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St. Mary Magdalen Roman Catholic Church, Brockley

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 1st./2nd. Aug. 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

Give Them Something to Eat Yourselves

In the Gospel of Matthew (14:16), Jesus challenges His disciples to feed a large crowd despite their limited resources. What seems impossible five loaves and two fish feeding thousands becomes a miracle when placed in Jesus' hands. He blesses, breaks, and multiplies the food so that everyone is satisfied. This passage reminds us that God often calls us to respond to needs even when we feel inadequate. Jesus asks us to offer what we have however small and trust Him to do the rest. Our simple acts of kindness, generosity, and service can become powerful instruments of grace. Beyond physical hunger, many people today are spiritually hungry for love, hope, and meaning. As disciples, we are called to share Christ's compassion and become "bread broken" for others through our lives. The message is clear: when we give Jesus our little, He can do much with it. **Fr Nat**

Mass Times & Intentions: 1 August 2026 — 9 August 2026

Sat. 1st. 6:30pm: Mrs Ajani (Divine mercy in her time of critical illness)
Sun. 2nd. 8.30am: Costanzo De Stefano (R.I.P.) 10:00am: Alex Lobow (God's Blessing, long life, good health & private intentions) 11.30am: Obiako family (Thanksgiving) Mrs Ajani (Divine mercy in her time of critical illness)
Mon. 3rd. 9:30am: Sue Bennett (Successful Outcome of Brain Surgery), Mrs Ajani (Divine mercy in her time of critical illness)
Tue. 4th. 9:30am: Mrs Ajani (Divine mercy in her time of critical illness)
Wed. 5th. 9:30am: Mrs Ajani (Divine mercy in her time of critical illness)
Thur. 6th. 9:30am: Philomena Chienam Akanya (Ann. R.I.P.) Mrs Ajani (Divine mercy in her time of critical illness)
Fri. 7th. 9:30am: Mrs Ajani (Divine mercy in her time of critical illness)
Sat. 8th. 9:30am: Thanksgiving, Mrs Ajani (Divine mercy in her time of critical illness)
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Sun. 9th. 8.30am: Alex Lobow (God's Blessing, long life, good health and private intentions). 10:00am: 11.30am:

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 Aluebhosese, Gwen Randall, Chinyere Oburota, Patrick Akanya, Kathy Langridge, Patricia Wocial & Maxine Leech. **ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** 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, Anthony Gouveia, Charles Vel, Maria Xenofhontos, Leah Blades, Renick Miller, Philomena Akanya, Louis White & Pietro Zacccone, Dinis Estanqueiro, Frederick Wiles, Albert James, Margaret Fitzgerald.



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 Ps 69: 2, 6 O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

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: Draw near to your servants, O Lord, and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness, that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide, you may restore what you have created and keep safe what you have restored. 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 55:1-3 Thus says the Lord: 'Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

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

Responsorial Ps Ps 145(144):8-9. 15-16. 17-18.
R cf. 16

You open your hand and fulfil us, O Lord.

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**

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. **R**

The LORD is just in all his ways, and holy in all his deeds. The LORD is close to all who call him, who call on him in truth. **R**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:35, 37-39 Brothers and Sisters: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 4:4b Alleluia, alleluia. One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-2 At that time: When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' But Jesus said, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.'

They said to him, 'We have only five loaves here and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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: Graciously sanctify these gifts, O Lord, we pray, and, accepting the oblation of this spiritual sacrifice, make of us an eternal offering to you. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Wis 16: 20 You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

Prayer after Communion: Accompany with constant protection, O Lord, those you renew with these heavenly gifts and, in your never-failing care for them, make them worthy 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

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Celebration of St Faustina Birthday at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday Monday 31 August 2025 from 10:30 am to 4pm. The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call millie on WhatsApp 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Slough, Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

Red Box Collection Thank you to everyone who returned their Red Boxes for counting. We are very grateful for your continued support of the Missions. If you have already returned your Red Box, please remember to collect it from the back of the church after Mass.

Lectio Divina Prayer Group: The next Lectio Divina Prayer Group will take place on Wednesday 12th 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.

Obituary: Mrs. Ingrid Glean, one of our beloved parishioners, sadly passed away recently. Her Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday, 12th August, at 12:00 noon at St Mary

Magdalen's Church, followed by cremation at 2:00 pm at Honor Oak Crematorium. Please keep Ingrid and her family in your prayers during this difficult time. May the Lord grant her eternal rest, and may her gentle soul rest in peace. Amen.

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.

50/50 Club The July winners were numbers 61 (£100), 95 (£50), 80 (£20), 59 and 19 (£10 each

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.

Mass Intentions: Mass intentions can be booked by telephone on 020 8691 1322 or by email at brock-ley@rcaos.org.uk. Mass offerings may be made by bank transfer to the parish account. Please contact the clergy or the parish secretary for the parish bank account details.

"Hope is like a bird that senses the dawn and carefully starts to sing while it is still dark" - St Josaphat

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