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St. Mary Magdalen Roman Catholic Church, Brockley

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 12th./13th. 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

FORGIVE FROM THE HEART

This Sunday, we are called to forgive from our hearts, not merely from our minds. True forgiveness is not simply saying, "I forgive you," while continuing to hold on to anger, resentment, or hurt within us. Forgiveness is not about keeping count of how many times someone has hurt us. Forgiveness is not counted; it is given freely. As Jesus teaches us, we are called to forgive again and again because God has forgiven us so generously. To forgive does not mean that what happened was right or that we have forgotten the hurt. It means that we choose not to allow the hurt to control our hearts. We place the person and the situation into God's hands and choose the freedom that forgiveness brings. May the Lord give us the grace to forgive sincerely, to let go of resentment, and to love as He has loved us. Lord, soften our hearts and teach us to forgive from the heart. Amen. **Fr Nat**

Mass Times & Intentions: 12 September 2026 — 20 September 2026

Sat. 12th. 6:30pm: People of the Parish

Sun. 13th. 8.30am: Obinna Nwoye (Ann. R.I.P), Alex Lobow (God's Blessing, long life, good health & private intentions) 10:00am: Ferguson Family (Thanksgiving). 11.30am: Roisin McGill (4th Ann. R.I.P)

Mon. 14th. 9:30am: Patrick & Maureen McGarvey (Ann. R.I.P.)

Tue. 15th. 9:30am: Peter Agyeman (RIP)

Wed. 16th. 9:30am: Elizabeth Lillian Corr (R.I.P) -Funeral Mass

Thur. 17th. 9:30am: Philomena Chienam Akanya (Ann R.I.P), Hilgard Richard (Thanksgiving)

Fri. 18th. 9:30am: Okodi Okodi, (Good Health & Well being), Joyce Mark (good health).

Sat. 19th. 9:30am: Sick Parishioners

Sat. 19th. 6:30pm: Private Intentions

Sun. 20th. 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, Maxine Leech & Marjorie Murphy.



ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Susanne Alessani, Charles Peach, Margaret Khondoker, Mary Berry, Anne Lynch, Michael Odigboh, Ted Byrne, Andre Vel, Roy Lewis, Malcolm Hufford, Dirk Coe, Denis Pittman, Mary Coker-Bickersteth & Ronald Joseph.

Parish is served by the Congregation of the Holy Spirit (Spiritans)

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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. Sir 36: 18 Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

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: Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. 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: Sirach 27:30-28:7 Anger and wrath, these are abominations, and the sinful man will hold them fast. The one who seeks vengeance will be paid vengeance from the Lord, and he who keeps a record will have his own sins recorded. Forgive your neighbour the wrong he has done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray. Does one person harbour anger against another and yet seek for healing from the Lord? Does he have no mercy towards someone like himself and yet pray concerning his own sins? If he himself, being flesh, maintains wrath, who will make atonement for his sins? Remember the end of your life and cease from enmity, remember destruction and death and be true to the commandments. Remember the commandments and do not be angry with your neighbour; remember the covenant of the Most High and overlook error.

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

Responsorial Ps Ps 103(102):1-2. 3-4. 9-10. 11-12.
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The Lord is compassionate and gracious,

slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits. **R**

It is the Lord who forgives all your sins,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with mercy and compassion. **R**

He will not always find fault;
nor persist in his anger for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our faults. **R**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so strong his mercy for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far from us does he remove our transgressions. **R**

SECOND READING: Romans 14:7-9 Brothers and Sisters: None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

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Gospel Acclamation: John 13:34 Alleluia, alleluia. A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35 At that time: Peter came up and said to Jesus, 'Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same

servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, "Pay what you owe." So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, "You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.'

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: Look with favour on our supplications, O Lord, and in your kindness accept these, your servants' offerings, that what each has offered to the honour of your name may serve the salvation of all. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 35: 8 How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

Prayer after Communion: May the working of this heavenly gift, O Lord, we pray, take possession of our minds and bodies, so that its effects, and not our own desires, may always prevail in us. 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.

Soften 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

Second collection: The second collection today is for The Catholic Education Service (CES), which have a strong and working relationship with the British & Welsh governments, sharing the aims of high academic standards for all. Catholic schools make up 10% of the national total of maintained schools. The CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education, and it also provides financial assistance for school transport in rural areas. Thank you for your continued support.

National Mass count: The weekends from the 19th/20th September to the 10th/11th October are our national annual Mass counts for 2026. Please remember to attend Mass to be counted. Next Sunday is the first national Mass count.

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.

Parish Organ Repair Appeal: The Organ Repair Team has now completed a thorough inspection of our church organ. The cost of repairing the organ is £2,106. 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 support.

Catechist Meeting Friday 26th September: There will be a Cate-

chist 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.

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 – The Funeral Mass of Elizabeth Lillian Corr will take place on Wednesday, 16 September, at 9:30am at St Mary Magdalen Church. Following the Mass, Elizabeth will be taken to Grove Park Cemetery for burial at 11:00am. Please keep Elizabeth and her family in your prayers at this difficult time. May her gentle soul rest in peace. Amen.

Obituary: We sadly announce the death of Peter Agyemang, 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.

Confession: Confession is available every Saturday from 11.00am to 12 noon at the presbytery.

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.

“Judge the Catholic Church not by those who barely live by its spirit, but by the example of those who live closest to it” — Fulton Sheen

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