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St. Mary Magdalen Roman Catholic Church, Brockley

Pentecost Sunday, 23rd./24th. 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

God Grant Us a New Pentecost

Pentecost is a powerful moment that changed everything. The Gospel writer finds it hard to describe because it goes beyond normal words. It marks the beginning of the Church and its mission to share Christ's message. In a way, it is as important as creation itself, when God gave life to the world. St. Luke describes it using images: "a sound like a strong wind" filled the house, and "what seemed to be tongues of fire" appeared. He uses wind and fire to show the power of God's Spirit, but he also makes it clear these are only comparisons. This shows how difficult it is to explain an experience of God in human language. A key detail is that the "tongues of fire" came to rest on each person. This is very important. In the Old Testament, God's Spirit came on certain people for specific roles—kings, prophets, or priests—who served the community. But at Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came on everyone there, giving each person a share in all three roles: king, priest, and prophet. This had never happened before. In the past, people might receive one role, but not all of them. At Pentecost, the Spirit was given freely and without limits. It was not based on gender, age, social class, or status. Everyone received the gift. This shows the powerful change the Holy Spirit brings, which the Church still needs today. As Pope John XXIII prayed at the opening session of the Second Vatican Council: "Renew your wonders in our time, O God; grant us a new Pentecost." Fr **Nat**

Mass Times & Intentions: 23 May 2026 — 31 May 2026

Sat. 23rd. 6:30pm: Peter McCormick (Well Being)

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: People of the Parish

Mon. 25th. 9:30am: May Walsh (Ann. R.I.P.)

Tue. 26th. 9:30am: Sick Parishioners

Wed. 27th. 9:30am: Helena & Walter Jewson (R.I.P.)

Thur. 28th. 9:30am: Thomas O'Sullivan (Ann. R.I.P.)

Fri. 29th. 9:30am: May Walsh (Ann. R.I.P.)

Sat. 30th 9:30am: Holy Souls

Sat. 30th. 6:30pm: Catriona & Lorraine (Special Intentions)

Sun. 31st. 8.30am: Alex Lobow (God's Blessing, long life, good health and private intentions).10:00am:

11.30am: Bridget Duffy (Ann. R.I.P.)

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 Lan-

gridge, Patricia Wocial & Maxine Leech. **ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Bridget

Duffy, Madeleine Collins, Francis Halstead, Theresa Jouval, Michael Egan, John Ellery,

Elsie Kenue, Raffaele De Riva, Shamraj Dhairyam, May Walsh, Mary Higgins, Francis Car-

rigan, William Weed, Kingsley Nwaeze, Peter Walsh, Thomas O'Sullivan, Daniel Cassera,

Esther Wilson-McCalman, Adela Morley, Eileen Sweeney, Elizabeth Bye, & Jana Rakowi-

cza.



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 Wis 1: 7 The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, 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 by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers. 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 2:1-11 When the day of Pentecost arrived, the Apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians — we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.'

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Ps 104(103):1ab, 24ac. 29b-30. 31, 34. R
cf. 30

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

O LORD my God, how great you are!

How many are your works, O LORD!

The earth is full of your creatures. **R**

You take away their breath, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, and they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth. **R**

May the glory of the LORD last for ever!

May the LORD rejoice in his works!

May my thoughts be pleasing to him.

I will rejoice in the LORD. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
Brothers and Sisters: No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except in the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptised into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sequence: Veni, sancte Spiritus Holy Spirit, Lord of Light, From the clear celestial height, Thy pure beaming radiance give. Come, thou Father of the poor, Come with treasures which endure Come, thou light of all that live! Thou, of all consolers best, Thou, the soul's delightful guest, Dost refreshing peace bestow. Thou in toil art comfort sweet. Pleasant coolness in the heat. Solace in the midst of woe. Light immortal, light divine, Visit thou these hearts of thine, And our inmost being fill: If thou take thy grace away, Nothing pure in man will stay All his good is turned to ill. Heal our wounds, our strength renew, On our dryness pour thy dew Wash the stains of guilt away: Bend the stubborn heart and will, Melt the frozen, warm the chill, Guide the steps that go astray. Thou, on us who evermore, Thee confess and thee adore, With thy sevenfold gifts descend: Give us comfort when we die, Give us life with thee on high, Give us joys that never end.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-23 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.'

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, as promised by your Son, the Holy Spirit may reveal to us more abundantly the hidden mystery of this sacrifice and graciously lead us into all truth. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Acts 2: 4, 11 They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion: O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your Church, safeguard, we pray, the grace you have given, that the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon her may retain all its force and that this spiritual food may gain her abundance of eternal redemption. 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

Happy Feast Day to everyone, as we celebrate the Feast Day of the Church. May God continue to bless the Church in its mission of evangelising the world.

Happy Feast Day to our Spiritian Fathers worldwide. We pray that God will continue to bless Fr Nathaniel and Fr. Christian in their work and dedication to the parish.

Second collection: The second collection today is for the Spiritian Missions worldwide, which helps to train seminarians and help priests in poor parishes. The Spiritan missionaries work among the poorest of the poor around the world. Thanks for your generosity.

The Pentecost celebration party will take place after the 11.30am Mass.

Lectio Divina Prayer Group: The next Lectio Divina Prayer Group will take place on **Wednesday 3rd June** from 7pm to 8pm in the church. Everyone welcome.

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.

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.

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

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

“Those whose hearts are pure are temples of the Holy Spirit.” —St. Lucy

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