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St. Mary Magdalen Roman Catholic Church, Brockley

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, 31st./1st. Nov. 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

WHO ARE THE SAINTS?

When we hear the word saints, we may imagine people who lived perfect lives. But saints are not people who never made mistakes; they are people who allowed God to transform their lives through His grace and love. Today, on the Solemnity of All Saints, Jesus shows us the path to holiness through the Beatitudes. Holiness is not something reserved for the Church or special moments of prayer; it is lived every day. We become holy when we forgive those who hurt us, show kindness to our neighbours, care for those in need, bring peace to our families, and remain faithful to God during difficult times. Holiness begins with the little things we do with great love. We are all called to become saints by allowing Christ to shine through our words, actions, and relationships. May all the saints inspire us and intercede for us as we journey towards heaven. **Fr Nat**

Mass Times & Intentions: 31 October 2026 — 8 November 2026

Sat. 31st. 6:30pm: Cecilia Kyera Foriwaa (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 (Ann R.I.P.), Victoria's and Bernard Unije (Ann R.I.P.)
Mon. 2nd. 9:30am: Deceased family & friends of Russo Family (R.I.P.), Madeleine & Petchage Caroopen, Xavier, Esther, Maurice, Mike & Julien Victor & Jelly Bean (RIP)
Tue. 3rd. 9:30am: Vocations to the Priesthood from our Parish
Wed. 4th. 9:30am: George & Isabella Gilmour (R.I.P.), Mary Gallagher (R.I.P.)
Thur. 5th. 9:30am: Deceased members of The Legion of Mary (R.I.P.), Ruth Isobel Fenton (R.I.P.).
Fri: 6th 9:30am: Gerald McPartlane (R.I.P.), Alan Charles Leech (Ann. R.I.P.)
Sat. 7th. 9:30am: Holy Souls
Sat. 7th. 6:30pm: Marion Hanley (Ann. R.I.P.)
Sun. 8th. 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 Aluebhosale, Gwen Randall, Chinyere Oburota, Patrick Akanya, Kathy Langridge, Patricia Wocial, Maxine Leech, Raissa Tchail & Agostino Musto. **ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Bertie Alleyne, Francis Miller, Mary Murphy, Timothy Fogarty, Edward McKearney, Frederick Perkins, Elizabeth Gilmour, John Coan, Mathew Zanga, Pauline Egan, Maria Matthews, Robert Wareham, Rory Carroll, Theresa Barley, Joseph Lukasik, Glynnis Eaton, Agostina De Riva, Hilda Milan, Peter Murray, Alojza Janik, Mary Keating, Daniel Monroe, Dorothy Hopkins, Violet Tubb & Isaac Fuseini.



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 Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

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, by whose gift we venerate in one celebration the merits of all the Saints, bestow on us, we pray, through the prayers of so many intercessors, an abundance of the reconciliation with you for which we earnestly long. 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: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14 I, John, saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, 'Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.' And I heard the number of the sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel. After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, say-

ing, 'Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?' I said to him, 'Sir, you know.' And he said to me, 'These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

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

Responsorial Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24(23):1-2. 3-4b. 5-6. R cf. 6

Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world, and those who dwell in it.

It is he who set it on the seas;
on the rivers he made it firm. **R**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?

Who shall stand in his holy place?

The clean of hands and pure of heart,
whose soul is not set on vain things. **R**

Blessings from the Lord shall he receive,
and right reward from the God who saves him.

Such are the people who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3 Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 11:28 Alleluia, alleluia. Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord, and I will give you rest. Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for

they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'

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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: May these offerings we bring in honour of all the Saints be pleasing to you, O Lord, and grant that, just to be already assured of immortality, so we may experience their concern for our salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Mt 5: 8-10 Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Prayer after Communion: As we adore you, O God, who alone are holy and wonderful in all your Saints, we implore your grace, so that, coming to perfect holiness in the fullness of your love, we may pass from this pilgrim table to the banquet of our heavenly homeland. 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

Holy Souls Mass: There will be a Candlelight Mass for Holy Souls on Friday the 20th November at 6pm in St. Mary Magdalen's church, Brockley.

Month of Holy Souls: November is dedicated to praying for our deceased loved ones. Please, remember to pray and book Masses. Please bring pictures, order of service or memorabilia of your deceased loved ones for our memorial altar. De Profundis will be said in all our Masses throughout this month.

Second collection: The second collection next weekend is for the Archbishop's Appeal. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Cemetery Visits and Prayers in November: We gather in quiet reflection to remember those who have gone before us – loved ones whose presence shaped our lives and whose memories continue to live in our hearts. May their souls rest in peace.

Cemetery Visits dates and times are as follows:

Hither Green Cemetery: Sunday, 8th Nov. 2026. Please assemble at the Main Gate in Verdant Lane at 2.15pm. The procession will begin at 2.30pm. Accompanying clergy are happy to pray at your family grave. We are asked to vacate the cemetery by 3.45pm.

Grove Park Cemetery: Sunday 15th Nov. at 2.30 pm.

Brockley Cemetery: Sunday 22nd Nov. at 2.30 pm.

A Feast for all Peoples: The fourth meeting will take place in the Presbytery at 7pm on Friday 6th November. Please contact Father Nat. or Moira Forrester. Moira's phone or Whatsapp is 07712507489.

First Holy Communion programme has started. Parents and children aged 7+, Year 3, to attend. Please bring completed registration form and **original** baptism certificate.

Confirmation programme starts on the 15 November, from 12pm to 13.30 in the Presbytery. Please bring your completed registration form and **original** baptism certificate. The programme is for Year 9, aged 13+.

RCIA for Adults starts on Sunday 9th November at 12.30pm in the Presbytery. Please bring completed registration form. Forms are available at the back of the church.

Lectio Divina Prayer Group: The next Lectio Divina Prayer Group will take place on Wednesday 4th. November 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: Masses 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.

"Please don't assume I'm in Heaven.....Pray for me". —A Poor Soul in Purgatory

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