

## 3rd Sunday of Easter, 18th./19th. 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 RISEN CHRIST IS WITH US

On this third Sunday of Easter, the Church urges us to continue to be joyful. This is because Christ has not only ransomed us with his precious blood, but continues in the scriptures (Liturgy of the word) and the breaking of bread (Liturgy of the Eucharist), the core of the Holy mass, to show us his presence. In the first reading, after the Pentecost experience, Peter continues to bear witness to the risen and glorified Christ. He argues that since it is impossible for Christ to be held captive by death, it is equally impossible for us, whom Christ has ransomed with his precious blood, to remain captives. This is because we share in Christ's new life. In the second reading, Peter calls us to live a life that is worthy of our new state through the resurrection of Christ. In other words, if God is truly our father, we must try to live holy lives. A life of witness and one that shows that Christ is alive in us. Today's gospel draws our attention to important aspects of Christian life. That is the liturgy of the word and that of the Body and blood of Christ. It is important to note the sequence of activities on this journey to Emmaus. First, Christ illuminated the minds of his disciples with scriptures. Second, Christ celebrated the liturgy of his own body and blood with them. It is important to note that it is only after these two celebrations that these disciples recognized Christ. The celebration of the Eucharist with his disciples underscores the importance of Christ's injunction: "Do this in memory of me." Indeed, he has ransomed and given us new life through his paschal mystery. Nevertheless, to sustain and nourish this new life, He left us himself in these two important liturgies of the Holy Mass. This implies that whenever we forget these liturgies celebrated by Christ, we forget our new life in him. Christ did this today to remind us that each time we celebrate these liturgies worthily, he opens our eyes to recognize his divine presence with us. **Fr. Christian.**

#### Mass Times & Intentions: 18 April 2026 — 26 April 2026

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

Sun. 19th. 8.30am: Irvin Francis Cameron (1st Birthday Anniversary) & Joyce, Barry & Paula (Good health).

10:00am: Alex Lobow (God's Blessing, long life, good health and private intentions). Lilla Thomas. (6 Ann. R.I.P.) 11.30am: Sean Ward (Ann. R.I.P.) Ashley Ofori (R.I.P)

Mon. 20th. 9:30am: Rose & Philip Leonard (R.I.P)

Tue. 21st. 9:30am: Phylis & Jack Maguire (R.I.P)

Wed. 22nd. 9:30am: People of the Parish

Thur. 23rd. 9:30am: Catriona & Lorraine (Special Intention)

Fri. 24th. 9:30am: Gorge & Isabella Gilmour

Sat. 25th 9:30am: Sick Parishioners.

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Sun. 26th. 8.30am: Alex Lobow (God's Blessing, long life, good health and private intentions). 10:00am:

11.30am: Francisco Paula Casaucao Rey (R.I.P.)

**The SICK:** Esta Joseph, Rosa Sanctos, Annie O'Kane, Aggrey Michael Davis, Peter Carey, Peter Ageyman, Mario Despasio, 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:**

Helen Cummings, Mary O'Brien, Lilian Jermain, Sean Ward, Cyril Cook, Jonathan

Hunt, James Lonergan, Lilla Thomas, Michele Baccala, Margaret Quirke, William

Seavers, Valentina Petix-Gardner, William Harte, Fr Philip, Julia Renard, Evan Nkiruka

Ezeokeke, Helen Walsh, Melania Ambrosi, Susanna Wells & Boguslaw Kalinka.



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

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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.

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St. Mary Magdalen Roman Catholic Church, Brockley

# TODAY'S READINGS

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Cf. Ps 65: 1-2 Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, 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:** May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. 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 2:14, 22-33 On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst — as you yourselves know — this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. 'For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'" 'Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this which you yourselves are seeing and hearing.'

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

**Responsorial Ps** *Ps 16(15):1-2a, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11. R1*

*O Lord, you will show me the path of life.*

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the LORD, 'You are my Lord.'

O LORD, it is you who are my portion and cup; you yourself who secure my lot. **R**

I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart.

I keep the LORD before me always;

with him at my right hand, I shall not be moved. **R**

And so, my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my flesh shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, nor let your holy one see corruption. **R**

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand, bliss for ever. **R**

**SECOND READING:** 1 Peter 1:17-21 Beloved: If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

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**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Acclamation:** cf. Luke 24:32 Alleluia, alleluia. Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn within us when you speak to us. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL:** Luke 24:13-35 On the first day of the week, two of the disciples of Jesus were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognising him. And he said to them, 'What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?' And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?' And he said to them, 'What things?' And they said to him, 'Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the

tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.' And he said to them, 'O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?' And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, but they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, for it is towards evening and the day is now far spent.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognised him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?' And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the Eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**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:** Receive, O Lord, we pray, these offerings of your exultant Church, and, as you have given her cause for such great gladness, grant also that the gifts we bring may bear fruit in perpetual happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

**Communion Antiphon:** Lk 24: 35 The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

**Prayer after Communion:** Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord, and grant, we pray, that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries may attain in their flesh the incorruptible glory of the resurrection. 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

**Second collection:** The second collection today is for the maintenance of Saint George's Cathedral. This collection helps meet the cost of the upkeep of the cathedral. Saint George's Cathedral, Southwark, is the mother church of the diocese. Thank you for your continued support.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be at 7pm in the Parish House on Friday 8th May. This is the second meeting of the year. All council members are asked to attend. Thank you for all you do.

**Lectio Divina Prayer Group:** The next Lectio Divina Prayer Group will take place on **Wednesday 29th April** from 7pm to 8pm in the church. Everyone welcome.

On **Wednesday 22nd April** the **From Joy to Mission** sessions continue from 7pm to 8pm. A journey of peace, joy and love from Easter to Pentecost, using the weekday Mass readings; exploring 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 by phone, WhatsApp or text to find out more. Everyone welcome.

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

**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 Cele-

bration 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.

**Thank you from Missio:** St Mary Magdalen raised £1239.39, a fantastic amount. Thank you for your continued support.

**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

*"Three things are necessary for the salvation of man: to know what he ought to believe; to know what he ought to desire; and to know what he ought to do." — St. Thomas Aquinas*

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