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St. Mary Magdalen Roman Catholic Church, Brockley

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 17th./18th. 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

WHOSE IMAGE DO YOU BEAR?

When Jesus says, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God," He invites us to reflect on whom we truly belong to. Just as Caesar's image is stamped on the coin, God's image is stamped on each one of us. We are made in His image and likeness, and nothing can take away our God-given dignity. Sin may obscure this image, but it cannot erase it. Everything we have our lives, talents, time, and possessions is a gift from God. Therefore, we are called to use these gifts to serve Him and our neighbours. Our giving should not come from fear or force, but from love and gratitude, because God has given us everything, even His own Son. My dear friends, if we bear God's image, let us reflect His love, mercy, and generosity in our daily lives. The more we give in love, the more we become like Him. Amen. **Fr Nat**

Mass Times & Intentions: 17 October 2026 — 25 October 2026

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

Sun. 18th. 8.30am: Alex Lobow (God's Blessing, long life, good health & private intentions)

10:00am: Chisom & Chiemelie Ntukogu (Birthday Thanksgiving) 11.30am: People of the Parish

Mon. 19th. 9:30am: Mr & Mrs Johnson.(41st Wed Ann)

Tue. 20th. 9:30am: Sick Parishioners

Wed. 21st. 9:30am: Patrick Joseph Gerreyn (R.I.P)

Thur. 22nd. 9:30am: Holy Souls

Fri: 23rd 9:30am: Eithne Campbell (RIP), Vivian Iweka (Birthday thanksgiving & Private Intention)

Sat. 24th.9:30am: Petchaye Caroopen, Xavier Esther, Maurice & Julien Victor & Jelly Bean (RIP)

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Sun. 25th. 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 Aluebhosese, Gwen Randall, Chinyere Oburota, Patrick Akanya, Kathy Langridge, Patricia Wocial, Maxine Leech, Raissa Tchail & Agostino Musto. **ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Martin Whelan, Dora Correa, Marguerite Kelly, Josephine Gordon, Peter Charles, Cornelius O'Sullivan, Kathleen Earls, Annie Pini, Alice Bowerman, Kenneth Robinson, Rose McBean, Anne Clarke, Elizabeth Denny, Michael Donoghue, Olive McQueen, Peter Howes, Dorrein Farrell, Michael Flood, Joseph O'Brien, Alice Carson, Mary Terry, Frances Harding, Icilda Chambers, Edward Sullivan & Llyod Sterling.



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

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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 Cf. Ps 16: 6, 8 To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

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, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of 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: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: 'For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other.'

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

Responsorial Responsorial Psalm
Ps 96(95):1, 3. 4-5. 7-8. 9-10a, c. R7b
Ascribe to the Lord glory and power.

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory,
and his wonders among all the peoples. **R**

For the Lord is great and highly to be praised,
to be feared above all gods.
For the gods of the nations are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. **R**

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and power;
ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. **R**

Worship the Lord in holy splendour.
O tremble before him, all the earth.
Say to the nations, 'The Lord is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.

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Gospel Acclamation: Philippians 2:15d, 16a
Alleluia, alleluia. Shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-21 At that time: The Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle Jesus in his words. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances.'

Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, 'Whose likeness and inscription is this?' They said, 'Caesar's.' Then he said to them, 'Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.'

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 heav-

en 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, Lord, we pray, a sincere respect for your gifts, that, through the purifying action of your grace, we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 32: 18-19 Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in fame.

Prayer after Communion: Grant, O Lord, we pray, that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things, we may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that

• 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

Second collection: The second collection today is for Missio, the Church's official organ for the support of foreign missions. The collection goes in its entirety to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. Thank you for your continued support to Missio.

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.

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.

A Feast for all Peoples: The second meeting will take place in the Presbytery at 7pm on Friday 23rd October. Please contact Father Nat or Moira Forrester. Moira's phone or Whatsapp is 07712507489.

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

tunity to meet other young adults from all the Spiritan Parishes in UK. Please contact Fr Christian, Nevin or Sooria for further details.

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.

Organ repair appeal: Our appeal for donations to repair the church organ were received as follows:

Bank transfer: £1,200

Dona machine: £90

Cheque payments: £240

Second collection: £302.63

In total, we received £1832.63 of the required amount of £2,106. We thank you all for your generous and kind contributions, in helping the church to repair the organ.

Lectio Divina Prayer Group: The next Lectio Divina Prayer Group will take place on Wednesday 21st. October from 7pm to 8pm in the church

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.

"I have been all things unholy. If God can work through me, he can work through anyone" — St. Francis of Assisi

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