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St. Mary Magdalen Roman Catholic Church, Brockley

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, 4th/5th 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

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY: ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

A couple of weeks ago we started what looked like a hopeless, and an endless journey. Today we have come to the end of that journey. Today is the greatest of all Sundays in the Christian calendar because of the newness of life that it brings. Today a new era has completely begun. This is because the historical Jesus, who suffered, was crucified, died and was buried has now been glorified. The short story is that Christ has risen in fulfilment of his promise: "I will rise on the third day." The battle is over. There is no controversy because Jesus is Lord! Today, we celebrate the triumph of good over evil, of light over darkness, and of peace over chaos. Through his resurrection, Jesus affirms that he is the Lord of the living and the dead. One question that we must ask ourselves this Easter Sunday is: Did I resurrect with Christ this Easter? Today's gospel tells us that Jesus left the linen cloths in the grave. In other words he did not cling to any "worldly" thing or allowed them to pull him down. If we must rise with Christ, we must equally be ready to detach ourselves from all unnecessary distractions that pull us down spiritually. Through our Lenten observances we died with Christ. So let us rise with him through the power of the Holy Spirit. Like Paul, today our song should be that of thanksgiving to God: "We bless God the father of our Lord Jesus Christ who in his great mercy has given us a new birth...by raising Jesus Christ from the dead." This is because, Christ's death was our death and his resurrection is ours too. Therefore, his joy, glory and triumph are equally ours. As Christ's disciples, our duty is to spread the good news of the Lord's resurrection to the entire world. Having been raised with Christ, we must now seek the things of light, things that are noble and things that glorify God. **Fr. Christian.**

Mass Times & Intentions: 4 April 2026 — 12 April 2026

Sat. 4th. 8.00pm: People of the Parish, Vivian Iwaka (Thankful for God's goodness and mercies)
Sun. 5th. 8.30am: Alex Lobow (God's Blessing, long life, good health and private intentions). 10:00am: Anne, Martin & Olive Whelan (Ann. R.I.P.), Gloria Appiyah (Ann. R.I.P.). 11.30am: Catherine McNicholas (Ann. R.I.P.), Maureen Hynes (R.I.P.), Sarah Ajagbawa (Ann. R.I.P.), Vivian Iwaka (Thankful for God's goodness and mercies)
Mon. 6th. 9:30am: Raj Soosaipillai (Ann R.I.P), Vivian Iwaka (Thankful for God's goodness and mercies)
Tue. 7th. 9:30am: Vivian Iwaka (Thankful for God's goodness and mercies), Catrina & Lorraine (Special intention)
Wed. 8th. 9:30am: Vivian Iwaka (Thankful for God's goodness and mercies), Johnson family (Special intention)
Thur. 9th. 9:30am: Vivian Iwaka (Thankful for God's goodness and mercies)
Fri. 10th. 9:30am: Vivian Iwaka (Thankful for God's goodness and mercies)
Sat. 11th. 9:30am: Vivian Iwaka (Thankful for God's goodness and mercies)
Sat. 11th. 6:30pm: Simon Duggan (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: Vivian Iwaka (Thankful for God's goodness and mercies)

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:** Michael Bereziuk, Felicia Nsiah, Michael Sullivan, Robert Rowe, Dermot Allen, Stephen Roche, Alfred Hoffard, Fred Bryan, Janina Rakowicz, Wojtek Krakowiak, Nicola Cencio, Simon Duggan, Luisa Capocci & Terence Kennedy.



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

TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 138: 18, 5-6 I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, 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: O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. 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 10:34a, 37-43 In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: 'You yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and caused him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

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

Responsorial Psalm Ps 130(129):1-2. 3-4. 5-6b. 6c-8. R7bc

Ps 118(117):1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R24

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

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.' **R**

The Lord's right hand is exalted.

The Lord's right hand has done mighty deeds.

I shall not die, I shall live

and recount the deeds of the Lord. **R**

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

By the Lord has this been done,

a marvel in our eyes. **R**

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4 Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

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

Sequence Victimae Paschali Laudes: Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation 1 Corinthians 5:7b-8a Alleluia, alleluia. Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed; let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 20:1-9 On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on the head of Jesus, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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: Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord, we offer the sacrifice by which your Church is wondrously reborn and nourished. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: 1 Cor 5: 7-8 Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion: Look upon your Church, O God, with unfailing love and favour, so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries, she may come to the 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.

Softener 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

The clergy wishes to thank you all for your continued kindness and love. We appreciate your help and support to this parish. Happy Easter to you all.

Annual Divine Mercy Novena started on Friday, the 3rd April. Novena leaflet will be distributed after all the Masses for those interested.

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

On alternate Wednesdays, starting on 7th April, 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 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 mflsc@rcaos.org.uk As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Clapham, Brockley.

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

“A man who was completely innocent, offered himself as a sacrifice for the good of others, including his enemies, and became the ransom of the world. It was a perfect act” *Mahatma Gandhi*

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