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St. Mary Magdalen Roman Catholic Church, Brockley

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 15th/16th 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

Pray for Us, Sinners, Now and at the Hour of Our Death

There is a humorous story of St Peter at the gate of Heaven complaining to God that people he had turned away were still getting in. "They go around the back," he says, "and Jesus' Mother lets them in!" Behind the humour is a beautiful truth: Mary's loving intercession for us. In the Hail Mary we pray, *"Pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death."* We trust her to lead us to her Son, especially at life's end. As we celebrate the Assumption of Mary, we remember that she was taken body and soul into Heaven because she belonged completely to God. Her life was one of faith, humility, and total love. Mary now shares in the glory of Heaven and continues to guide us. Her Assumption reminds us that we are made for Heaven too, and are called to live lives of holiness, love, and kindness. Let us imitate her by choosing forgiveness over resentment, love over selfishness, and faith over fear. And in every trial, let us turn to her with confidence: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen. Fr Nat

Mass Times & Intentions: 15 August 2026 — 23 August 2026

Sat. 15th. 6:30pm: Gabrielle Conway (10th Ann. RIP)

Sun. 16th. 8.30am: Alex Lobow (God's Blessing, long life, good health & private intentions) 10:00am: Francis & Joana Ntukogu (Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving), Yvonne M. Graves (Good health & Well being)

11.30am: Jose Manuel Mendes Correia (R.I.P)

Mon. 17th. 9:30am: Yvonne M. Graves (Good health & Well being)

Tue. 18th. 9:30am: Peter Agyeman (RIP)

Wed. 19th. 9:30am: Vida Agyemang Duah (R.I.P)

Thur. 20th. 9:30am: Special Intention

Fri: 21st. 9:30am: Holy Souls

Sat. 22nd. 9:30am: Yvonne M. Graves (Good health & Well being)

Sat. 22nd. 6:30pm: People of the Parish

Sun. 23rd. 8.30am: Alex Lobow (God's Blessing, long life, good health and private intentions). 10:00am:

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:**

Maurice Compton, Remo Amodio, Agatha Egbo, Bridget Conway, Henryk Gorlow, Mrs E Hamilton, Cecil Demby, Alan Bell, Margaret Pucknell, Gertrude Allen, Ellen Sandfield, Alexander Kinnear, Bridget Taylor, Mary Ryan, Henryk Turczanski, Fr T Bartwick, Francesco Polidoro & Trecia Thomas.



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. Rev 12: 1 A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

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, who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary, the Mother of your Son, body and soul into heavenly glory, grant, we pray, that, always attentive to the things that are above, we may merit to be sharers of her glory. 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: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple. And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth. And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it. She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne, and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God. And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, 'Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come.'

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Ps Ps 45(44):10. 11. 12. 16. R10b
On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

The daughters of kings are those whom you favour.
On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir. **R**

Listen, O daughter; pay heed and give ear:
forget your own people and your father's house. **R**

So will the king desire your beauty.
He is your lord, pay homage to him. **R**

They are escorted amid gladness and joy;
they pass within the palace of the king. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:20-27
Brothers and Sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For 'God has put all things in subjection under his feet.'

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. Mary has been taken up into heaven; the host of angels rejoice. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-56 In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.' And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in

God my Saviour, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring for ever.' And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

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 oblation, our tribute of homage, rise up to you, O Lord, and, through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, whom you assumed into heaven, may our hearts, aflame with the fire of love, constantly long for you. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Lk 1: 48-49 All generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty has done great things for me.

Prayer after Communion: Having received the Sacrament of salvation, we ask you to grant, O Lord, that, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, whom you assumed into heaven, we may be brought to the glory of the resurrection. 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

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

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 26th 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.

Obituary: We are saddened to announce the passing of Philomina Amalega, sister of our parishioner 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.

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 eyes of the world see no further than this life, but the eyes of the Christian see deep into eternity” — Saint John Vianney

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