

7th Sunday of Easter, 16th./17th. 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

A Call to Reviving Our Prayer Life

Prayer is not only for moments of fear or difficulty. Many of us remember to pray when life is dark, but forget to turn to God when things are going well. Today's readings remind us that prayer should be part of our daily lives. After the Ascension, the Apostles gathered together in prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus. In the Gospel, Jesus also prays for his disciples. These examples show us the importance of remaining close to God through constant prayer. The Catechism teaches that prayer is "the lifting up of the mind and heart to God." True prayer requires trust and opens our hearts to God's guidance and love. It also calls us to let go of attitudes that weaken our relationship with God and with others, such as pride, selfishness, hatred, and dishonesty.

May we continue to grow in prayer each day, trusting that God walks with us in every moment of life. **Fr Nat**

Mass Times & Intentions: 16 May 2026 — 24 May 2026

Sat. 16th. 6:30pm: People of the Parish

Sun. 17th. 8.30am: Alex Lobow (God's Blessing, long life, good health and private intentions) 10:00am: Fr Christian (Full Recovery) 11.30am: Olufunmilayo Gabriella Chirnside (divine mercy, grace, healing & protection)

Mon. 18th. 9:30am: George & Isabella Gilmour (R.I.P.),

Tue. 19th. 9:30am: Brendan McGill (Speedy Recovery)

Wed. 20th. 9:30am: John Gerreyn (7th Ann. R.I.P.)

Thur. 21st. 9:30am: Dean Smith (Ann. R.I.P.)

Fri. 22nd. 9:30am: Gerald McPartlane (R.I.P.), Mary Carol (R.I.P.),

Sat. 23rd. 9:30am: Holy Souls

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Sun. 24th. 8.30am: Alex Lobow (God's Blessing, long life, good health and private intentions). 10:00am: Macinest Alexis (R.I.P.) 11.30am:

The SICK: Esta Joseph, Rosa Sanctos, Annie O'Kane, Aggrey Michael Davis, Peter Carey, Peter Ageyman, 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: Margaret Murray, Carmela Di Giovanni, William Hennessy, Anna Field, Dean Smith, Doreen Agnew, John Gerreyn, Silvio Polidoro, Alex Kaczmarczyk, Frances Fenton, Roger Vincent, Madeleine Collins, Francis Halstead, Theresa Jouval & Michael Egan.

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 26: 7-9 O whom shall I fear?
Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of whom should I dread? **R**
you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, 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: Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord, so that we, who believe that the Saviour of the human race is with you in your glory, may experience, as he promised, until the end of the world, his abiding presence among us. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING: Acts 1:12-14 After Jesus was taken up into heaven the Apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers and sisters.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Ps 27(26):1. 4. 7-8a. R13
I believe I shall see the LORD'S goodness in the land of the living.

The LORD is my light and my salvation;

There is one thing I ask of the LORD,
only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD,
to enquire at his temple. **R**

O LORD, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer me.
Of you my heart has spoken,
'Seek his face.' **R**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:13-16 Beloved:
Rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evildoer, or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Cf. John 14:18 Alleluia, alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord. I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 17:1-11a At that time: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you

have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.'

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: Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that through these acts of devotedness we may pass over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Jn 17: 22 Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion: Hear us, O God our Saviour, and grant us confidence, that through these sacred mysteries there will be accomplished in the body of the whole Church what has already come to pass in Christ her Head. 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.

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

Second collection: The second collection today is for World Communications Day. This collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CNN), the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. It provides support for the Bishops of England and Wales and the wider Church in promoting the Gospel through media on current issues. Thank you for your continued support.

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. We would like donations of food and drink from our different cultures, and also donations of money to celebrate our togetherness and uniqueness.

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

Lectio Divina Prayer Group: The next Lectio Divina Prayer Group will take place on **Wednesday 20th May** 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. 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>

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.

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.

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.

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

50/50 Club Final Reminder: The 50/50 club need more new members. Forms are available at the back of the Church. Completed forms can be handed to one of the clergy or drop it into the presbytery. Existing members can collect their envelopes at the back of the Church. Thank you to John and Breda for their great work and support.

Second collection next weekend: The second collection next weekend will be for the Spiritian Missions worldwide, which helps to train seminarians and help priests in poor parishes.

Hall rental: Please contact Fr. Nat or Fr. Christian for fees and availability.

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

"Money is a kind of dung, which if you spread around, it makes things grow; but if you pile it up, it stinks," St. Francis of Assisi.

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