Spiritans

St. Mary Magdalen Roman Catholic Church, Brockley

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 14th./15th. 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

USING OUR GOD-GIVEN TALENTS

Have you ever stopped to reflect on the gifts and talents God has blessed you with? In this weekend's Gospel (Matthew 25:14–30), Jesus tells the Parable of the Talents, reminding us that God expects us to use wisely and faithfully the gifts He has entrusted to us. We are not called to hide or bury our talents out of fear, but to develop them and put them to good use. Each of us has something valuable to offer. In our parish community, we can use our gifts through prayer, singing in the choir, proclaiming God's Word, welcoming others, supporting those in need and participating in parish activities. No gift is too small when offered with love. I encourage each of us to ask: What can I offer to my parish? How can I use my talents to serve God and others? Let us take a step forward, get involved and share our gifts generously. Together, we can build a stronger, more vibrant and caring parish community. **Fr. Nat**

Mass Times & Intentions: **14 November 2026 — 22 November 2026**

Sat. 14th. 6:30pm: People of the Parish
Sun. 15th. 8.30am: Breda McAleer (R.I.P.). 10:00am: Jen Hegarty (R.I.P.). 11.30am: Alex Lobow (God's Blessing, long life, good health & private intentions)
Mon. 16th. 9:30am: Darren Augustin (5th Ann. R.I.P)
Tue. 17th. 9:30am: Holy Souls
Wed. 18th. 9:30am: J.K Bonney (R.I.P)
Thur. 19th. 9:30am: Frank & Peg Stone (R.I.P. Wedding anniversary), Michael Guilfoyle(R.I.P.)
Fri: 20th. 9:30am: Repose of Soul of Therese Akigbe (R.I.P.) Armindo, Ricardina, Benicio, Fernando, Jose & Jose Manuel (R.I.P) Sophie Leech (birthday thanksgiving)
Fri: 20th. 6.00pm: Holy Souls Mass
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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 Aluebhosele, Gwen Randall, Chinyere Oburota, Patrick Akanya, Kathy Langridge, Patricia Wocial, Maxine Leech, Raissa Tchail, Agostino Musto & Gerrard Whelan . **ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Mary Norris, George Gayner, Margaret Near, Jermaine Mokwe, Elizabeth Ruddock, Paige Elizabeth Hutton-Kyle, Gillian Tudman, Saorla Lai, Magdalena Wanczyk, Bernard McCormack, Sandra Gaye, Ivan Beccles, Elizabeth Carolan, Rosalie Sheahan, Michael Fennell, John McGeever, Darren Augustin, Frederick Corsale, Patrick St Aubyn, Patrick Carolan, Michael Guilfoyle, Halina Krayer, William Davis, Edith Cathersides, Elizabeth Pascal, Patrick Adimorah,Anne East & Pelagia Trojanowska.

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 Jer 29: 11, 12, 14 The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

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: Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. 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: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

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

Responsorial Responsorial Psalm
Ps 128(127):1-2. 3. 4-5. R1a
Blessed are all who fear the Lord.
Blessed are all who fear the Lord,
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be blessed and prosper. **R**

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive
around your table. **R**

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the husband who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Sion.
May you see Jerusalem prosper
all the days of your life! **R**

SECOND READING: **1 Thessalonians 5:1-6** Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers and sisters, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: **John 15:4a, 5b** Alleluia, alleluia. Abide in me, and I in you, says the Lord. Whoever abides in me bears much fruit. Alleluia.

Gospel: **Matthew Matthew 25:14-30** At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. 'Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, "Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, "Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over

a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, "Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours." But his master answered him, "You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." '

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THE NICENE CREED: 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: Grant, O Lord, we pray, that what we offer in the sight of your majesty may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to you and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Ps 72: 28, To be near God is my happiness to place my hope in God the Lord.

Prayer after Communion: We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery, humbly imploring, O Lord,, that what your Son commanded us to do, in memory of him may bring us growth in charity. 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

An Update on Our Parish Halls.
I would like to thank everyone for their continued support, commitment and hard work in keeping our Parish Halls active and available to our parish and the wider community. Since the school closed in Dec 2021, the Doicese and Lewisham Council have been in discussions about the future of the buildings on the school site. During this time, we have been blessed to have had access to the halls, allowing us to continued our parish activities and community events. We are truly grateful for this opportunity. From Monday 16th November 2026, we will no longer have access to the two halls. I will be meeting with the Diocese, together with Parish Council Members, Fr Chris, Moira, Una, Robert, Tim, Michael, Francis, and Peter to discuss the possibility of securing future parish hall provision within the Victorian section of the former school building. We will keep you updated through the parish newsletter. Thank you once gain for your continued support and dedication to our parish community. **Fr Nathaniel Ewusi, CSSp.**

Next week second collection: The second collection today is for National Youth Day.

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:

Grove Park Cemetery: Sunday 15th Nov. at 2.30pm
Brockley Cemetery: Sunday 22nd Nov. at 2.30 pm.

Parish Pastoral and Finance Council: The next Parish Pastoral and Finance Council meeting will be at 7pm in the Presbytery on Friday 27th November. All council members are asked to attend. Thank you for all you do.

Sacramental Programmes: First Holy Communion sessions run weekly in term time, Saturdays at 10am in the Presbytery.
Confirmation sessions run weekly in term time, Saturdays at 12.30pm in the Presbytery.
RCIA sessions weekly Wednesdays at 5pm in Priests' house

Visiting the sick: If you are aware of any parishioner who is sick, housebound or in a nursing home, please let one of the clergy know, 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 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.

"It is the nature of the wise to resist pleasures, but the foolish to be a slave to them" — EPICTETUS Greek philosopher

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