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St. Mary Magdalen Roman Catholic Church, Brockley

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 11th/12th 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

### The Word of God

A retired teacher once recalled how former pupils could still remember and quote what he had taught them years later. If ordinary human words can have such a lasting impact, how much more powerful is the Word of God. In today's Gospel, Jesus is the sower, the seed is the Word of God, and the soil represents each one of us. God's Word is generously sown, but we respond in different ways. It is not enough simply to hear the Word; we must allow it to take root in our hearts and bear fruit in our lives. The home is often the richest soil for the seed of faith. When parents pray with their children, show love and respect, and make God's Word part of daily family life, they plant seeds that can last a lifetime. While we forget many things we hear, we rarely forget what we experience at home. As we receive God's Word and strive to live it each day, we become sowers ourselves, passing on the faith to others. May we be good soil, allowing God's Word to bear abundant fruit through lives of faith, love, and service. **Fr Nat**

#### Mass Times & Intentions: 11th July 2026 — 19 July 2026

Sat. 11th. 6:30pm: Anlta Benjamin (R.I.P.)  
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: Safe Journey & Divine Protection  
Mon. 13th. 9:30am: People of the Parish  
Tue. 14th. 9:30am: Holy Souls  
Wed. 15th. 9:30am: Gerald McPartlane (R.I.P.)  
Thur. 16th. 9:30am: Mary Carol (R.I.P.)  
Fri. 17th. 9:30am: James Garvin (Ann. R.I.P.)  
Sat. 18th. 9:30am: Charles Peach (Ann. R.I.P.)  
Sat. 18th. 6:30pm: People of the Parish  
Sun. 19th. 8.30am: Breda McAleer (Month's Mind, R.I.P.). 10:00am: Alex Lobow (God's Blessing, long life, good health and private intentions) 11.30am: Margaret Khondoker (Ann. R.I.P.)

**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:** James Garvin, William Pooke, John James Cherubin, William Flynn, Susanne Allessani, Charles Peach, Margaret Khondoker, Mary Berry, Anne Lynch, Michael Odigboh, Ted Byrne, Andre Vel, Roy Lewis, Malcolm Hufford & Dirk Coe.



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 .....*

# TODAY'S READINGS

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Cf. Ps 16:15 As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

**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 show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour. 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:** Isaiah 55:10-11 Thus says the Lord: 'For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.'

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

**All:** Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: **Ps 65(64):10a-d. 10e-11. 12-13. 14.**

**R Luke 8:8**

**Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.**

You visit the earth, give it water;  
you fill it with riches.  
God's ever-flowing river brims over  
to prepare the grain. **R**

And thus you prepare it:  
you drench its furrows;  
you level it, soften it with showers;  
you bless its growth. **R**

You crown the year with your bounty.  
Abundance flows in your pathways;  
in pastures of the desert it flows.

The hills are girded with joy. **R**

The meadows clothed with flocks.  
The valleys are decked with wheat.  
They shout for joy; yes, they sing! **R**

**SECOND READING:** Romans 8:18-23 Brothers and Sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption, and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

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

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Acclamation** 1S3:9, Jn6:68 Alleluia, alleluia. The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower; all who find him will live for ever. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 13:1-23 At that time: Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.' Then the disciples came and said to him, 'Why do you speak to them in parables?' And he answered them, 'To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says: "You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive." For this peo-

ple's heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them. But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it. 'Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

**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:** Look upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord, as she makes her prayer to you, and grant that, when consumed by those who believe, they may bring ever greater holiness. Through Christ our Lord

**Communion Antiphon:** Cf. Ps 83: 4-5 The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

**Prayer after Communion:** Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord, that, by our participation in this mystery, its saving effects upon us may grow. 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.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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 11:00a.m. to 12:30p.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.

**Second Collection:** This collection is for Stella Maris, which supports seafarers worldwide. Its members provide practical and pastoral care to all seafarers, regardless of nationality or belief. Stella Maris relies wholly on voluntary contributions, and can only continue its work through the generous donations of its supporters, particularly this collection.

**Parish Celebration of the feast of St Mary Magdalen:** 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.

**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.

**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

*"Time is too slow for those who wait, too swift for those who fear, too long for those who grieve, too short for those who rejoice, but for those who love, time is eternity" - Henry Van*

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