

Saint Mary Magdalene Parish

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

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September 20th, 2020 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Have you heard about Alpha? When Bishop Christian visited Our Lady of Peace parish last month, he talked about the Alpha program and how it can help revitalize parishes. Alpha is perfect for parents, people who have been away from the church, people who are exploring their faith and perfect for those wanting to renew or grow their relationship with Jesus. During the sessions we will be looking at some of the big questions in life - Is there more to life than this? Why is there suffering? Why have faith? Alpha is an ecumenical program, so everyone is welcome! It is a safe place to express your thoughts and ask questions. *Online Alpha Course offered by Our Lady of Peace Parish beginning Thursday, October 1st from 7:00 to 8:15 pm.* Alpha is perfect place to discuss the big questions of life, introduce people to God or renew your own relationship with Jesus. Alpha is open to everyone! Who will you invite?

To register please email pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca.

Wilmot United Church require additional volunteers for their weekly Wednesday Lunch Program for the vulnerable in our community. Required hours are 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. All Covid-19 protocol is being followed. For further information please contact Lynn MacKinnon at 999-3126.

Father John Fraser will be coming to Fredericton on Monday, October 5th at 11:30 am to sell his book 'THE BIBLE THE HOLY LAND AND ME'. Books are \$20 each and can be pre-ordered by emailing Fr. Fraser at fraserjohn082@gmail.com or by calling the parish office 444-6001. The 212-page book tells of early encounters through school and college. The journey then takes you through the Holy Land and many experiences there. Many bible references are included.

Please see the following Notes at the back of this Bulletin:

- 1. Note from Fr. Bill and Fr. Peter to all Parents of St. Mary Magdalene Parish regarding Children's Faith Formation/Religious.**
- 2. Note from Fr. Bill Outlining the Protocols for attending Sunday Mass.**

MASS INTENTIONS

St. Columba Church Site

Sun 20th 9:00 am Danny Kenny
 Sun 27th 9:00 am Vincent McCann

Sts. John & Paul Church Site

Sun 20th 11:00 am Veronique Fournier
 Sun 27th 11:00 am Mable Goodine

St. Dunstan's Church Site

Sat 19th 5:00 pm Bob Shaw
 Sun 20th 9:00 am Tim Dilworth
 20th 11:30 am Bill Sarty
 Sat 26th 5:00 pm Clement Fougere
 Sun 27th 9:00 am Sherry and Janice Noseworthy
 27th 11:30 am Linda Theriault

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

NECROLOGY

Sep 21	Ada Violet Barbara (Viagas)	1999
	Verna McCarthy	2001
	Elie Clifford Rioux	2012
	Thomas Wayne Lenehan	2014
Sep 22	Eveleen M L Parsons	1984
	Annemarie Couturier	2002
	Mary Maud Cashin	2017
	Adelard Joseph Russell	2019
Sep 23	James H Burns	2003
	Alice Flewelling	2003
	Margaret Josephine Michaud	2016
Sep 24	Walter Smolinski	1995
	Ernest Joseph Bourque	1996
	Charles J Arthur Hughes	2006
	Francis F Carr	2010
Sep 25	Donald Georges Couturier	1982
	Nerida "Nena" Gleason	2011
	George Wesley Connors	2019
Sep 26	Georgia C Hays	2000
	Ernestine Rita Douglas	2002
Sep 27	Corinne Helen Boyd	1990
	Dorothy Ruth Rabaey	2006
	Donald Anthony Jimmo	2011

Readings for September 27th

1st Reading Ezekiel 18:25-28
 2nd Reading Philippians 2:1-11
 Gospel Matthew 21:28-32

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

Farmers' Market: vegetables, pickles, baked goods & crafts at **St. Francis of Assisi Hall**, Lincoln, Saturday, Sept 19, from 8am to 11 am.

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 catholicealth@chpci.com.

*Sanctuary Lamp
 Week of September 20th
 In Loving Memory of
 Margie Fournier*

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.

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

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.

LECTORS SCHEDULE FOR STS JOHN AND PAUL CHURCH SITE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
September 20 th	Courtney Mason
September 27 th	Janice Leahy
October 4 th	Ray & Anita Allain
October 11 th	Lorraine Bird
October 18 th	Lynda MacNeil
October 25 th	Fred & Mary Farrell
November 1 st	Mike MacIntosh

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

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.

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

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/>

Our God: A Generous Loving Parent (Fr. John Jennings)

Visiting a new mom as she cradles her new-born in the maternity ward. Watching the eyes of new parents as they gaze on their new child. On the street, hearing a mom speak to her 10-month old in a stroller. Seeing parents in a park as they see their 3-year old running in a circle. Observing a dad as he listens to the many “what is...; why are... and how does...” questions from his 5-year old. Later, experiencing the patience of a parent as they watch what their 13-year old does. Parents at their daughter’s wedding. Grandparents as they first hold their grandchild. Wonderful images of real love, in life-changing ways. Reflections of God’s generous love for us.

God is hard to describe in human language. The efforts we make to do so always fall short. About the best we can do is to describe God with the human qualities we have, just more of them. None of this, however, is satisfying. God is not us, not human. God does not judge, like we do. God does not demand our attention, like we do. God does not wait until we ask, like we do. God does not limit love, like we do, and so on, and so on.

God does, however, speak to us. The language of God is often best seen in what we experience, in the images that are all around us. The wonder of the universe, the amazing harmony that we sometimes see in Creation these are expressions of God’s loving presence among us. The same we can notice in something so close to us as our own humanity. The evolution of humanity and the other creatures that surround us speak to us of the life-giving love of our God.

As well, God has spoken to us in the person of Jesus. This is one of the principal lessons from what we call the Incarnation. Our Scriptures repeatedly point out the significance of this wonderful act of God, as a sign of generous love. The Gospel of John has Jesus expressing this to Nicodemus, a leader of the community: “God so loved the world that he gave us his only Son so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

At the center of Jesus message is the image of our God whose love is abundant, who gives generously. Take a careful look at the parable of Jesus in Matthew’s Gospel. (Matt.20:1-16) Jesus relates the story of a landowner who goes out at various times throughout the day in order to hire workers.

At the end of the day, no matter what time they started work, all of them receive the same daily wage.

It comes as a surprise to all and those who worked from the very start of the day complain that it was unjust. The response of the landowner is to point out his generosity.

This is a parable about the Kingdom of God. There is no limit or demand that God sets to enter the reign of God. It is all generosity and gift. This is our God. Any Christian community is called to reflect this reign of God. All are invited, all are to be welcomed with the same warmth into the Kingdom and into the community, even those who have drifted or turned away. Such a reign of God is a revelation of God’s unconditional love.

There is no limit or restriction on God’s love. There are no locked gates for the Kingdom of God. It is always a gift, given out of love. A Christian community is called to reflect and express this open and inclusive love. As communities of Christians, this is who we are – reflections of our God, a loving parent.

**- As a member of this Christian community
do I express open and inclusive love to all?**

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.

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

**OFFERTORY TOTALS FOR SEPTEMBER 12 & 13
WILL BE AVAILABLE IN NEXT WEEKENDS BULLETIN.**

<u>Offertories: Sep 6</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>St C</u>	<u>Sts J&P</u>	<u>St D</u>
Weekly, at Mass	\$5,399	\$387	\$269	\$4,743
Weekly, average PAD	\$3,457	\$50	\$952	\$2,454
YTD Offertories (Actual)	\$326,187	\$16,009	\$53,559	\$256,619
YTD Offertories (Budget)	\$460,495	\$23,358	\$64,468	\$372,669
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$134,308)	(\$7,349)	(\$10,909)	(\$116,050)
Poor & Needy	\$195	\$0	\$0	\$195
Building fund	\$312	\$0	\$0	\$312
Other	\$25	\$0	\$0	\$25
# PAD users	132	1	31	100
# Envelopes used	170	23	13	134
# 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.