. Pre-registration by September 8th is necessary however, by sending your name and e-mail address to Chris McAloon at:

[dc.sj.devdp@outlook.com](mailto:dc.sj.devdp@outlook.com)

We look forward to having you join us, and connecting with others who are committed to the work of development and peace within our Catholic Church, and beyond. Thanks so much for your ongoing and vital support to helping our sisters and brothers in the Global South and elsewhere.

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.

**Borders and Boundaries**  
**God's Dream of Love and Peace for All**  
**(Fr John Jennings)**

Covid-19 has introduced us to many unfamiliar experiences. Among these is the reality of closed borders. We are isolated into our own little bubbles. Only recently have our borders here in the Atlantic region opened somewhat. The borders of provinces to the west of us remain more limiting. And the national boundary between Canada and the US is even more completely closed.

Borders and boundaries divide us. These divisions seem to characterize the many relationships that are part of our lives. Differences in culture, language, religious beliefs and colour make for great variety in the peoples of the earth. Sometimes they also serve to break the relationships of communities around the globe. Sadly, they also create divides in our shared communities and from one area of the earth and the next.

These divisions are often expressed in national borders and regional groupings. The result is frequently competition and even violence across the divides. We suffer with our inability to live in peace, in mutual care and compassion. In many ways, this is a picture of all our relationships – personal, regional and global.

Boundaries emphasize differences between us and to some degree they limit and restrict us. When our differences are made to loom large, they belie the fact that we share a common humanity and together inhabit the same earth. Despite our differences, we are part of a global community.

God's dream for our common humanity is that we live in peace, based on compassion and love. John's Gospel expresses this dream as he relates Jesus' prayer for his disciples, his friends. He even broadens this prayer to include the whole world. God's dream, God's kingdom is extended to all humanity and all creation. John presents the prayer in this way: "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one.... That they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you love me."(John 17:20, 23) This is what we are speaking of when we talk

of the Reign/Kingdom of God, a world living entirely in peace, filled with love.

In Matthew's Gospel we again hear Jesus speaking to his disciples (Matt 18:15-20). At the end of the piece Jesus says to his friends: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Christian faith is a communal faith. It feeds our spirit, but it does so in the context or setting of a community of believer and doers. It cannot be separated from the world in which we live and it cannot be lived in a solitary setting.

We human beings are social animals. We are also marked by a need for spirituality that is social AND personal. There is then, a need to nurture both aspects of our lives. To pray and act in community is characteristic of the Christian. We need each other in order to grow socially and spiritually. In our communal faith, living with others in compassion and love we are responding to God's dream and Jesus' prayer. In midst of Covid-19, we recognize that "we are in this together" and whether masks, or distancing or universal vaccination, we do it for the others around us. And we do it because God's dream is that we "may all be one". In this, we discover what we all long for, PEACE FOUNDED ON LOVE.

*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](http://www.chanb.com). Applications must be postmarked by September 30<sup>th</sup> 2020. For further information please email [catholichealth@chpchi.com](mailto:catholichealth@chpchi.com).

**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.

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 9<sup>th</sup>)** Oct 4

Evangelization of the Nations Oct 18

**Development & Peace (Lent)** Nov 15

Diocesan Collection for Infirm Priests Nov 22

Pro-Life Dec 6

## Offertory Totals for August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 will be available in next weekends bulletin.

<b>Offertories: Aug 23</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>St C</b>	<b>Sts J&amp;P</b>	<b>St D</b>
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

<b>Offertories: Aug 16</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>St C</b>	<b>Sts J&amp;P</b>	<b>St D</b>
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](http://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 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>

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](mailto:stdun@stdunstansparish)

**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.