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St. Mary Magdalen Roman Catholic Church, Brockley

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 8th/9th August 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

Immediately...

None of us goes through life untouched by storms. At times, we are shaken by circumstances beyond our control, leaving us fearful and overwhelmed. In today's Gospel, the word "*immediately*" appears twice and offers us great comfort in such moments. First, Jesus comes to His disciples walking on the water—He does not delay. He goes to them at once in the midst of the storm, showing that He never leaves us alone in our struggles. He may not always calm the storm immediately, but He is always present within it. Second, when Peter begins to sink and cries out, "Lord, save me!", Jesus *immediately* stretches out His hand and saves him. He does not rebuke Peter first—He rescues him first. This is our assurance: when we call on the Lord in our fear, His first response is always mercy, not judgment. Our storms are not signs of God's absence, but moments of His closeness. Whenever we cry out like Peter, Jesus reaches out to us immediately—lifting us up, strengthening our faith, and carrying us through every storm. **Fr Nat**

Mass Times & Intentions: 8 August 2026 — 16 August 2026

Sat. 8th. 6:30pm: People of the Parish

Sun. 9th. 8.30am: Alex Lobow (God's Blessing, long life, good health & private intentions) 10:00am: Peter Agyeman (RIP) 11.30am: Mrs Philomina Amalega (RIP)

Mon. 10th. 9:30am: Yvonne M. Graves (Good health & Well being)

Tue. 11th. 9:30am: Intention for Well being & Peace of Mind

Wed. 12th. 9:30am: Johnson Family (Thanksgiving & Special Intention), Glen Family (Special Intention)

Thur. 13th. 9:30am: John Ofori Amanfo (RIP) Agnes Duah (RIP) Frank Ofori-Duah (RIP)

Fri. 14th. 9:30am: Miss Vida Agyeman Duah (R.I.P)

Sat. 15th. 9:30am: Maxine Leech (Birthday Blessing and Good health) Remo Amodio (Ann. R.I.P.)

Sat. 15th. 6:30pm:

Sun. 16th. 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 Aluebhosele, Gwen Randall, Chinyere Oburota, Patrick Akanya, Kathy Langridge, Patricia Wocial, Marjorie Murphy & Maxine Leech. **ANNIVERSARIES**

OF DEATH: Pietro Zaccone, Dinis Estanqueiro, Frederick Wiles, Albert James, Margaret Fitzgerald, Junior McIvor, Monica Park, Richard Callinan, Stephen President, Kathleen Stoner, Mary Grace, Olive Bucher, James Gillespie, Philip Price, Joseph Hanley, Francis Anyaegbuna, Morris Tavernier, Maurice Compton, Remo Amodio, Agatha Egbo, Bridget Conway, Henryk Gorlow.

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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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 73: 20, 19, 22, 23 Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

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: Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised. 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 19:9a, 11-13a In those days: Elijah reached Horeb, the mount of God. There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the LORD came to him. And he said, 'Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD.' And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Ps 85(84):9ab, 10. 11-12. 13-14. R8
*Show us, O LORD, your mercy,
and grant us your salvation.*

I will hear what the LORD God speaks;
he speaks of peace for his people and his faithful.
His salvation is near for those who fear him,
and his glory will dwell in our land. **R**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have kissed.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth,
and justice look down from heaven. **R**

The LORD will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.
Righteousness will march before him,
and guide his steps on the way. **R**

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5 Brothers and Sisters: I am speaking the truth in Christ. I am not lying. My conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit — that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers and sisters, my kinsmen according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed for ever. Amen.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Psalm 130(129):5 Alleluia, alleluia. I long for you, O LORD, my soul longs for his word. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33 After the crowd had eaten and were satisfied: Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, 'It is a ghost!' and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.' And Peter an-

swered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, 'Lord, save me.' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, 'O you of little faith, why did you doubt?' And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

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: Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings of your Church, for in your mercy you have given them to be offered and by your power you transform them into the mystery of our salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Ps 147: 12, 14 O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Prayer after Communion: May the communion in your Sacrament that we have consumed, save us, O Lord, and confirm us in the light of your truth. 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.

Parish Office – Summer Closure. The Parish Office closed on **Friday, 31st July** for the summer break and will reopen on **Monday, 1st September**. Thank you for your understanding, and we wish everyone a safe, peaceful, and blessed summer.

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

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 Crem-

atorium 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.

Obituary: We are saddened to announce the passing of Mrs Philomina Amalega in Nigeria, sister of our parishioner Mrs Helen Okeleke Ajagbawa. We extend our condolences to Helen and her family and ask for your prayers for their comfort and strength. May her soul rest in peace. Amen.

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

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.

Mass Intentions: Mass intentions can be booked by telephone on 020 8691 1322 or by email at brockley@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.

No matter how far you have walked away from God, the return trip is only one step away. Amen

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