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St. Mary Magdalen Roman Catholic Church, Brockley

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 4th/5th July 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

### Self-Sufficiency Is a Lie

In a world that values busyness and constant achievement, it is easy to become weary, restless, and empty. When we rely only on our own strength, we quickly lose our peace. Jesus invites us to come to Him and find true rest in God's presence. Jesus Himself lived in close communion with the Father, drawing His strength, joy, and peace from God alone. He shows us that real life is found not in striving, but in trust, humility, and daily dependence on God's grace. We are not meant to carry life's burdens alone. God created us for relationship with Him and with one another in loving community. Self-sufficiency is a lie; true peace, strength, and joy are found in Jesus. Let us turn back to Him with trust and humility.

**Prayer** Jesus, give me Your rest and peace. Free me from striving and teach me to trust You more deeply. Fill me with Your calm and help me walk each day in Your presence.

Fr Nat

#### Mass Times & Intentions: 4th July 2026 — 12 July 2026

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

Sun. 5th. 8.30am: John & Mary O'Sullivan (Ann. R.I.P.), 10:00am: Alex Lobow (God's Blessing, long life, good health and private intentions). Francois China (26th Ann. R.I.P.) 11.30am: Bridget Anyaebuna (Birthday Thanksgiving) Margaret Anto-Awuakye (Ann. R.I.P.), Kenny Anto-Awuakye (Ann. R.I.P.)

Mon. 6th. 9:30am: Special Intention

Tue. 7th. 9:30am: Harold James Jack (R.I.P)

Wed. 8th. 9:30am: George Imuere (Ann R.I.P)

Thur. 9th. 9:30am: Bridget O' Boyle (Ann. R.I.P.)

Fri: 10th. 9:30am: Holy Souls

Sat. 11th. 9:30am: People of the Parish

Sat. 11th. 6:30pm: Private Intention

Sun. 12th. 8.30am: Breda McAleer (R.I.P.) 10:00am: Alex Lobow (God's Blessing, long life, good health and private intentions) 11.30am:

**The SICK:** Esta Joseph, Rosa Sanctos, Annie O'Kane, Aggrey Michael Davis, Peter Carey, Mario Despasio, 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:** Susan Mitchell,



Marcella Ismail, William McDermott, Mamie Hoffard, Joseph Martin, Julia Geog Hegan, James McCrory, Eric Thompson, Audrey Rose Thomas, Margaret Cook, Preziosa Asaro, Mary Easterbrook, Mary Melcher, Domenico Pacitto, Anthony Massiah, Kathleen Glover, Elizabeth Williams, Consuelo Singh, James Garvin, William Pooke, John Cherubin, William Flynn, & Susanne Allessani.

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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**Office Hours:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday - (10.00am - 1.00pm)

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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:** Cf. Ps 47: 10-11  
Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

**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 in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness. 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:** Zechariah 9:9-10 Thus says the Lord: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

**Reader:** The word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 145(144):1-2. 8-9. 10-11.*

*13c-14. R cf. 1*

*I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.*

I will extol you, my God and king,  
and bless your name for ever and ever.

I will bless you day after day,  
and praise your name for ever and ever. **R**

The LORD is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.

How good is the LORD to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. **R**

All your works shall thank you, O LORD,  
and all your faithful ones bless you.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign,  
and declare your mighty deeds. **R**

The LORD is faithful in all his words,  
and holy in all his deeds.

The LORD supports all who fall,  
and raises up all who are bowed down. **R**

**SECOND READING:** Romans 8:9, 11-13  
Brothers and Sisters: You are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

**Reader:** The word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Acclamation** Cf. Matthew 11:25 Alleluia, alleluia. I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 11:25-30 At that time Jesus declared, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

**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 this oblation dedicated to your name purify us, O Lord, and day by day bring our conduct closer to the life of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

**Communion Antiphon:** Ps 33: 9 Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

**Prayer after Communion:** Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, having been replenished by such great gifts, we may gain the prize of salvation and never cease to praise you. 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

**Welcome** We warmly welcome Fr Gerard Ohaeri back to our parish. He is a lecturer at a Spiritan seminary in Nigeria and is visiting for few days. Many will remember his visit two years ago. We are delighted to have him with us again and wish him a happy and blessed stay.

**New Altar Servers and Young Readers Rehearsal** : All children interested in becoming altar servers or young readers are warmly invited to attend a rehearsal meeting on **Saturday, 18th July, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** Parents and guardians are encouraged to support and encourage their children and wards to take part in this important ministry in the life of our parish. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

The second collection next weekend will be for Stella Maris (formerly The Apostleship of the Sea).

**Parish Celebration of the feast of St Mary Magdalen on Sunday 19th July: 12.30 p.m to 5 p.m.** Sunday the 19th July is the day for the celebration of our parish feast of St Mary Magdalen. Family and friends are welcome. 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). Thank you so much.

**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 player, 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 15th 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.

**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.

**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](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

*"when you pray, keep to the rule that it is better to say five words from the depth of your heart than ten thousand words with your tongue only" - St Scholastica*

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