



“Joy of All Who Sorrow”

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Dive Family

At the end of last month we were deeply saddened to suddenly have to say good bye to the Dive family who have been much-loved stalwarts of our parish for several years, with Subdeacon Christopher and Leo reading and serving, and Maria, Tatiana and Natalia singing in the choir and often beautifying the church. However, the circumstances of our farewell are deeply joyful, as they go to focus permanently on the new Mission of St Edmund in Bury St Edmunds. We wish them all the very best, and pray that the Mission will thrive to the glory of God.

Unction at the Cathedral

On Saturday 21st March, Father Mark and his family were in London for the yearly Unction service. They were very happy to see several parishioners who had also made the journey. This Sacrament bestows healing and we are all aptly invited to receive it during Lent, as we all stand in need of healing, most especially in preparation for the joy of Pascha.

Ikons Kursk and Giver of Reason

As mentioned last month, we were kindly gifted a copy of the Kursk Root Ikon for the church which has now come back from the framers and was blessed on the 5th Sunday of Lent. We have also now acquired an Ikon of the Mother of God, ‘Giver of Reason’. This is a 17th Century ikon, based on the image in Loreto where the Holy House of the Annunciation is now located, and is known to cure illnesses of the mind as well as to help those who are studying.

Frank Overton-Martin

Our dear friend Frank Overton-Martin was made catechumen at the London Cathedral on the Sunday of the Cross. He has taken the name Hilarion for St Hilarion Troitsky. Welcome Catechumen Hilarion!

Myrrh from St Dmitri

Claudia and Alexandra recently made a pilgrimage to Thessalonki. They kindly brought back myrrh from the tomb of St Dmitri for us. Many thanks to them for this wonderful gift. We will look to place it in an ikon of the saint in time.

AGM for the year 2025

On the Sunday of St John Climacus, we had our Annual General Meeting. Tatiana reported on our accounts, Fr Mark provided a pastoral report on church activities in 2025 and various other practicalities were discussed. Thanks to all who made an effort to stay for the meeting. Now that Subdeacon Christopher has been permanently assigned to the Bury St Edmunds Mission, he has resigned as Parish Secretary, and Joshua and Dymphna Bowler were unanimously elected as our new joint secretaries. A digital copy of the minutes will be placed on the Parish WhatsApp and a printed copy in the porch together with the accounts when they are finalised. Fr Mark will also be printing and circulating the pastoral report in due course, particularly for the benefit of those who were not present.

Lent Talks

Fr Mark has completed his online series of Lent talks on “Reading, Praying and Singing the Psalter”, which were mostly well-attended. He intends to give similar talks during each of the four fast periods as a way of providing ongoing adult catechesis for all parishioners. If you have any ideas for topics, please contact him.

Holy Week Service Reminder

Please see the Holy Week schedule that is attached to this bulletin with the key services. Please note that Paschal baskets will only be blessed at the end of the Paschal Liturgy and at Paschal Vespers and finally the Thomas Sunday Liturgy. Finally, please pray for all our baptismal candidates who will be received into the Church on Holy Saturday: Catechumens Thomas and Emellia, Corey and Robbie as well as Catechumens Paisius and Juliana, Isaac and Luke.

New Dishwasher!

Much to everyone’s great joy we now have a brand-new dishwasher which was installed into the House on Sunday 29th March. Thank you to all the families who so generously contributed towards this. No more washing up! Glory to God!



PARISH & COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE IKON OF THE THEOTOKOS:
“JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW”

APRIL 2026

Saturday 4th April
(Lazarus Saturday)

7.30pm ~ Great Vespers with Lita

Sunday 5th April

(Palm Sunday: Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem)

10.10am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy with blessing of Palms

See Complete Holy Week Schedule below:

Great & Holy Tuesday 7th April

The Annunciation of the Theotokos

10.10am ~ 9th Hour & Vespers Liturgy

Great & Holy Thursday 9th April

10.10am ~ 9th Hour & Vespers Liturgy

6.30pm ~ Matins: The Twelve Gospels Service

Great & Holy Friday 10th April

4.00pm ~ Great Vespers with the bringing out of the Shroud followed by Light Refreshments

6.30pm ~ Matins: The Burial Service of Christ

Great & Holy Saturday 11th April

12.30pm ~ Great Vespers with 15 readings

11.30pm ~ Midnight Office

Sunday 12th April

✠ PASCHA ✠

12am Midnight ~ Paschal Procession, Matins & Liturgy

3pm ~ Paschal Vespers & Easter Party

Bright Wednesday 15th April

7.30pm ~ Paschal Moleben for St Guthlac

Saturday 18th April

7.30pm ~ Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday 19th April

(Thomas Sunday)

10.10am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy

3pm ~ Service of Marriage

Tuesday 21st April

(Radonitsa)

10.10am ~ Hours and Paschal Liturgy for the Departed

Wednesday 22nd April

7.30pm ~ Moleben to the Theotokos “Joy of All Who Sorrow”

Saturday 25th April

7.30pm ~ Great Vespers & Confessions

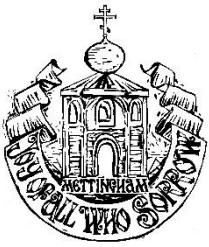
Sunday 26th April

(Myrrh-bearing women and Ss Joseph of Aramathea and Nicodemus)

10.10am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy

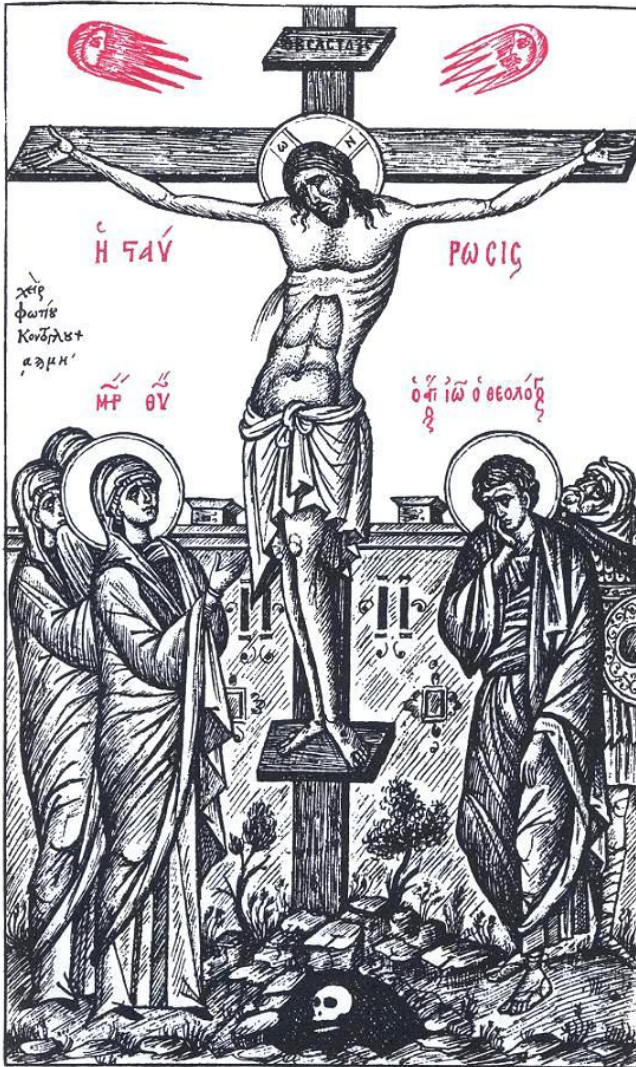
For all other services and pastoral needs including baptism, marriage, molebens and panikhidas,
please contact Priest Mark Tattum-Smith on:

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Holy Week Schedule 2026



Saturday 4th April – Lazarus Saturday

7.30pm ~ Vespers & Litia

Sunday 5th April – Palm Sunday

10.10am ~ Hours & Festal Liturgy

Monday 6th April - Great & Holy Monday

from 10am onwards Church Clean

6.30pm ~ Matins of the Annunciation

Tuesday 7th April - Great & Holy Tuesday & the Annunciation of the Theotokos

10.10am – 9th Hour & Vespereal Liturgy

6.30pm ~ Bridegroom Matins

Wednesday 8th April ~ Great & Holy Wednesday

6.30pm ~ Matins

Thursday 9th April – Great and Holy Thursday

10.10am ~ 9th Hour & Vespereal Liturgy

6.30pm ~ Matins: The Twelve Gospels Service

Friday 10th April – Great and Holy Friday

4.00pm ~ Great Vespers with the bringing out of the Shroud (*Epitaphios/plashchanitsa*)
followed by *Light Refreshments*

6.30pm ~ Matins: The Burial Service of Christ

Saturday 11th April – Great and Holy Saturday

12.30pm ~ Great Vespers with 15 readings
Approx. 3.30pm - Baptisms

11.30pm ~ Midnight Office and Procession

✦ Sunday 12th April – Radiant Feast of Pascha ✦

12 Midnight ~ Paschal Matins & Divine Liturgy
3pm ~ Paschal Vespers followed by Easter Party

Confessions & Blessing of Easter Baskets

Confessions will be heard following each service or by arrangement with Fr Mark who can be contacted on 07592482732 / marktattumsmith@gmail.com). I would ask that all parishioners try and have confession at one of the services prior to Easter night so that this slot can then be given to visitors and those who attend less regularly. Easter baskets will be blessed at the end of the Paschal Liturgy in the early morning of Sunday 20th April as well as at the end of Paschal Vespers on Sunday afternoon. A final blessing will be made on Thomas Sunday & Radonitsa.