

Saints Peter and Paul, 27th/28th June 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

### Our Great Apostles

Today, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. Though different in character and mission, they are united as the great apostles of the Church. Both had troubled pasts, yet God transformed them into powerful witnesses of the faith. Peter, aware of his sinfulness, left everything to follow Christ, while Paul responded to God's call on the road to Damascus with total surrender. Both apostles also suffered imprisonment, but God delivered them so they could continue their mission. Their lives remind us that no captivity is beyond God's power and that He works through those who make themselves available to Him. As we honour these Princes of the Church, may we learn from their faith, courage, and conversion. Our weaknesses need not define us, and our past does not have to determine our future. **Fr Nat**

#### Mass Times & Intentions: 27th June 2026 — 05 July 2026

Sat. 27th. 6:30pm: People of the parish

Sun. 28th. 8.30am: Patricia Nwoye ( Ann. R.I.P) 10:00am: Alex Lobow (God's Blessing, long life, good health and private intentions). 11.30am: Repose of the soul of Sidonie Ngueuga (R.I.P.)

Mon. 29th. 9:30am: Ian & Lorraine Johnson (Private Intention)

Tue. 30th. 9:30am: Catorina Glean (Private Intention)

Wed. 1st. 9:30am: Bronwen Leech (Ann RIP )

Thur. 2nd. 9:30am: Breda McAleer (R.I.P)

Fri: 3rd. 9:30am: Special Intention

Sat. 4th. 9:30am Peter McCormick (Well Being

Sat. 4th. 6:30pm: Michael O'Boyle (Ann. R.I.P.)

Sun. 5th. 8.30am: John & Mary O'Sullivan RIP (Ann. R.I.P.) 10:00am: Francois China (26th Ann. R.I.P.)

11.30am: Alex Lobow (God's Blessing, long life, good health and private intentions)

**The SICK:** Esta Joseph, Rosa Sanctos, Annie O'Kane, Aggrey Michael Davis, Peter Carey, 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:** William Gook, Mary Leahy, John Clark, Phillipe Tourmentin, Eileen Gibbons, Joseph Sheehan, Jeremiah O'Sullivan, Amy Wetherfield, Andrew Hoy, Andre Berquez, Olivia Mendes, Yvonne McKeller, Susan Mitchell, Marcella Ismail, William McDermott & Mamie Hoffard.

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.

**Safeguarding Rep:** Una McGill (brockleysg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk).

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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.

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St. Mary Magdalen Roman Catholic Church, Brockley

# TODAY'S READINGS

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God.

**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 the Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul give us the noble and holy joy of this day, grant, we pray, that your Church may in all things follow the teaching of those through whom she received the beginnings of right religion. 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 12:1-11 In those days: Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword, and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church. Now when Herod was about to bring him out, on that very night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his hands. And the angel said to him, 'Dress yourself and put on your sandals.' And he did so. And he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' And he went out and followed him. He did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the

iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel left him. When Peter came to himself, he said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

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

Responsorial Psalm: **Ps 34(33):2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9. R5**  
*From all my terrors the LORD set me free.*

I will bless the LORD at all times,  
praise of him is always in my mouth.  
In the LORD my soul shall make its boast;  
the humble shall hear and be glad. **R**

Glorify the LORD with me;  
together let us praise his name.  
I sought the LORD, and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. **R**

Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This lowly one called; the LORD heard,  
and rescued him from all his distress. **R**

The angel of the LORD is encamped  
around those who fear him, to rescue them.  
Taste and see that the LORD is good.  
Blessed the man who seeks refuge in him. **R**

**SECOND READING:** 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18 Beloved: I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have loved his appearing. The Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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**Gospel Acclamation** Matthew 16:18 Alleluia, alleluia. You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 16:13-1 At that time: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter replied, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.'

**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 be-

came 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 the prayer of the Apostles, O Lord, accompany the sacrificial gift that we present to your name for consecration, and may their intercession make us devoted to you in celebration of the sacrifice. Through Christ our Lord.

**Communion Antiphon:** Cf. Mt 16: 16, 18 Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.

**Prayer after Communion:** Grant us, O Lord, who have been renewed by this Sacrament, so to live in the Church, that, persevering in the breaking of the Bread and in the teaching of the Apostles, we may be one heart and one soul, made steadfast in your love. 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

**Welcome:** We extend a warm welcome to Canon Victor Darlington and thank him for his ministry in confirming our candidates.

**Second collection:** The second collection today is for Peter's Pence, which goes towards helping church needs, humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See.

**Parish Celebration of the feast of St Mary Magdalen on Sunday 19th July: 12.30pm to 5pm.** Sunday the 19th July is the day for the celebration of our parish feast of St Mary Magdalen. Family and friends are welcome. To make this a success, we need donations of time, money, food and drink. There will be a celebration in the Parish Hall and playground from 12.30 to 5pm. There will be a bouncy castle, BBQ, DJ, a children's art/faith corner, face painting and a raffle. Please bring food and drink to share. Volunteers are needed to help with setting up beforehand (day to be shared soon) and on the day. Please contact Moira by phone or WhatsApp on 07712507489 to offer your services and or good prizes for the raffle (drinks, toiletries, new unwanted presents). Everyone working together generously will make this a great celebration. Thank you so much.

**Monthly Confession:** There will be confession this weekend after all Masses.

**50/50 Club:** The winners of the April draw were numbers 55 and 14. The May winners were numbers 64 and 78. The June winners were 41 and 36. Each winner will receive £10.

**Misso Red Box:** Please return your red Missio box to the presbytery for counting. Thank you for your continued support.

**Gift Aid envelopes are at the back of the Church,** please, check and collect your envelopes as you leave the Church. If you are a UK

tax payer, you can gift aid your offertory. Please, speak to Fr. Nat or Anna Cioffi if you want to be part of our gift aid scheme. May God bless you.

**Lectio Divina Prayer Group:** The next Lectio Divina Prayer Group will take place on **Wednesday 1st July** from 7pm to 8pm in the church. Everyone welcome.

**Obituary Notice:** It is with deep sadness that we announce the death of Breda McAleer, one of our beloved parishioner, wife of Malachy and devoted mother of Michael, Sarah and John, who passed away on Saturday, 20th June. Reception into St. Mary Magdalen's church will be on Monday the 6th July at 7.30pm. Her funeral requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday the 7th July at 11.30am in St Mary Magdalen's church, and burial at Brockley cemetery. We pray that the Lord will grant Breda eternal rest and bring peace, comfort, and consolation to her family and loved ones. Amen.

**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.

**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

***'Hell can't be made attractive, so the devil makes attractive the road that leads there' - St. Basil the Great***

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