

## 5th Sunday of Easter, 2nd./3rd. May 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

#### WE ARE ROYAL AND PRIESTLY PEOPLE

Today the Church reminds us of who we are: "The chosen race and the royal priesthood, who would be and reign with Christ. In today's first reading, the drama that unfolded led to the election of seven deacons to take care of the social needs of the believers. We can learn the following lessons from the first reading. First, we must not neglect or take our communities' social or material needs for granted. If left unattended, they could undermine the work of God. Second, we must balance our spiritual and material needs because both are important. Third, we must not forget who we are or neglect our primary calling. Peter rightly noted that the mundane should not distract us from our mission and vocation. The spiritual will undoubtedly suffer if we pay too much attention to material needs. We cannot do everything by ourselves. We must let others play their role by helping us. Finally, we must be wise and prayerful in selecting ministers for God's mission. They must be "men of good reputation, filled with the Holy Spirit and wisdom. In the second reading, Peter reminds us of who we indeed are: "A chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation ...." Here, Peter highlights our participation in the priesthood of Christ through the "common or general priesthood." In baptism we are configured to become "Priest." Thus, Peter highlights the efficacy of the "Sacraments of Christian initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and confirmation) on us as believers. Unfortunately, many of us do not know who we are in Christ. This is the reason many of us cannot maximize our priestly and royal potential. As priests and people of royal descent, we must assert ourselves positively. It takes faith and genuine relationship with Christ to do this. Therefore, let us ask God to help us live as members of the royal priesthood. **Fr. Christian.**

#### Mass Times & Intentions: 2 May 2026 — 10 May 2026

Sat. 2nd. 6:30pm: Catriona & Lorraine ( Special Intention), Sick Parishioners  
Sun. 3rd. 8.30am: Dennis Keefe (Ann. R.I.P), Adelina Rimando (Ann. R.I.P). 10:00am: Alex Lobow (God's Blessing, long life, good health and private intentions).11.30am: People of the Parishioners  
Mon. 4th. 9:30am: Catriona & Lorraine ( Private Intentions)  
Tue. 5th. 9:30am: Gerald McPartlane (R.I.P.),  
Wed. 6th. 9:30am: Mary Gallagher (Ann. R.I.P.)  
Thur. 7th. 9:30am: Mr Wessell George Rose (R.I.P.)  
Fri: 8th. 9:30am: Karen Miranda Jeevaratnam (R.I.P.)  
Sat. 9th 9:30am: Bridget Lobow (Ann. R.I.P.)  
Sat. 9th. 6:30pm: Patrick Dooley (Ann. R.I.P)  
Sun. 10th. 8.30am: Alex Lobow (God's Blessing, long life, good health and private intentions).10:00am: Lucia, (1st Ann. R.I.P.). 11.30am:

**The SICK:** Esta Joseph, Rosa Sanctos, Annie O'Kane, Aggrey Michael Davis, Peter Carey, Peter Ag-eyman, 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:** John Markey, John Prial, Cornelius Mcadam, Edward Dempsey, Gabrielle Palmer, Florence Mayo, Mary Murray, Lorraine Roper, Frederick Hatch, Margaret Watertow, Agnes Cullen, Nellie Beamiss, William Jiggins, Thomas Silva, Paul Janvier, Lilian Walsh, Fr Sunith Nonis, Eileen Boulton, Beverley Clark, Reginald Eli Cole, Patrick Dooley, Catherine Oxley, Luigi Bussoli, Bridget Lobow.



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 97: 1-2 O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, 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, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. 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 2:14a, 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 33(32):1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R 22**  
*May your merciful love be upon us,  
as we hope in you, O LORD.*  
Ring out your joy to the LORD, O you just;

for praise is fitting from the upright.  
Give thanks to the LORD upon the harp;  
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R**

The word of the LORD is upright,  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The LORD loves justice and right,  
and his merciful love fills the earth. **R**

Yes, the LORD'S eyes are on those who fear him,  
who hope in his merciful love,  
to rescue their soul from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. **R**

**SECOND READING:** 1 Peter 2:4-9 Beloved: Come to the Lord, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious. You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture: 'Behold, I am laying in Sion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' So the honour is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone', and 'A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

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**Gospel Acclamation:** John 14:6 Alleluia, alleluia. I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL:** John 14:1-12 At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on

you do know him and have seen him.’ Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.’

**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:** O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead, grant, we pray, that, as we have come to know your truth, we may make it ours by a worthy way of life. Through Christ our Lord.

**Communion Antiphon:** Cf. Jn 15: 1, 5 I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

**Prayer after Communion:** Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. 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

Fr Christian has been booked in for a follow-up brain surgery at the Kings College Hospital, London on Friday 8 May. Please let us remember him at Masses and private prayers.

**Safeguarding Sunday 2026:** Sunday 3 May is Safeguarding Sunday. In line with today's Gospel, we are called to protect, called to care, called to act. Safeguarding is not the work of a few; it is a shared responsibility. You can find out more about Safeguarding Sunday at [rcaos.org.uk/safeguardingsunday](https://rcaos.org.uk/safeguardingsunday) or via the QR code.



**Rosary:** May is the month of the Rosary. Let us pray our rosaries every day as we continue to seek the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**Parish Pastoral Council date change:** The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will take place at 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:** The celebration will take place on the 24th May at and after the 11.30am Mass. It is the feast day of the **Birth-day 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 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.

On **Wednesday 6th May**, the **From Joy to Mission** continues from 7pm to 8pm., 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:** Mr Wessell George Rose one of our beloved parishioners, sadly passed away recently. His funeral will take place on Tuesday the 19th of May at 11.30am at St Mary Magdalen's Church, and burial at 1.30pm in Grove Park Cemetery, Marvels Lane, London SE12 We pray for peace and consolation for his family. May his gentle soul rest in peace.

**Obituary:** Karen Miranda Jeevaratnam one of our beloved parishioners, sadly passed away on the 15th of April 2026 at St Christopher's Hospice, aged 58. Her funeral will take place on Thursday the 21st of May 12pm at St Elpheges R/C church SM6 9AY, 120 Stafford Road, Wallington then on to Bandon Hill Cemetery for burial at 2.00pm 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.

**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

*"People are unrealistic, illogical, and self-centred. Love them anyway" St. Teresa of Calcutta*

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