

6th Sunday of Easter, 9th./10th. 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

Holy Spirit, The Advocate

We often hear that the Holy Spirit is the Advocate, but what does this mean? It means God is always on our side. In moments of trouble or abandonment, God remains with us from birth to death. The Advocate is sometimes misunderstood as someone who pleads our case before God. In truth, the Advocate *is* God—the Judge himself. Rather than pleading with God about us, the Advocate pleads with us, helping us change how we see ourselves and God. It would make little sense for God to plead with God; this would contradict the truth that God is love. He came not to condemn, but to save, heal, and give us abundant life (John 10:9). The Advocate represents God, encouraging and guiding us—like a life coach. As Jesus said, “The Advocate... will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you” (John 14:26). Throughout the Easter season, we are reminded: “Do not be troubled,” “I am the bread of life,” “I am the good shepherd,” “I am the light of the world,” “Do not be afraid,” and “I am with you always. “Life is uncertain and often difficult. We face loss, illness, and discouragement. In these moments, the Holy Spirit—the Advocate—reveals the truth and light of God's love. **Fr Nat.**

Mass Times & Intentions:

9 May 2026 — 17 May 2026

Sat. 9th. 6:30pm: Patrick Dooley (Ann. R.I.P), Olufunmilayo Gabriella Chirside (divine mercy, grace, healing & protection).
Sun. 10th. 8.30am: Breda McAleer (well being), 10:00am: Mrs Teresa Claffey (1st Ann R.I.P), Lucia 11.30am: Alex Lobow (God's Blessing, long life, good health and private intentions), Olufunmilayo Gabriella Chirside (divine mercy, grace, healing & protection).
Mon. 11th. 9:30am: Fr Christian (Thanksgiving & speedy recovery), Lucia (1st Ann .R.I.P), Olufunmilayo Gabriella Chirside (divine mercy, grace, healing & protection).
Tue. 12th. 9:30am: Ray & Maggie Stone (Intention), Olufunmilayo Gabriella Chirside (divine mercy, grace, healing & protection).
Wed. 13th. 9:30am: Bert Theobald (14th Ann R.I.P), Olufunmilayo Gabriella Chirside (divine mercy, grace, healing & protection).
Thur. 14th. 9:30am: Elfreda God's protection, Olufunmilayo Gabriella Chirside (divine mercy, grace, healing & protection).
Thur. 14th. 7:30am: Daniella (God's Healing Grace)
Fri: 15th. 9:30am: John Gerrey (94th Birthday, R.I.P.), Olufunmilayo Gabriella Chirside (divine mercy, grace, healing and protection).
Sat. 16th 9:30am: Olufunmilayo Gabriella Chirside (divine mercy, grace, healing & protection).
Sat. 16th. 6:30pm:
Sun. 17th. 8.30am: Alex Lobow (God's Blessing, long life, good health & private intentions).10:00am: 11.30am: Olufunmilayo Gabriella Chirside (divine mercy, grace, healing & protection).

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:** Reginald Eli Cole, Patrick Dooley, Catherine Oxley, Luigi Bussoli, Bridget Lobow, Dorothy Collins, Violet Foster, Christian Seward, Justin Ezenwammadu, Lucia Forino, Agrippina Treslove, Franciszek Glowinski, Charles Savory, Leo Garvey, Richard Cullen, Durval Simmonds, Bridget McGrath, Jovita Fraucis, Bartholomew De Roche, Seweryna Operleitner, Kathleen O'Brien, David Perkowiak & Margaret Murray.



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. Is 48: 20 Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, 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: Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. 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 8:5-8, 14-17 In those days: Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralysed or lame were healed. So there was much joy in that city. Now when the Apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

Responsorial Ps 66(65):1-3a. 4-5. 6-7a. 16, 20. R1
Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God, 'How wondrous your deeds!' **R**

Before you all the earth shall bow down,
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God:
his wondrous deeds among the children of Adam. **R**

He turned the sea into dry land;
they passed through the river on foot.
Let our joy, then, be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. **R**

Come and hear, all who fear God;
I will tell what he did for my soul.
Blest be God, who did not reject my prayer,
nor withhold from me his merciful love. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:15-18 Beloved: In your hearts honour Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defence to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behaviour in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

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Gospel Acclamation: John 14:23 Alleluia, alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 14:15-21 At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he

will give you another Helper, to be with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. 'I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.'

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: May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord, together with the sacrificial offerings, so that, purified by your graciousness, we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Jn 14: 15-16 If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia

Prayer after Communion: Almighty ever-living God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food. 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.

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

Fr Christian: Please pray for Fr Christian as he recovers in hospital from brain surgery. Please let us remember him at Masses and private prayers.

Ascension Thursday: Ascension Thursday is on 14th May. It is a Holy day of obligation. There will be Masses at 9.30am and 7.30pm.

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: The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will take place at 7pm in the Parish House on **Friday 15th May**. All council members are asked to attend. Thank you for all you do.

Novena to the Holy Spirit will begin on Friday 15th May to Saturday 23th of May. We shall begin the prayers immediately after 9.30am Mass. Copies of the Novena prayers are available at the back of the Church.

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 **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 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 20th April** from 7pm to 8pm in the church. Everyone welcome.

On **Thursday 21st May**, the last 'From Joy to Mission' session will take place from 7pm to 8pm on zoom. Please note the change of day. 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=Sn21clf9wosdtziQzpvxjF2SQmUa2U.1>

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.

Confirmation Day: Our confirmands will be confirmed by Canon Victor Darlington on Sunday 21st June at 11.30 Mass. Confirmation Celebration in the hall after Mass to 4pm, provided by the parents.

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

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

"The Rosary is the weapon for these times" — St. Padre Pio

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