St. Mary Magdalen Roman Catholic Church, Brockley

Spiritans

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of The Universe 21st./22nd. 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

"Jesus, is it you again?"

In the Gospel of Matthew (25:31–46), Jesus reminds us: "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." He invites us to recognise His face in the poor, the hungry, the homeless, the sick and the vulnerable. Caring for those in need must be at the heart of our Christian faith. We are called not simply to notice their struggles but to respond with love, compassion and practical help. Faith is not just something we profess; it is something we live. A friend once taught me a beautiful expression: "Jesus, is it you again?" I have come to treasure these words. Whenever a homeless person knocks on the presbytery door seeking help, a young family shares its financial struggles, or someone going through a difficult time comes simply needing a listening ear, I remind myself to welcome them warmly. I try to offer them a little time, kindness and comfort, remembering that Christ may be meeting me through them. Dear friends, as we welcome Jesus in the Eucharist, let us also recognise Him in those around us who need our kindness. May we never close our hearts to anyone in need. The next time someone in need comes your way, remember: it could be Jesus again! **Fr Nat**

Mass Times & Intentions: **21 November 2026 — 29 November 2026**

Sat. 21st. 6:30pm: Deceased member of the Williams family
Sun. 22nd. 8.30am: Alex Lobow (God's Blessing, long life, good health & private intentions).10:00am: Michael Guilfoyle(R.I.P.)11.30am: Deceased members of the Keefe family
Mon. 23rd. 9:30am: Repose of Soul of Philippe China (R.I.P.)
Tue. 24th. 9:30am: Joe (healing)
Wed. 25th. 9:30am: Catherine Yonlonfoun (93rd Birthday, thanksgiving)
Thur. 26th. 9:30am: George & Isabella Gilmour (R.I.P), Mary Gallagher (R.I.P.)
Fri: 27th 9:30am: Repose of Soul of Oswald Tessy (R.I.P.)
Sat. 28th .9:30am: Gerald McPartlane (R.I.P.)
Sat. 28th. 6:30pm: Harold James Jack (R.I.P.)
Sun. 29th. 8.30am: Alex Lobow (God's Blessing, long life, good health and private intentions).10:00am: 11.30am: Edward Omatsoguwa Ofosaven (30th. Ann. R.I.P.), Grace Izebyokum Ofosaven (nee Alemezoho) (5th. Ann. R.I.P.) Richard Okeleke (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 & Gerrard Whelan. **ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** William Davis, Edith Cathersides, Elizabeth Pascal, Patrick Adimorah, Anne East, Pelagia Trojanowska, Lucy Dutton, Thomas Plunkett, Mrs Oilver, Elizabeth Hughes, Joseph Augustaitis, David Pilkington, Wayne Newton, Mary DeRosa, Mieczyslaw Piotrjurecki, Theresa McCollins, Bridget O'Sullivan, Mary Gallagher, Keith Forrest, Edith Short, John Ayres, Catherine McMurray, May Peach, Selwyn Walton, Alfonso Grillo, Angiel Deroche & Eileen O'Connor.



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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 Rv 5: 12; 1: 6 How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

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, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. 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: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats.
Reader: The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Responsorial Psalm
Ps 23(22):1-2a. 2b-3. 5. 6. ℟1
The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. **R**

Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul.
He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name. **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: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 Brothers and Sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.
Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: Mark 11:9, 10 Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46 At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." Then the righteous will answer him, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you

drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?" And the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me." Then he will say to those on his left, "Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?" Then he will answer them, saying, "Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

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All: Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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: As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice by which the human race is reconciled to you, we humbly pray, that your Son himself may bestow on all nations the gifts of unity and peace. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Ps 28: 10-11 The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Prayer after Communion: Having received the food of immortality, we ask, O Lord, that, glorying in obedience to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe, we may live with him eternally in his heavenly kingdom. 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.
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

Parish Pastoral and Finance Council: The next Parish Pastoral and Finance Council meeting will take place at 7pm in the Presbytery on Friday 27th Nov. All council members are asked to attend.

Second collection: The second collection today is for National Youth Day. The collection supports youth workers in the diocese and beyond, especially the Southwark Catholic Youth Service, which helps young people encounter Christ, grow in authentic friendship, and be equipped for mission in the Church and the world.

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

Lectio Divina Prayer Group: The next Lectio Divina Prayer Group will take place on Wednesday 2nd. December from 7pm to 8pm in the church.

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 Presbytery.

Visiting the sick: If you know of any parishioner who is sick, housebound or living in a nursing home and would appreciate a visit from a priest, please kindly pass their name and contact details to one of the clergy or email the Parish Office.

50/50 Club: The winning numbers for the October draw were **32 and 95**, while the November draw winners were **57 and 69**. Congratulations to all the winners!

Tea & Coffee: Tea and coffee will be served in the presbytery, at 73 Comerford Road 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. For bank details, please contact the clergy or the parish secretary.

"***The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention.***"— **Oscar Wilde**

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