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St. Mary Magdalen Roman Catholic Church, Brockley

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 25th./26th. July

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 FIRST

In today's readings, Jesus reminds us that the Kingdom of Heaven begins with one simple truth: God must come first in our lives. When we place Him at the centre, everything else falls into its proper place. The parables also remind us that God is patient and merciful. He gives us time to repent and return to Him, but we should not become complacent. None of us knows how much time we have, so Jesus calls us to be ready today. Like Solomon, we need a discerning heart that chooses God's wisdom over worldly desires. Following Christ means letting go of selfishness, sin, and misplaced priorities so that He may truly reign in our hearts. Let us use the time God has given us well and strive to put Him first in all things. When God comes first, everything else finds its rightful place.

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Mass Times & Intentions: 25 July 2026 — 2 August 2026

Sat. 25th. 6:30pm: Fiona McGill (Ann. R.I.P.) Chiemelie Francis Ntukogu (Child Dedication)
Sun. 26th. 8.30am: Alex Lobow (God's Blessing, long life, good health and private intentions) 10:00am: Michael Owuraku Kodwiw (Birthday Thanksgiving) 11.30am: Birthday Thanksgiving (Long life and Prosperity)
Mon. 27th. 9:30am: Journey mercies to all travellers
Tue. 28th. 9:30am: Thanksgiving
Wed. 29th. 9:30am: Patricia Wocial (God's blessings, grace and healing)
Thur. 30th. 9:30am: Sick Parishioners
Fri. 31st. 9:30am: George Gilmour (R.I.P.)
Sat. 1st 9:30am: Thanksgiving
Sat. 1st. 6:30pm: People of the Parish
Sun. 2nd. 8.30am: Costanzo De Stefano (R.I.P.) 10:00am: Alex Lobow (God's Blessing, long life, good

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 Aluebhosole, Gwen Randall, Chinyere Oburota, Patrick Akanya, Kathy Langridge, Patricia Wocial & Maxine Leech. **ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Rita Coleman, James Burbridge, James Power, John Carter, Henry Bryan, Flavie Grant, Phyllis McCollin, Mary Clark, Kevin Tree, Fr Antoni Debski, Ivy Cranmer, Frank Gaynard, Frederick Yardley, Joseph Downes, Maria Paul, Doris Ward, John Harries, Emily Peacock, Bridget Nelson, Daniel Bailey, Baby Verapen, John Earley, Noel McGee, Gregorio Corsale, Stanislaus Philbert, Alphonso Cherubini, Jan Domagalski & Blanche Wagemans.



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 67: 6-7, 36 God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

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, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. 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: 1 Kings 3:5-6a, 7-12 'You have asked for yourself understanding.' In those days: The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, 'Ask what I shall give you.' And Solomon said, 'O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. And God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life, or riches, or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you.'

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

Responsorial Ps 119(118):57, 72. 76-77. 127-128. 129-130. R97a

O LORD, how I love your law!

You, O LORD, are my portion;

I have promised to obey your words.

The law from your mouth means more to me than large quantities of silver and gold. **R**

Let your merciful love console me

by your promise to your servant.

Show me compassion, that I may live,

for your law is my delight. **R**

That is why I love your commands

more than finest gold,

why I rule my life by your precepts,

and hate false ways. **R**

Your decrees are wonderful indeed;

therefore my soul obeys them.

The unfolding of your word gives light,

and understanding to the simple. **R**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:28-30 'He predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son.'

Brothers and Sisters: We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

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 13:44-52 'He sells all that he has and buys that field.' At that time: Jesus said to the crowd: 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a

merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into vessels but threw away the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 'Have you understood all these things?' They said to him, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

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, we pray, the offerings which we bring from the abundance of your gifts, that through the powerful working of your grace these most sacred mysteries may sanctify our present way of life and lead us to eternal gladness. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Ps 102: 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits

Prayer after Communion: We have consumed, O Lord, this divine Sacrament, the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your Son; grant, we pray, that this gift, which he himself gave us with love beyond all telling, may profit us for salvation. 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

A Big Thank You: Thank you to everyone who helped make last Sunday's Feast of **St Mary Magdalen** such a joyful occasion. We are very grateful for your donations of time, food, drinks, money, raffle prizes, and all your support. Your generosity and kindness made the celebration a great success. May God bless you all abundantly.

Congratulations to Deacon Bill as he celebrates the **41st anniversary of his ordination**. We thank God for his faithful service and dedicated ministry over the years. May the Lord continue to bless him abundantly, grant him good health and long life, and strengthen him as he continues to serve God's people with joy and generosity.

Holidays: We wish everyone who is going on holiday a safe journey, may God protect you and your loved ones. For those staying in Brockley for the holiday, may you have refreshing time during this period.

Parish Office – Summer Closure. Please note that the Parish office will close on Friday, 31st July for the Summer break. It will reopen on Tuesday, 1st September.

Monthly Confession: Confession will be available after each Mass this weekend. All parishioners are warmly encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to celebrate God's mercy and forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Lectio Divina Prayer Group: The next Lectio Divina

Prayer Group will take place on **Wednesday 29th July** from 7pm to 8pm in the church. Everyone welcome

Obituary: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mr Patrick Joseph Egan, our beloved parishioner, who died peacefully at home on 6th July 2026, aged 71. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Mary Magdalen's Church on Tuesday, 18th August 2026, at 12:30pm, followed by cremation at Honor Oak Crematorium at 2:00pm. Please keep Patrick and his family in your prayers. May the Lord grant him eternal rest, and may perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. 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.

Tea and Coffee: There is tea and coffee in the small hall, 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

“Most people today want a *religion* which suits the way *they live*, rather than the one which makes *demands* upon them. Religion thus becomes a *luxury* like an opera, not a *responsibility* like life” - Archbishop Fulton Sheen

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