

4th Sunday of Easter, 25th./26th. 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

Jesus the Good Shepherd

In the Gospel this Sunday, we encounter part of Jesus' response to those who sought confirmation of his messiahship. He reveals his identity by describing himself as a shepherd. In doing so, it becomes clear that his mission is not one of political power, but of service and sacrifice. By presenting himself as a shepherd, Jesus highlights the responsibilities, mission, and vision associated with that role. Just as a shepherd is always available to care for the flock, Jesus makes himself fully available to his people—even to the point of laying down his life. As a shepherd's mission is to guide and protect, so too is Jesus entrusted with the care of his people.

Today's liturgy challenges us in three ways: First, it calls us to trust in God and never lose hope, no matter how difficult life may seem. Our Shepherd is always present, leading us to greener pastures. Second, it invites us to be "listening sheep." Jesus says, *"My sheep hear my voice... and they follow me."* As members of his flock, do we truly listen to his voice in Scripture and in the teachings of the Church? Third, on this Vocations Sunday, we are reminded to pray for and support vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Our world is in great need of shepherds who can guide others spiritually. Through our prayers and encouragement, we can help more people hear the voice of Christ and follow him. **Fr Nat**

Mass Times & Intentions: 25 April 2026 — 3 May 2026

Sat. 25th. 6:30pm: People of the Parish

Sun. 26th. 8.30am: Alex Lobow (God's Blessing, long life, good health and private intentions)10:00am: Allan Noel (10th Ann.R.I.P) Mietek Mrowczynski (6th Ann. R.I.P.) .11.30am: Francisco Paula Casaucao Rey (R.I.P.)

Mon. 27th. 9:30am: Patricia O'Mahoney (Ann. R.I.P.)

Tue. 28th. 9:30am: Sotr of St Giana

Wed. 29th. 9:30am: Kathleen Taylor (Ann. R.I.P.)

Thur. 30th. 9:30am: Kathleen Taylor (Ann. R.I.P.)

Fri: 1st. 9:30am: Margaret (Peg) Stone (R.I.P. and birthday wishes)

Sat. 2nd. 9:30am: Karen Jeevaratnam (R.I.P)

Sat. 2nd. 6:30pm: Catriona & Lorraine (Special Intention)

Sun. 3rd. 8.30am: Alex Lobow (God's Blessing, long life, good health and private intentions).10:00am: Antonio Russo (R.I.P.) 11.30am:

The SICK: Esta Joseph, Rosa Sanctos, Annie O'Kane, Aggrey Michael Davis, Peter Carey, Peter Ag-eyman, Mario Despiso, 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 Walsh, Melania Ambrosi, Susanna Wells, Boguslaw Kalinka, Zdzislaw Chruszczewski, Allan Noel, Patricia O'Mahoney, Melanie Robinson, John Rossiter, Thomas Hopkins, Raymond Worwood, Suhun Chen Ashe, James Spencer, Kathleen Taylor, Terence Reid, Jimal & Kamra Tyson, Emilia Stambera, Ainsley Newton, John Markey, John Prial, Cornelius McAdam, Edward Dempsey, Gabrielle Palmer & Florence Mayo.



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.

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 Cf. Ps 32: 5-6 The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, 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: Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.' Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the Apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?' And Peter said to them, 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.' And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this crooked generation.' So those who received his word were baptised, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

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

Responsorial Ps Ps 23(22):1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6. R1
The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul. **R**

He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name.
Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death,
no evil would I fear, for you are with me.
Your crook and your staff will give me comfort. **R**

You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the LORD's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:20b-25 Beloved: If when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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Gospel Acclamation: John 10:14 Alleluia, alleluia. I am the good shepherd, says the Lord. I know my sheep and my own know me. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 10:1-10 At that time: Jesus said, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the

gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.' This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So Jesus again said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.'

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: Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries, so that the renewal constantly at work within us may be the cause of our unending joy. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion: Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

• 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.

Softening 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

Annual Retreat: Fr Christian will be away to Leeds for Spiritans annual retreat from the afternoon of 27th April until the 1st of May. We wish him well and pray for him during this time.

Second collection: The second collection today is for The Priest Training Fund (Ecclesiastical Education). This collection helps to meet the cost of training students for the priesthood and the permanent diaconate. It also supports certain forms of ongoing formation of the clergy. Our future priests will go on to serve in our parishes, schools, hospitals, and among those most in need across our communities. We rely on your prayers and generosity to make this possible. Please consider supporting the Priest Training Fund today.

Confession: Confession will take place after all Masses this weekend.

The next **Parish Pastoral Council** meeting is moved to 7pm in the Parish House on **Friday 15th May**. The date change is for pastoral reasons. This is the second meeting of the year. All council members are asked to attend. Thank you for all you do..

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.

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima: To mark the feast of Our Lady of Fatima, there will be a Mass at 7pm on Wednesday 13 May 2026 with a procession around the local streets and school grounds. Please bring food or drink to share after the Mass.

Pentecost Celebration Sunday 24th May

The celebration will take place on the 24th May at and after the 11.30am Mass. It is the feast day of the **Birthday of the Church** and the feast of the Spiritans who serve you. It will be marked as an **International Day** with the various readings and parts of the Mass in the different languages of our Parishioners. Families, ethnic groups, sodalities are encouraged to come along with gifts such as altar bread, Mass wine, candles and fruit as part of our Offertory in the Mass. Everyone is asked to dress in their cultural attire. There will be a procession with country of origin flags at the beginning of the Mass and the flags will be presented before the altar.

For the celebration in the Parish Hall after the Mass, we would like donations of food and drink from our different cultures. and also donations of money to celebrate our togetherness and uniqueness.

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 6th May**, 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.

Obituary: Karen Jeevaratnam one of our beloved parishioners, sadly passed away on the 15th of March 2026 at St Christopher's Hospice, aged 58. We pray for peace and consolation for her family. May her gentle soul rest in peace.

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

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. Mass offerings can be made online to the parish account.. Account name: RCAS Brockley, NatWest, Account Number: 79143962, Sort code 605001

“a society is judged by how it protects its weakest members, particularly the unborn and dying” - Pope St. John Paul II

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