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St. Mary Magdalen Roman Catholic Church, Brockley

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 10th./11th. 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

"The Lord God will wipe away the tears from every face."

It is refreshing and deeply comforting to hear the prophet Isaiah speak to us this week with the beautiful promise that "the Lord God will wipe away the tears from every face." These words remind us that God sees every tear, knows every burden we carry, and draws close to us in our moments of pain and weakness.

Whatever we may be facing today, we do not face it alone. The Lord walks with us, comforts us when our hearts are heavy, and gives us strength when we feel weary. May we place our fears, sorrows, and hopes into His loving hands, trusting that our tears will not have the final word.

May the Lord comfort the broken-hearted, strengthen the weary, encourage the discouraged, and fill each of us with the hope of His unfailing love. And may we continue to trust Him, knowing that the God who is with us in every tear will one day wipe every tear away. Amen. **Fr Nat**

Mass Times & Intentions: 10 October 2026 — 18 October 2026

Sat. 10th. 6:30pm: People of the Parish

Sun. 11th. 8.30am: Alex Lobow (God's Blessing, long life, good health & private intentions) 10:00am: CB thanksgiving. 11.30am: Thanksgiving (Anonymous)

Mon. 12th. 9:30am: Theresa Akigbe (Ann. R.I.P.)

Tue. 13th. 9:30am: Sarah & family (God's mercy & wisdom).

Wed. 14th. 9:30am: Alexandra May Theobald (Ann. R.I.P.)

Thur. 15th. 9:30am: Agnes Birchall (Ann. R.I.P.)

Fri. 16th 9:30am: Philippe China (Ann. R.I.P.) Patrick Joseph Gerreyn (R.I.P)

Sat. 17th. 9:30am: Noel McConon (good health)

Sat. 17th. 6:30pm: Angelina Masiello (R.I.P.)

Sun. 18th. 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, Raissa Tchail & Agostino Musto

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Kathleen Davis, Malgorzata Cazmarek, Bernard Floyd-Sivyer, Anna Bereziuk, Nadine Phillips, Joyce Phyliss DiMascia, Annie Smith, John Ford, Agnes Birchall, Mrs M. Richardson, Nora Dooley, John Beattie, Leon Wagemans, Alexander Theobald, Bernie Browne, Michael Ginggell, Josef Krakochuil, Martin Whelan, Dora Correa & Marguerite Kelly.



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 Ps 129: 3-4 If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel. **R**

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: May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works. 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 25:6-10a On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death for ever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, 'Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.' For the hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain.

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

Responsorial Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23(22):1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6. R1

*In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending.*

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me;

he revives my soul. **R**

He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name.

Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death,

no evil would I fear, for you are with me.

Your crook and your staff will give me comfort. **R**

You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending. **R**

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Brothers and Sisters: I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Cf. Ephesians 1:17-18 Alleluia, alleluia. May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which he has called us. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14 At that time: Jesus again spoke to the chief priests and the elders of the people, in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, "Tell those who are invited, 'See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' " But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed

those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find." And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. 'But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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 bur-

ied, 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, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that, through these acts of devotedness, we may pass over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 33: 11 The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Prayer after Communion: We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord, that, as you feed us with the nourishment which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, so you may make us sharers of his divine nature. 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 fourth and final National Mass count takes place today.

Second collection: The second collection next week-end is for Missio.

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. Five consecutive weekly small group parish conversations with Father Nat and lay people will take place in the Presbytery at 7pm. from Friday 16th Oct. to Friday

13th Nov. lasting 60-90 mins. There is an option to hold these on line. If you would like to participate, please contact Father Nat or Moira Forrester. Moira's phone or WhatsApp is 07712507489.

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 21st 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 emailing 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.

"If you have the courage to imitate Mary Magdalene in her sins, have the courage to imitate her penance" - St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

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