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St. Mary Magdalen Roman Catholic Church, Brockley

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, 29th./30th. 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

SACRIFICE: THE DEMAND OF DISCIPLESHIP

Jesus calls us to follow Him by taking up our cross and embracing a life of love, service, forgiveness and sacrifice. Like Peter, we can sometimes misunderstand Jesus by allowing worldly expectations to shape our thinking. Yet Christ reveals that true power is found not in domination or success, but in humility, suffering and self-giving love. Jeremiah's perseverance reminds us that God's call can be challenging, but His word strengthens us to remain faithful. St Paul encourages us not to conform to worldly values, but to allow God to renew our minds and guide our choices. As Christians, true fulfilment comes not from wealth, comfort or recognition, but from knowing Christ and giving ourselves generously to God and others. May we have the grace to carry our crosses faithfully and allow the Gospel to transform our lives. **Fr Nat**

Mass Times & Intentions: 29 August 2026 — 6 September 2026

Sat. 29th. 6:30pm: Paul Hanley (4th Ann. R.I.P.), Carlton Richards (Thanksgiving)
Sun. 30th. 8.30am: Alex Lobow (God's Blessing, long life, good health & private intentions) 10:00am: Patrick McGerry (Heavenly Birthday). 11.30am: People of the Parish
Mon. 31st. 9:30am: Peter Agyeman (RIP)
Tue. 1st. 9:30am: Thanksgiving
Wed. 2nd. 9:30am: Holy Souls
Thur. 3rd. 9:30am: Private Intentions
Fri. 4th. 9:30am: Private Intentions
Sat. 5th. 9:30am: Timothy O' Donoghue
Sat. 5th. 6:30pm:
Sun. 6th. 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 Aluebhosole, Gwen Randall, Chinyere Oburota, Patrick Akanya, Kathy Langridge, Patricia Wocial, Marjorie Murphy & Maxine Leech. **ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Laurent Frapsauce, Thomas Allen, Mary Wilmore, Lily Bartlett, Denise Osterberg, Esther Veronica Davis, Timothy O' Donoghue, Josephine Hayes, Rebecca Baston, Leonard Watson, David Kelly, William Patterson, Edward McFeely, Kathleen Hampshire, Peter Ward, William Cronin, Susan McCormack, Kitty Carolan, Barry Covington, Lilian Richards, Earl Haynes, Mary Fitzgerald, William Senior, Dorothy Owuso-Ansah, John Erskine & Amy Lang.



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 85: 3, 5 like a dry, weary land without water. **R**

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to 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: God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. 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: Jeremiah 20:7-9 O Lord, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughing-stock all the day; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, 'Violence and destruction!' For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, 'I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name', there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

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

Responsorial Ps 63(62):2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9. R2b

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

O God, you are my God; at dawn I seek you;

for you my soul is thirsting.

For you my flesh is pining,

I have come before you in the sanctuary,
to behold your strength and your glory.

Your loving mercy is better than life;
my lips will speak your praise. **R**

I will bless you all my life;

in your name I will lift up my hands.

My soul shall be filled as with a banquet;

with joyful lips, my mouth shall praise you. **R**

For you have been my strength;

in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

My soul clings fast to you;

your right hand upholds me. **R**

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-2 I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Cf. Ephesians 1:17-18 Alleluia, alleluia. May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which he has called us. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-27 At that time: Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.' Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses

his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.'

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 sacred offering, O Lord, confer on us always the blessing of salvation, that what it celebrates in mystery it may accomplish in power. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Ps 30: 20 How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

Prayer after Communion: Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table, we beseech you, Lord, that, being the food of charity, it may confirm our hearts and stir us to serve you in our neighbour. 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

Parish Office: The Parish office will reopen on the 1st September. We welcome back all our parishioners from their Summer break and hope you've all had a restful time.

Parish Pastoral and Finance Council: The next Parish Pastoral and Finance Council meeting will be at 7pm in the Parish House on Friday 11th September. This is the third meeting of the year. All council members are asked to attend. Thank you for all you do.

Formation for Eucharistic ministers and Lectors. There will be a special Formation Day for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors on Saturday, 24 October 2026, from 10:00 a.m.–2:00pm. at Bishop Thomas Grant School, Belltrees Grove, London SW16 2HY. We warmly encourage all our Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors to make every effort to attend this important formation.

Lectio Divina Prayer Group: The next Lectio Divina Prayer Group will take place on Wednesday 9th September from 7pm to 8pm in the church. Everyone welcome.

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.

Young Adults Concert: The concert is organized by the Spiritan Religious Order Youth Ministry. The concert will take place on 24th October, from 10.00am to 5pm at St Mellitus RC, Tollington Park, N4 3AG. This is an exciting event, which includes adoration, worship and fun activities. It's a great opportunity to meet other young adults from all the Spiritan Parishes in UK. Please contact Fr Christian, Nevin or Sooria for further details.

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.

"The real test of a Christian is not how much he loves his friends, but how much he loves his enemies" — Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

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