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St. Mary Magdalen Roman Catholic Church, Brockley

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 26th./27th. Oct. 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

Action and Words

This weekend, we are invited to match our words with our actions. It is not enough to say the right things; our lives must reflect what we profess to believe. As followers of Jesus, our faith should be seen not only in what we say, but also in how we live, love, forgive and serve one another. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us the parable of two sons. One says "yes" to his father but does not go; the other initially says "no," but later changes his mind and goes. Jesus reminds us that what matters is not simply what we say, but what we actually do. The challenge for us is simple: Are our words and our actions telling the same story? **Fr Nat**

Mass Times & Intentions: 26 September 2026 — 4 October 2026

Sat. 26th. 6:30pm: Deirdre Love (Healing)

Sun. 27th. 8.30am: Alex Lobow (God's Blessing, long life, good health & private intentions), Sylvester Nwoye (God's blessings & good health). 10:00am: Peter Agyeman (R.I.P Thanksgiving), Mr Joe Portelli & Miriani Portelli (R.I.P.) 11.30am: Barbara Smethurst's (Healing), Deceased members of the McGill family (R.I.P.)

Mon. 28th. 9:30am: Joy Margaret Bellott (R.I.P.), Sylvester Nwoye (God's blessings & good health).

Tue. 29th. 9:30am: Marion Ted & Paul Hanley (R.I.P), Sylvester Nwoye (God's blessings & good health).

Wed. 30th. 9:30am: Mrs Gloria Appiyah (Ann R.I.P), Sylvester Nwoye (God's blessings & good health).

Thur. 1st. 9:30am: Lilian Corr (R.I.P), Sylvester Nwoye (God's blessings & good health).

Fri. 2nd. 9:30am: Fr. Robert Copsey (Ann. R.I.P.), Sylvester Nwoye (God's blessings & good health).

Sat. 3rd. 9:30am: Private Intention, Sylvester Nwoye (God's blessings & good health).

Sat. 3rd. 6:30pm: Margaret (Peg) Stone (Ann. R.I.P.)

Sun. 4th. 8.30am: Alex Lobow (God's Blessing, long life, good health and private intentions), Sylvester Nwoye (God's blessings & good health)..10:00am: Mrs Gloria Appiyah (Ann R.I.P) 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 Aluebhosale, Gwen Randall, Chinyere Oburota, Patrick Akanya, Kathy Langridge, Patricia

Wocial, Maxine Leech & Raissa Tchail. **ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Michael

Mealey, Richard Coss, Dennis Dunne, John Hughes, Josephine Zucconi, Emilia Osunde, Sheila St Aubyn, Ellen Adjei, Oliver Suckoo, Gloria Appiya, Clorinda Nella, Alice Gogarty, George Perry, Lottie Collyer, William Daly, Stephen Keating, Edward Spencer, John Walsh, Lilian Marsh, Patricia Abbott, Thomas Terry, William Bolton, Christina Plummer, Margaret Stone, Patrick Feeney, Maria Medrecka, Denise Murphy (Benson) &

Patrick Reilly.

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 Dn 3: 31, 29, 30, 43, for you are the God of my salvation. **R**

42 All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

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, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. 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 18:25-28 Thus says the Lord: 'You say, "The way of the Lord is not just." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die.'

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Responsorial Psalm

Ps 25(24):4-5b. 6-7. 8-9. R6a

Remember your compassion, O Lord.

O Lord, make me know your ways.

Teach me your paths.

Guide me in your truth, and teach me;

Remember your compassion, O Lord,
and your merciful love, for they are from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth,
nor my transgressions.

In your merciful love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R**

Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he shows the way to sinners.
He guides the humble in right judgement;
to the humble he teaches his way. **R**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-11 Brothers and Sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy; complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: John 10:27 Alleluia, alleluia.
My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord, and I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:28-32 At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." And he answered, "I will not", but

afterwards he changed his mind and went. And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, "I go, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterwards change your minds and believe him."

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: Grant us, O merciful God, that this our offering may find acceptance with you and that through it the wellspring of all blessing may be laid open before us. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 118: 49-50 Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Prayer after Communion: May this heavenly mystery, O Lord, restore us in mind and body, that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ, to whose suffering we are united whenever we proclaim his Death. 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

National Mass count: The second National Mass count takes place today. Next Sunday will be the third national Mass count.

Next Weekend's second collection will be for CAFOD.

Monthly Confession: Confession will be available after each Mass this weekend.

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 (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.

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.

Young Adults Concert: The concert is organized by the Spiritan Religious Order Youth Ministry. The con-cert 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.

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

Obituary: We sadly announce the death of Joy Margaret Bellott, beloved aunt of parishioner Sally Dowsett, who died on 19 September. Please pray for the repose of Joy's soul and for her family at this difficult time. May she 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.

"We become what we love, and who we love shapes what we become" St Clare of Assisi

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