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St. Mary Magdalen Roman Catholic Church, Brockley

Palm Sunday, 28th./29th. March 2026

We welcome all to today's Mass, especially visitors who are celebrating with us for the first time. Please take this bulletin home with you for further reflection on this week's celebration and to follow the activities in the Parish during the week.

REFLECTION

Christ has no hands but ours.

During World War II, a church building in France was destroyed by bombings. However, the Statue of Jesus in the Church was not damaged except for its outstretched hands that were missing. Rather than replace the hands, the parishioners decided to let it be like that and put an inscription on it that says, "Christ has no hands but ours." This is one of the compelling messages of the Palm Sunday. Jesus has done almost everything himself, he has healed the sick and cast out demons but he knew that he is going to the Father and that we have to do these things as he did. Though, as God, he is all powerful, however, we are still his hands in the accomplishment of his mission on earth. Jesus on his way to Jerusalem sent two of his disciples to an unknown village ahead of them to look for an unknown colt from an unknown person's property. And upon finding it, all that they have to say to the owner is "the Master needs it." What do you think that the Lord needs from you? The Master wants us to be messiah to others by being kind, merciful, forgiving, caring and fair. Also, he wants us to see God in each other and treat them as beings with the light of God. Though, sometimes we don't give of our time, resources and talent because we don't think we are good enough. Remember, God can use anyone to accomplish his mission. It is easy to look at other people and think they are more talented, more gifted, richer, more capable, have more free time. Yet God chooses all of us. God chose the motley crew of disciples, and someone else's donkey to do his work today. On the contrary, you may be thinking, okay, even if I was willing I don't know what to do. I can understand that. It is often hard to know what God wants us to do. Well the key is to listen and follow Jesus especially as he walks the way of the cross. **Fr. Nat**

Mass Times & Intentions: 28 March 2026 — 5 April 2026

Sat. 28th. 6:30pm: Donal Smith (R.I.P.), Joseph Annan Kodwiw (10th Ann. R.I.P.)
Sun. 29th. 8.30am: Alex Lobow (God's Blessing, long life, good health and private intentions). 10:00am: Mrs. Grace Kodwiw (Birthday Thanksgiving) Anne, Martin & Olive Whelan (Ann. R.I.P.). Joseph Annan Kodwiw (10 Ann R.I.P) 11.30am: Kristjan Dezman (R.I.P. Birthday anniversary) Charlie Ripley (Well being and good intentions)
Mon. 30th. 9:30am: Karen Brown (Well being)
Tue. 31st. 9:30am: Mrs. Grace Kodwiw (Birthday Thanksgiving)
Wed. 1st. 9:30am: Kristjan Dezman (R.I.P. Birthday anniversary)
Thur. 2nd. 9:30am: People of the Parish
Fri. 3rd. 9:30am: Good Friday
Sat. 4th. 8:00pm: People of the Parish
Sun. 5th. 8.30am: Alex Lobow (God's Blessing, long life, good health and private intentions). 10:00am: 11.30am:

The SICK: Esta Joseph, Rosa Sanctos, Annie O'Kane, Aggrey Michael Davis, Peter Carey, Peter Ageyman, Mario Despisio, Fr. Morty, Joshua Twagira, Darabela Edmund, Margaret Pain, Juliana Charles, Audreh Khan, Ephraim Aluebhosele, Gwen Randall, Chinyere Oburota, Patrick Akanya, Kathy Langridge, Patricia Wocial & Maxine Leech. **ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Karen Buckland, Anne Read, Alexander Cheyne, Winifred Ceyne, Dorothy Abraham, Elizabeth Fennell, Pamela Taylor, Helena Walsh, Richard Crean, Rosina Roggiero, Anna Slotwinska, Sarah Ajagbawa, David Roberts, Jessie Fenton, Mary McGoldrick, Alice Prial, Domenico Sidonio, Joseph O'Hara, Roger Puffett, Simon Blades, Benson Yemi-Oluwasey, Joyce Moodie, John Shanyinde, Mrs Heron, Helen Markey, Michael Bereziuk, Felicia Nsiah & Michael Sullivan.



Parish is served by the Congregation of the Holy Spirit (Spiritans)

Parish Priests: Fr. Nathaniel Ewusi CSSp, Fr. Christian Enechukwu CSSp.

Parish Deacon: Rev William Dunphy.

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Pastorals/Devotions: Confessions Saturday 11.30am –12noon, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament everyday from 9.00am - 9.30am. Tuesday 10am—11am. **Legion of Mary:** Tuesday 7pm.

Gentle reminders: Please turn off your mobile phones. You have the right to remain silent

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Week and Easter Services:

Lent Confession. Parish Lenten confession will take place on this weekend of 28/29 April after all the Masses.

Maundy Thursday: 2nd of April at 7.30pm. **Mass of Last Supper** (Collection for Lenten Alms).

Good Friday: 3rd of April at 3.00pm (Solemn Good Friday services & Papal Collection for the Holy Places). 7.30pm: Stations of the Cross with the Holy relic of the Cross.

Holy Saturday: 4th April at 8.00pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday: 5th April: Sunday Masses at **8.30am; 10.00am & 11.30am.**

Maundy Thursday: Washing of feet on Maundy Thursday will be for elderly and sick parishioners who walk with Jesus in suffering and hope.

Papal collection for the Holy Places of Palestine: The places connected with Our Lord's Passion have always been centres of veneration and pilgrimage. The collection on Good Friday is sent for their upkeep, and to help maintain Christian schooling in the area.

Lent Preparation for Jesus's Passion: You are invited to Lectio Divina, Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Readings, every Wednesday from the 24th February at 7pm to 8pm in the Church, during the of Lenten season. A wonderful opportunity to prepare prayerfully for Holy Week. All welcome.

Confession: Confession is available every Saturday from 11.00am to 12 noon at the presbytery.

Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage, July 11th, at St George's Cathedral

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please let us know as soon as possible,

and no later than the middle of May, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, your parish, and the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited. Contact us at mfise@rcaos.org.uk As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Clapham, Brockley.

From Joy to Mission: From Easter to Pentecost, you can join a weekly session for an hour from Thursday 9th April at 7pm on the Parish Zoom. Reflecting on living out the joy, peace and love of the 50 days leading to the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. Zoom link next week. All welcome.

First Holy Communion Sunday 3rd May: Our candidates will make their First Holy Communion on Sunday the 3rd May at 11.30 Mass. First Holy Communion Celebration in the hall, after Mass until 3pm, provided by the parents.

Confirmation Day: Our confirmands will be confirmed by Canon Victor Darlington on Sunday 21st June at 11.30 Mass. Confirmation Celebration in the hall after Mass until 4pm, provided by the parents.

Visiting the sick: If you are aware of any parishioner who is sick, housebound or in a nursing home, please give their name to one of the clergy or send an email to the Parish office.

Tea and Coffee: There is tea and coffee in the small hall, (access through the gate to the left of the church), after 10am and 11.30am Mass. Everyone is welcome.

Masses can be booked by telephone on 020 86911322, or by email at brockley@rcaos.org.uk. Mass offerings can be made online to the parish account.. Account name: RCAS Brockley, NatWest, Account Number: 79143962, Sort code 605001

"But Palm Sunday tells usit is the cross that is the true tree of life" - Pope Benedict XVI

• Parish Prayer •

God our Father, we give you thanks and praise for calling us to share in the fullness of life and love that Jesus won for us.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon our parish community. Changed by your Spirit may we become a community of disciples, attentive to the needs of all who come through our doors, and even those who don't.

We pray for your blessing upon every person in our parish community, and on all who live in and around our parish.

May they know your love, your presence, and your power in their lives.

For all who are struggling at this moment, we ask that you enter their lives and lift them.

May our parish become a place of adoration, where the hungry are fed, the sick are healed, the bereaved are comforted, and all are made whole.

Soften our hearts to your will. Make us open to what you desire to do in and through our parish, and give us the courage and strength to follow your call.

We make this prayer in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Saint Mary Magdalen, pray for us.