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St. Mary Magdalen Roman Catholic Church, Brockley

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, 5th./6th. Sept. 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

RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

Conflict is part of every human relationship, including life in the Church. The mark of a strong Christian community is not the absence of conflict, but the way it responds to it. In the Gospel, Jesus gives us a clear approach: when someone hurts us, we should speak to them directly and privately rather than gossiping or involving others unnecessarily. Our aim should be healing and reconciliation, not humiliation or revenge. If further help is needed, trusted people may be involved, but we must always remember that the Church is the family of God. Even when reconciliation takes time, we should continue to pray for the other person, respect their dignity and avoid hatred. Boundaries may sometimes be necessary, but we should never give up on anyone whom God has not given up on. We are also called to examine our own actions and have the humility to say, "I was wrong. I am sorry. Please forgive me." The message is simple: speak to people, not about them; seek reconciliation, not revenge; protect the dignity of others; and remember that conflict, with God's grace, can become the beginning of healing. **Fr Nat**

Mass Times & Intentions: 5 September 2026 — 13 September 2026

Sat. 5th. 6:30pm: People of the Parish

Sun. 6th. 8.30am: Alex Lobow (God's Blessing, long life, good health & private intentions) 10:00am: Yvonne Graves(Well being) 11.30am: Keith Nicholas Family (Thanksgiving)

Mon. 7th. 9:30am: Johnson Family (Special Intention)

Tue. 8th. 9:30am: Glen Family (Special Intention)

Wed. 9th. 9:30am: Peter A gyeman (R.I.P)

Thur. 10th. 9:30am: Sick Parishioners

Fri. 11th. 9:30am: Roisin McGill (Ann. R.I.P.), Bridget Lane (R.I.P.), Robert Lane (R.I.P.), Mary Tyndall (RIP)

Sat. 12th. 9:30am:

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Sun. 13th. 8.30am: Alex Lobow (God's Blessing, long life, good health and private intentions). 10:00am:

11.30am: Roisin McGill (4th Ann. R.I.P.)

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: Lilian Richards, Earl Haynes, Mary Fitzgerald, William Senior, Dorothy

Owuso-Ansah, John Erskine, Amy Lang, Obinna Nwoye, Josephat Norbal, Patrick

Gallagher, Cydney Jouavel, Thomas Ryan, Boasiako Osei-Antwi, Rufus Edwin, Mrs

Anne Reilly, Eileen O'Hagan, Maureen Hanlon, Henry Basquil, Riccardo Florio, Roisin

McGill, Albert Nunn, Conrad Marquis & Stanislaw Lenartowicz.



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 Ps 118: 137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

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, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. 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: Ezekiel 33:7-9 Thus says the Lord: 'So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.'

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

Responsorial Ps Ps 95(94):1-2. 6-7b. 7c-9. R7c, 8a

O that today you would listen to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts.'

Come, let us ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come into his presence, giving thanks; let us hail him with a song of praise. **R**

O come; let us bow and bend low.

Let us kneel before the Lord who made us, for he is our God, and we the people, the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand. **R**

O that today you would listen to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your forebears put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R**

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-10 Brothers and Sisters: Owe no one anything, except to love each other. For the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet', and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

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

Gospel Acclamation: 2 Corinthians 5:19 Alleluia, alleluia. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20 At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and what-

ever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.'

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: O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 41: 2-3 Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Prayer after Communion: Grant that your faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

• 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 second collection next Sunday will be for The Catholic Education Service.

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.

Parish Organ Repair Appeal

The Organ Repair Team has now completed a thorough inspection of our church organ. The cost of repairing the organ and replacing the old and worn parts is £2,106. Music has always been an important part of the liturgy. We are delighted that the 10.00am and 11.30am choir has now been revived. We are therefore appealing for your generous support towards the cost of repairing our organ. Donations can be made in any of the following ways:

Digital Card Station: Use the digital card station at the back of the church.

Bank Transfer: Donations can be made directly to the Parish bank account. For bank details, please speak to parish secretary or the clergy.

Special Collection: Cash donations can be placed in the Special Collection on the weekend of 19th/20th September. Your generosity will help us maintain and strengthen the musical life of our parish. Thank you very much for your generosity and support. May God bless you abundantly.

Catechist Meeting Friday 26th September There will be a Catechist meeting with the Clergy at 7pm on Friday September 26th. In the parish house. All Catechists are to attend. This is to review the year just gone, plan 2026 to 2027 and set start days for each catechetical programme. Thank you for everything you do.

Sacramental Programmes 2026-2027: The Sacramental programmes for First Holy Communion, Confirmation and RCIA will start in October. Those wishing to enrol are asked to complete a registration form and provide the **original** Baptism Certificate of the child.

- **First Holy Communion:** For children in Year 3 (around age 7).
- **Confirmation:** For young people in Year 9 (around age 13).
- **RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): For adults aged 18 and over who are inquiring about the Catholic faith or considering becoming Catholic.

Obituary – We sadly announce the death of Peter Agymang, a beloved parishioner, who died in Ghana. The Funeral Rite will take place on Saturday, 26 September, at Honor Community Centre, from 5pm to 11pm, 50 Turnham Road, SE4 2JD. A Thanksgiving Mass for Peter will be celebrated at St Mary Magdalen Church at 10am on Sunday, 27 September. Please pray for the repose of Peter's soul and for his family at this difficult time. May he rest in peace. Amen.

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, (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.

"Sometimes the only way the good Lord can get into some hearts is to break them" - Fulton Sheen

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