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St. Mary Magdalen Roman Catholic Church, Brockley

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 3rd./4th. 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

Do not be Anxious

How many of us woke up this morning already worrying about something? Maybe it is a problem at work, a concern about our children, our health, our finances, or simply wondering what tomorrow will bring. Sometimes we can be sitting quietly, and yet our minds are already busy worrying about things that have not even happened. This Sunday, St Paul speaks directly into that reality. He tells the Philippians and all of us: "Do not be anxious about anything." Instead, he encourages us to bring everything to God in prayer, trusting that God knows our needs and cares for us. Think of a parent whose child is going through a difficult time. The parent may worry constantly, asking, "Will everything be alright? What will happen tomorrow?" The situation may not change immediately, but when that parent brings the worry to God in prayer, something can change within the heart. The problem may still be there, but the person no longer carries it alone. This is what St Paul is teaching us: we cannot always control what happens, but we can choose where we place our worries. When worries and difficulties come, let us not carry them alone. Let us place them in God's hands through prayer and thanksgiving. As St Paul reminds us, "The peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." May we learn to trust God more, pray more, and worry less. Amen. **Fr Nat**

Mass Times & Intentions: 3 October 2026 — 11 October 2026

Sat. 3rd. 6:30pm: Margaret (Peg) Stone (Ann. R.I.P.)
 Sun. 4th. 8.30am: Stan & Patricia Wocial (God's blessing & private intentions Sylvester Nwoye (God's blessings & good health). 10.00am: Mrs Gloria Appiyah (Ann R.I.P). 11.30am: Alex Lobow (God's Blessing, long life, good health & private intentions)
 Mon. 5th. 9:30am: Gregory Stoll (R.I.P)
 Tue. 6th. 9:30am: Patrick Joseph Gerreyn (R.I.P)
 Wed. 7th. 9:30am: Lorrain & Catriona (Special Intention)
 Thur. 8th. 9:30am: Oswald Tessy (Ann. R.I.P.)
 Fri: 9th 9:30am: Ellen Delaney (R.I.P)
 Sat. 10th.9:30am:James Edward West(R.I.P)
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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, & Raissa Tchail. **ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Margaret Stone, Patrick Feeney, Maria Medrecka, Denise Murphy (Benson), Patrick Reilly, John Sullivan, Marie White, Irena Lipinska, Anne-Marie Alcide, Joseph Gill, Thomas Sweeney, Rose Bliss, Yvette Mitchell, Felix Akgele, Irene Barclay, Josephine Browne, Cornelius Keleher, Thomas Fearn Westwater, Annie Richardson, Patrick Durnan, James Quinn, Thomas Farrell, Kathleen Davis, Malgorzata Cazmarek, Bernard Floyd-Sivyer, Anna Bereziuk, Nadine Phillips & Joyce Di Mascia.



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. Est 4: 17 Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

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 in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. 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: Isaiah 5:1-7 Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

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

Responsorial Responsorial Psalm
Ps 80(79):9, 12. 13-14. 15-16. 19-20. R *Isaiah 5:7a*
The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.
You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.
It stretched out its branches to the sea;
to the River it stretched out its shoots.

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by the way.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. **R**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore;
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the stock your right hand has planted,
the son you have claimed for yourself. **R**

And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name.
Bring us back, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved. **R**

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:6-9 Brothers and Sisters: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise: think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me — practise these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Cf. John 15:16 Alleluia, alleluia.
I chose you out of the world, says the Lord, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-43 At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence round it and dug a wine press in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and

beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than at first. And they did the same to them. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance." And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the Scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes"? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.'

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 be-

came 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: Accept, O Lord, we pray, the sacrifices instituted by your commands and, through the sacred mysteries, which we celebrate with dutiful service, graciously complete the sanctifying work by which you are pleased to redeem us. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Lam 3: 25 The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

Prayer after Communion: Grant us, almighty God, that we may be refreshed and nourished by the Sacrament which we have received, so as to be transformed into what we consume. 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

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

Second Collection: The second collection today is for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Appeal.

Rosary: October is the month of the Rosary. Let us pray our rosaries every day as we continue to seek the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Sacramental Programmes 2026–2027:

We warmly welcome children, young people and adults preparing for the Sacraments:

First Holy Communion: Year 3, aged 7+, starts 31 October at 10:00 am.

Confirmation: Young people aged around 13, starts 14 November at 12 noon.

RCIA: Adults aged 18+, starts week commencing 5 October, leading to the Easter Vigil on 27 March 2027.

Registration forms are available at the back of the church. Original Baptism Certificate required where applicable. We look forward to welcoming you on this journey of faith

A Feast for all Peoples: You are invited, not just to conversation, but to conversion and renewal; learning some of the practices and dispositions of synodality along the way. The plan is for 5 consecutive weekly small group parish conversations with Father Nat and lay people. These will take place in the Presbytery at 7pm. from Friday 16th October to Friday 13th November, and last 60-90 mins. There is an option to hold these on line. If you would like to participate in these conver-

sations, please contact Father Nat or Moira Forrester. Moira's phone or WhatsApp is 07712507489.

Obituary: We sadly announce the death of Patrick Joseph Gerreyn, beloved brother of parishioner Cedric Gerreyn, who died on 22 September. Please pray for the repose of Patrick's soul and for his family at this difficult time. May he rest in peace. Amen.

Obituary: We sadly announce the death of James Edward West, aged 92, one of our beloved parishioners and father of Jennifer West. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, 27th October, at 11:00am at St Mary Magdalen's Church, followed by burial at Grove Park at 1:30pm. Please keep James and his family in your prayers. May the Lord comfort his loved ones and grant James eternal rest.

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

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.

"A man may lose the good things of this life against his will, but if he loses the eternal blessings, he does so with his own consent" - St Augustine

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