

## 2nd Sunday of Easter, 11th/12th. April 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

#### The Easter gift is Mercy

We are celebrating the Octave of Easter today. This Sunday is also called Divine Mercy Sunday. According to St. Pope John Paul II on this day we receive the Easter gift. The obvious question is, what is this special gift of Easter? It is a special gift of the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment that the Catholic Church offers in the form of a plenary indulgence. The Gospel of this weekend helps us to grasp the full sense and value of this gift. St John make us share in the emotion felt by the Apostles in their meeting with Christ after His Resurrection. Our attention focuses on the gesture of the Master, who transmits to the fearful, astounded disciples the mission of being ministers of Divine Mercy. He shows them His hands and His side, which bear the marks of the Passion, and tells them: As the Father has sent Me, even so I send you. Immediately afterwards, "He breathed on them, and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained' " (Jn 20:22-23). Jesus entrusted to them the gift of "forgiving sins," a gift that flows from the wounds in His hands, His feet, and especially from His pierced side. From there, a wave of mercy is poured out over all humanity. As King David invites us in the psalm to give praise to the Lord for he is good, his mercy endures forever. Today we are commissioned to be apostles of mercy. Let us be merciful to others and ourselves. We should also bear in mind that mercy changes everything. **Fr Nat**

#### Mass Times & Intentions: 11 April 2026 — 19 April 2026

Sat. 11th. 6:30pm: John Moyse, Bola Akante, & Tommy Ballay-Dean (Ann. R.I.P.)

Sun. 12th. 8.30am: Martin Moyles ( Ann. R.I.P.) 10:00am: Alex Lobow (God's Blessing, long life, good health and private intentions).11.30am: Simon Duggan (Ann. R.I.P.), Vivian Iweka (Thankful for God's goodness and mercies), Thanksgiving, God's Blessing & private intention, Bernard & Victoria Unije (Ann. R.I.P)

Mon. 13th. 9:30am: People of the Parish

Tue. 14th. 9:30am: Joseph & Mary Crilly (R.I.P.)

Wed. 15th. 9:30am: Catriona & Lorraine (Special Intention)

Thur. 16th. 9:30am: Peter McCormick ( Good health & Well being)

Fri: 17th. 9:30am: Violet McCrory (Ann. R.I.P.)

Sat. 18th 9:30am: Sick parishioners

Sat. 18th. 6:30pm: Mary Ann Brien (30th Anniversary R.I.P.)

Sun. 19th. 8.30am: Irvin Francis Cameron (1st Birthday Anniversary). 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:** Nicola Cencio, Simon Duggan,

Luisa Capocci, Terence Kennedy, Melita Vel, Maria Amodio, Anne Watson, Dorothy Drew,

Thomas McQuiggan, Mary Coan, Thomas Pilkington, Tina Jacqueline Williams, Mrs Keane,

Violet McCrory, Margaret Maguire, Roy Wells, Margaret Hubert, George Turner, Bernard

Cranmer, Nora Baker, Alan Scally, Helen Cummings, Mary O'Brien, Lilian Jermain, Sean

Ward, Cyril Cook, Jonathan Hunt, James Lonergan & Lilla Thomas.



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

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

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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 .....*



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St. Mary Magdalen Roman Catholic Church, Brockley

# TODAY'S READINGS

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON 1 Pt 2: 2** Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

**GLORIA:** Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**OPENING PRAYER:** God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47** The believers devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the Apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the Temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they shared their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

**Reader:** The word of the Lord.  
**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Ps 118(117):2-4. 13-15b. 22-24. R1**  
***Give praise to the Lord, for he is good,  
his mercy endures for ever.***

Let the house of Israel say,  
'His mercy endures for ever.'

Let the house of Aaron say,  
'His mercy endures for ever.'

Let those who fear the Lord say,

'His mercy endures for ever.' **R**

They pushed me, pushed me hard to knock me down,  
but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song;  
he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and salvation  
in the tents of the righteous. **R**

The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.

By the Lord has this been done,  
a marvel in our eyes.

This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice in it and be glad. **R**

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith — more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honour at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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**Gospel Acclamation: John 20:29** Alleluia, alleluia. You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL: John 20:19-31** On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the

sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.' Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord'. But he said to them, 'Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.' Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**Priest:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ.

**T H E N I C E N E C R E E D :**  
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;

through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Prayer over the Offerings:** Accept, O Lord, we pray, the oblations of your people (and of those you have brought to new birth), that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism, they may attain unending happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

**Communion Antiphon: Cf. Jn 20: 27** Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

**Prayer after Communion:** Grant, we pray, almighty God, that our reception of this paschal Sacrament may have a continuing effect in our minds and hearts. Through Christ our Lord.

• 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.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thank you:** The Parish Clergy wish to thank you all for your gifts, prayers and support during the Easter period. May the Risen Lord reward you abundantly.

**Lectio Divina Prayer Group** restarts fortnightly on Wednesday 15th April from 7pm to 8pm in the church. Everyone welcome.

On alternate Wednesdays, 7pm to 8pm, **From Joy to Mission**, a journey of peace, joy and love from Easter to Pentecost, using the weekday Mass readings, to understand how the Church, through the Holy Spirit guides us each to Mission. Here is the zoom link:- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89475408107?pwd=Sn21clf9wosdtzjQzpvxjf2SQmUa2U.1> Contact Moira on 07712507489. 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 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>/40<sup>th</sup>/50<sup>th</sup>/60<sup>th</sup> + 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 [mflse@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflse@rcaos.org.uk) As the title of your email, please

write your parish location e.g. Clapham, Brockley.

**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 to 3pm, provided by the parents.

**Confirmation Day :** Our confirmands will be confirmed by Canon Victor Darlington on Sunday 28th June at 11.30 Mass. Confirmation Celebration in the hall after Mass to 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.

**Hall rental:** Please contact Fr. Nat or Fr. Christian for fees and availability.

**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](mailto: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

*"Who among us has not experienced insecurity, loss and even doubts on their journey of faith?... We've all experienced this, me too". Pope Francis*

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