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St. Mary Magdalen Roman Catholic Church, Brockley

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 24th./25th. 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

OUR FAITH MUST BE SEEN IN DAILY LIFE

Have you ever wondered what people see when they look at the way we live? Do they see the love, kindness, and forgiveness of Christ in us? In his First Letter to the Thessalonians (1 Thessalonians 1:6), St Paul praises the Thessalonians for becoming imitators of the apostles and of the Lord. They welcomed the Word of God with joy, even amid suffering and affliction. Their example reminds us that faith is not just something we profess in church; it must be visible in our daily lives. Our faith should reflect in how we treat our families, speak to our neighbours, respond to those who hurt us, and care for people in need. It is seen when we choose forgiveness over resentment, kindness over anger, honesty over dishonesty, and patience over frustration. Even when life becomes difficult, we are called to trust God and remain faithful to His Word. My dear parishioners, it is easy to profess our faith with our lips, but the real challenge is to live it through our actions. Let us make Christ visible in our homes, workplaces, and communities. May others recognize Jesus in us, not only by what we say, but by how we love and live each day. **Fr. Nat**

Mass Times & Intentions: 24 October 2026 — 1 November 2026

Sat. 24th. 6:30pm: Isabella Gilmour (87th. Heavenly birthday (R.I.P.)
Sun. 25th. 8.30am: Alex Lobow (God's Blessing, long life, good health & private intentions). 10:00am: People of the Parish. 11.30am: Sick parishioners.
Mon. 26th. 9:30am: John O'Boyle (Ann. R.I.P.)
Tue. 27th. 9:30am: Joseph Kyne (Ann. R.I.P.)
Wed. 28th. 9:30am: Yvonne Greaves (Good health and private intentions)
Thur. 29th. 9:30am: William Chapman (R.I.P.)
Fri. 30th 9:30am: Sean Joseph McGill (Ann. R.I.P.), Frederic China (34th Ann. R.I.P.)
Sat. 31st. 9:30am: Enough Rain Reservoirs in the South to replenish supplies.
Sat. 31st. 6:30pm: Cecilia Kyera Foriwa (Birthday thanksgiving & private intention).
Sun. 1st. 8.30am: Giovanna D'Angelo (19th Ann. R.I.P.). 10:00am: Alex Lobow (God's Blessing, long life, good health & private intentions), Macinest Alexis (R.I.P.). Yvonne Greaves (Healing & Testimony). 11.30am: Sean Joseph McGill (R.I.P)

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 Aluebhosele, Gwen Randall, Chinyere Oburota, Patrick Akanya, Kathy Langridge, Patricia Wocial, Maxine Leech, Raissa Tchail & Agostino Musto. **ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Mary Terry, Frances Harding, Icilda Chambers, Edward Sullivan, Llyod Sterling, James Leonard, Patrick O'Sullivan, Terence Neill, Sheila Buckingham, Michael Earls, Michel Koussi Motcho, Joseph Kyne, Giovanna D'Angelo, Joseph Morgan, Christina Collins, Philomenia Keating, Lewis Martin, Liz Brooks, Mary Costello, Sean McGill, Bertie Alleyne & Francis Miller.



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. Ps 104: 3-4 **Reader:** The word of the Lord.
Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

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, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. 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: Exodus 22:21-27 Thus says the Lord: 'You shall not wrong a sojourner or oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. You shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child. If you do mistreat them, and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry, and my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless. If you lend money to any of my people with you who is poor, you shall not be like a money-lender to him, and you shall not exact interest from him. If ever you take your neighbour's cloak in pledge, you shall return it to him before the sun goes down, for that is his only covering, and it is his cloak for his body; in what else shall he sleep? And if he cries to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate.'

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 18(17):2-3a. 3b-4. 47, 51ab. R2

I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength;

O Lord, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. **R**

My God, my rock where I take refuge;

my shield, my saving strength, my stronghold.

I cry out, 'O praised be the Lord!'

and see, I am saved from my foes. **R**

The Lord lives, and blest be my Rock!

May the God of my salvation be exalted.

The Lord gives great victories to his king,

and shows merciful love for his anointed. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-

10 Brothers and Sisters: You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: John 14:23 Alleluia, alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him. Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40 At that time: When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of

them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ‘Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?’ And he said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.’

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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, we pray, O Lord, on the offerings we make to your majesty, that whatever is done by us in your service may be directed above all to your glory. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 19: 6 We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

Prayer after Communion: May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray, perfect in us what lies within them, that what we now celebrate in signs we may one day possess in truth. 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.

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

November is the month dedicated to the dead. We need pictures, order of service and memorabilia of your dead beloved ones in order to erect our memorial altar.

Monthly Confession: There will be confession this weekend after all Masses.

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+, started on 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.

A Feast for all Peoples: The third meeting will take place in the Presbytery at 7pm on Friday 30th October. Please contact Father Nat. or Moira Forrester. Moira's phone or Whatsapp is 07712507489.

50/50 Club: The winners of the August draw were numbers 9 and 38. The winners for September were numbers 1 and 3.

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.

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 11:30am 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 4th. November 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.

"Look back and thank God. Look forward and trust God."— St. Rose of Lima

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