



“Joy of All Who Sorrow”

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Two Baptisms

On Saturday 19th October, Catechumen Mary Brown and her beautiful daughter Isla were baptised in our church. This coincided well with the installation of the new shed we have had specially built near the church to safely store our large font when it is not being used. Mary was named for St Mary of Egypt and Isla for St Ita, Abbess of Killeedy. Little Ita did very well to cope with the long ceremony and triple immersion, having been practicing putting her whole head under the water at home and in the local swimming pool over the previous week! At the end of the service, Fr Mark congratulated the newly illumined servants as well as their sponsors: Matushka Elizabeth and Mary Tattum-Smith. Many Years!

Visitation of the Hawaiian Myrrh-streaming Ikon

We have now had confirmation that on **Thursday 14th November**, the holy, wonderworking Myrrh-streaming Hawaiian Ikon of the Mother of God will be coming to our little church in Mettingham at 4pm. We will then serve a Moleben with Akathist together with an opportunity to venerate this extraordinary and miraculous Ikon. Thank you to Vladoyka Irenei, our Chancellor Archpriest Paul Elliott and the Guardian of the Ikon Priest Nektarios for making this possible.

Gifts to the Church

Thank you to John and Alla Steel for their gifts of incense for the church following their holiday in Greece. Thanks are also due to Irina Dembri for the bottles of oil from the lampadas before the Holy Cross of Godenovo, the relics of Hieromartyr Hilarion (Troitsky) and St Tikhon of Zadonsk together with a beautiful ikon of the latter saint with Sts Mitrophan & Antony of Voronezh. May God bless you all!

Children Books

Given the increased numbers of children in the parish and in response to parental requests we are pleased to announce that we are establishing a small collection of high quality Orthodox Christian Children's books. The first book for the new library has arrived called *St Nicholas and the Nine Golden Coins* by Jim Forest & illustrated by Vladislav Andrejev. We have some cloth books on order for toddlers and further books for older children to build up what we hope will be a great resource for the community. Fr Mark is also developing a wish list of further volumes and items for the children in our parish towards which donations are very welcome.

Official records

We have recently purchased official church registers to record all the baptisms, marriages and burials which have occurred in the church going back to 2009. Fr Mark is carefully going through the church archives to ensure that our record books are accurate and correct. Parishioners may be interested to learn that to date we have had a total of 19 Baptisms (including receptions into the church by Chrismation), 5 Marriages and 5 Burials.



PARISH & COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE IKON OF THE THEOTOKOS:

NOVEMBER 2024

Saturday 2nd November

7.30pm ~ Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday 3rd November

(St Hilarion the Great)

10.10am ~ Hours & Divine Liturgy

Tuesday 5th November

7.30pm ~ Great Vespers with Litia

✠ Wednesday 6th November ✠

PATRONAL FEAST: IKON "JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW"

10.10am ~ Hours & Festal Liturgy with Cross Procession

Saturday 9th November

7.30pm ~ Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday 10th November

(St Job of Pochaev)

10.10am ~ Hours & Divine Liturgy

✠ Thursday 14th November ✠

4pm ~ Moleben & Akathist to the Myrrh-streaming Hawaiian Ikon of the Theotokos

A litia or panikhida will be served after the departure of the Ikon

✠ Friday 15th November ✠

FOUNDER'S DAY: Repose of Mary Bond

10.10am ~ Hours & Requiem Liturgy with Litia at the Grave

Saturday 16th November

7.30pm ~ Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday 17th November

(St Ioannicius the Great of Bithynia)

10.10am ~ Hours & Divine Liturgy

2pm ~ Marriage Service

Wednesday 20th November

7.30pm ~ Moleben to Ikon Joy of All Who Sorrow

Saturday 23rd November

7.30pm ~ Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday 24th November

(St Menas of Egypt & St Martin of Tours)

10.10am ~ Hours & Divine Liturgy

Wednesday 27th November

7.30pm ~ Panikhida with Prayer to St Varus