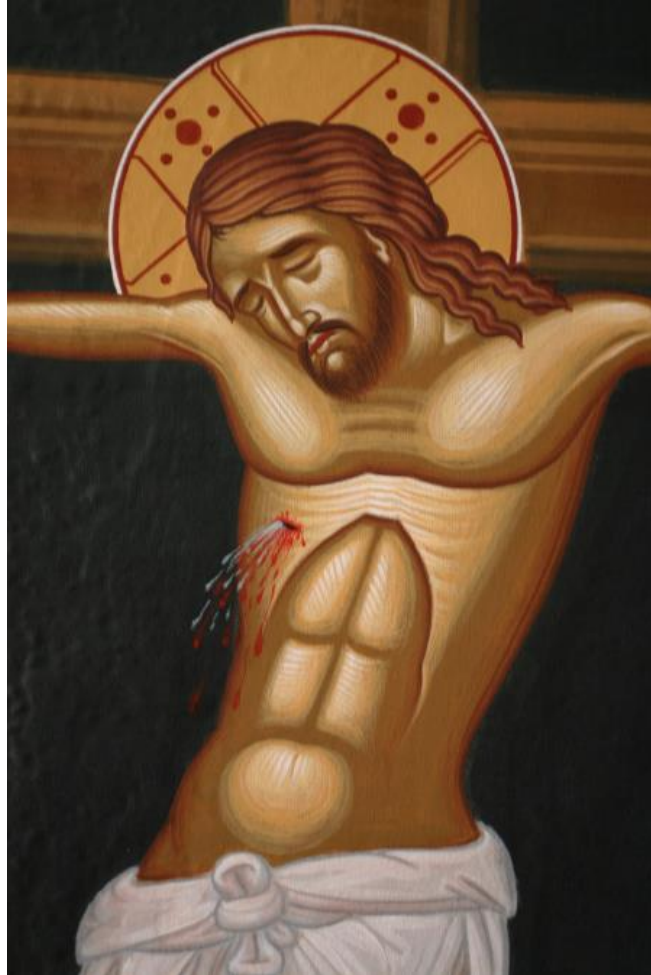




“Joy of All Who Sorrow”

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"I love Thee, my God, not out of fear, nor because Thou hast prepared my paradise. I love Thee because Thou wast crucified for me."

Abba Dorotheos of Gaza

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Notes & Jottings

EPISCOPAL VISIT

In July, Bishop Irenei visited the country, and Father Deacon Mark and his family accompanied him on trips to two of our sister parishes. On Friday 20th, they travelled to Cardiff, where they were shown great hospitality by the Roman Catholic sisters of Nazareth House. On Saturday, one of the feast days of the Kazan Ikon (the other being November 4th, the birthday of Mary our foundress), Father Mark and his son George served with Vladyka and Hieromonk Mark (Underwood). Amusingly, one of the servers was another Mark (Fisher)! After the Liturgy was a delicious feast, where they had the chance to meet many of the lovely people of the parish. The family then drove with the bishop to Birkenhead, where they were all given a wonderful welcome by Father Paul Elliott and his Matushka, Elizabeth. It was very moving to see the chapel in their basement where the church had been for many years, before their current building was purchased. The next day, they went to the church, where the parish was celebrating its Patronal Festival of St Elizabeth the New Martyr, extra special as this year is the centenary of her martyrdom. Father Mark and George served once again and Elizabeth, whose nameday it was, sang in the choir. After the Liturgy, the bishop and the family joined the parish for its annual garden party in the Elliotts' beautiful garden. They were given a very warm welcome by everyone in the community.



ST GUTHLAC OF CROWLAND

At the beginning of August, Father Deacon Mark and his family made a pilgrimage to Crowland in honour of St Guthlac. It contained several wonderful surprises. They were met by some very kind Anglican guides, who unlocked the upstairs chapel where visitors are not usually allowed. There, they were shown the skull of one of the martyrs of Crowland, thought to be St Theodore, the abbot of the monastic community which grew up after St Guthlac's death. He was martyred with about eighty others by the Vikings in the 9th Century. The pilgrims were able to see and venerate the skull. They also learned about the 'Guthlac Roll', a set of excellent drawings from the late 12th-early 13th century, illustrating scenes from the life of the saint. It is a fascinating document and the pilgrims purchased a very good copy of it for the College library. The original will be on display at the British Library from October as part of the upcoming Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms Exhibition. The pilgrims also went to Peakirk, where Saint Guthlac's sister St Pega was abbess.



Scene from the Guthlac Roll and Stained Glass Window of St Pega at Peakirk. Below, skull of St Theodore.



NAMEDAYS

We send our congratulations to everyone who is celebrating a nameday at this time & wish them:

MANY YEARS!

- 1 September - **Martyr Timothy of Palestine** – Timothy Levine
- 8 September – **Martyrs Adrian & Natalie of Nicomedia** – Adrian Cosby,
Natalia Weston
- 11 September - **Beheading of St John the Baptist** - John Barry
- 12 Sept – **St Alexander, Patriarch of Constantinople** – Alexander Bascu
- 24 Sept – **St Deiniol, Bishop/Abbot, of Bangor** – Archimandrite Deiniol
- 30 Sept – **Martyr Sophia at Rome** – Sophia Weston



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SEPTEMBER 2018

Saturday 1 September

7.30pm ~ Vigil

Sunday 2 September

10.10am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy (Prophet Samuel)

Saturday 8 September

7.30pm ~ Vigil

Sunday 9 September

10.10am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy (St Poemen the Great)

Saturday 15 September

7.30pm ~ Vigil

Sunday 16 September (St Edward, King & Martyr)

10.10am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy

**SERVICES FOR THE NATIVITY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD
TO BE HELD AT OUR CATHEDRAL IN LONDON**

Saturday 22 September

7.30pm ~ Vigil

Sunday 23 September (Martyrs Menodora, Metrodora, and Nymphodora)

10.10am - Hours & Divine Liturgy

Wednesday 26 September

7.30pm ~ Vigil

Thursday 27 September (Exaltation of the Precious and Life-giving Cross)

10.10am - Hours & Divine Liturgy

Saturday 29 September

7.30pm ~ Vigil

Sunday 30 September (Martyrs: Sophia & her daughters - Faith, Hope & Love)

10.10am - Hours & Divine Liturgy