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**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August – 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year.**



<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2025.</b> <b>YEAR OF JUBILEE 2025.</b> <b>“Pilgrims of Hope.”</b> <b>All Church services live streamed at</b> <a href="http://www.olsm-abergavenny.co.uk">www.olsm-abergavenny.co.uk</a> Also services livestreamed from Belmont Abbey <a href="http://belmontabbey.org.uk/online-streaming">belmontabbey.org.uk/online-streaming</a> <b>Evening Prayer at 5pm on</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/OurLadyandStMichaelChurch">www.facebook.com/OurLadyandStMichaelChurch</a> <b>Fr. Jonathon Rollinson supplying - 01432 374737.</b>
<b>Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> August – St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.</b> No devotions or morning mass. <b>5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church – Margaret Watkins RIP.</b>
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August – 19<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday.</b> <b>Fr. Jonathon Rollinson supplying - 01432 374737.</b> <b>*8.00am Mass in OLSM Church – People of the Parish.</b> <b>*10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Patrick Ring RIP.</b> <b>*6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church – Timothy McCarthy RIP.</b>
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> August – St. Clare. No mass or services today.
<b>Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> August – St. Jane Frances de Chantal.</b> <b>10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Deborah Jennifer Davies RIP</b>
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August – St's Pontus &amp; Hippolytus.</b> <b>10.30am Mass in Llanarth Church – Spec Int (L&amp;O.)</b> 10.30am – 12noon Michaels Mates – Centre.
<b>Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> August - St. Maximilian Kolbe.</b> <b>No morning mass. Fr. Matthew returns today.</b> 1.00pm Lunch Club. <b>5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church – Margaret Watkins RIP &amp; John Williams RIP. (Vigil Mass of the Assumption.)</b>
<b>Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> August – Solemnity of the Assumption.</b> <b>Holyday of Obligation.</b> <b>10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Patrick Ring RIP.</b> 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook – Sheila Woodhouse RIP <b>7.00pm Mass in OLSM Church – Sick of the Parish.</b>
<b>Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> August – St. Stephen of Hungary.</b> 9.30am Rosary for Life. <b>10.00am Mass in OLSM Church –</b> 10.45am - Confessions, Exposition, prayers for the parish. <b>5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church - Teresa Critchley RIP Anniv</b>
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August – 20<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday.</b> <b>*8.00am Mass in OLSM Church – John&amp;Maureen Desmond RIP</b> <b>*10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Deborah Jennifer Davies RIP</b> <b>5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook</b> <b>*6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church – Sick of the Parish.</b>

Mass Reflection:
<p>We are born of the faith of our fathers, descending from a great cloud of witnesses whose faith is attested to on every page of Scripture (see Hebrews 12:1). We have been made His people, chosen for His own inheritance, as we sing in today's Psalm. Today's Liturgy sings the praises of our fathers, recalling the defining moments in our “family history.” In the Epistle, we remember the calling of Abraham; in the First Reading we relive the night of the Exodus and the summons of the holy children of Israel. Our fathers, we are told, trusted in the Word of God, put their faith in His oaths, convinced that what He promised, He would do. None of them lived to see His promises made good. For it was not until Christ and His Church that Abraham's descendants were made as countless as the stars and sands (see Galatians 3:16-17, 29). It was not until His Last Supper and the Eucharist that “the sacrifice...the divine institution” of that first Passover was truly fulfilled. And we now too await the final fulfillment of what God has promised us in Christ. As Jesus tells us in today's Gospel, we should live with our loins girded—as the Israelites tightened their belts, cinched up their long robes and ate their Passover standing, vigilant and ready to do His will (see Exodus 12:11; 2 Kings 4:29). The Lord will come at an hour we do not expect—will knock on our door (see Revelation 3:20), inviting us to the wedding feast in the better homeland, the heavenly one that our fathers saw from afar, and which we begin to taste in each Eucharist. As they did, we can wait with “sure knowledge,” His Word like a lamp lighting our path (see Psalm 119:105). Our God is faithful and if we wait in faith, hope in His kindness, and love as we have been loved, we will receive His promised blessing, be delivered from death.</p>

Collection totals for Sunday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> August.	
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	£
Gift Aid	£
Automated credits (June 2025)	£
Contactless Card Reader	£
<b>OFFERTORY ENVELOPES – If you would like to a set of Offertory Envelopes, let Fr. Matthew or Colin Prosser know.</b> <b>CONTACTLESS CARD READER now available in Church. Thank you to all parishioners who now make direct bank payments to the parish. Do consider doing this. Our bank details are: NatWest – Belmont Abbey Mission CIO - Our Lady &amp; St. Michael's No. 1 Account no. 60708778 Bank Sort Code: 53-50-41.</b>	
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
<b>Christian Meditation Group – The weekly meditation group continues on most Monday's, at 11am, now in the home of Deirdre Mahon. For more info contact Deirdre on 07789 404041.</b>	
<b>YOUNG ADULTS GROUP-</b> A group for young adults 18-35 years of age has been proposed in the parish, meeting Saturday lunchtimes, following exposition and benediction, approx. 11.30am. 1 <sup>st</sup> meeting Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	
<b>Our Lady of Penrhys – the annual pilgrimage to Our Lady's shrine will take place next Sunday 17th August. Mass will be celebrated at 3pm (weather permitting) at the foot of the statue. Please bring your own seat. All are welcome!</b>	
<b>MICHAELS MATES – Parents and Kids group, each Wednesday of August, continuing this Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August, 10.30am – 12noon in the centre.</b>	

**BIBLE** Next meeting Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August at 5.30pm. Email Fr. Matthew for the invite.

**ABERGAVERNNY FOODBANK** - The donation point for Abergavenny Foodbank is in the church porch. Your continued support by donating items to the food bank is appreciated. The SVP coordinate the transfer of items. The manager of Abergavenny food bank is asking for volunteers to help out at the food bank. for more info visit: <https://abergavenny.foodbank.org.uk>

**PARISH COUNCIL** – The next Parish Council takes place this **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September** at 11.45am in the presbytery. **PAC MINUTES** – Minutes of the May PAC meeting on the website and on the notice board.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**, meets next on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm in the Presbytery.

**PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH** – Every Saturday morning (10.45am), we have Exposition and Benediction for the intentions of growing our parish and reaching out to those no longer in Church. This is supported by chants and hymns.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY COLLECTION** - We tackle poverty in all its forms by providing assistance to people in need. Our recent appeal collection realised in excess of £800. We would like to thank the parish for their continued generosity to help us in our mission. New members always welcome to join us. For further information on SVP visit: <https://www.svp.org.uk> contact: presidentg050512@svp.org.uk, or Fr Matthew.

**CATENIAN ASSOCIATION** If you are interested in joining us contact Jim Cronin 01873 854498 or [jimcronin1@hotmail.com](mailto:jimcronin1@hotmail.com)

**EVANGELISATION GROUP** – Meets next Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August at 6.00pm, beginning in Church.

**New Monthly Diocesan Newsletter — Sign Up Today!** The Archdiocese has launched a new monthly email newsletter, bringing together the latest news, events, and features from across the Diocese and beyond. To subscribe, visit (<https://rcadc.org/new-diocesan-newsletter-launches-on-friday-sign-up-today/>) or scan the QR code. Stay informed and connected — sign up today!

**INTERCESSIONS BOARD** – Parishioners are reminded that there is the intercession/prayer board in Church on Our Lady's altar, where parishioners intercessions can be placed. These are brought forward at the 10am mass and placed before the altar.

**CALVARY STATUE** – Plans are being prepared for a renovation of the Calvary Statue outside Church. Firstly we need to get permission from the Historic Churches Commission, and then we hope to re-clad the whole base of the monument in new stonework.

**SPUC Sponsorship** – Thanks to all those who offered sponsorship for the recent SPUC sponsored Walk in Cardiff, £300 was raised. Ta.

**SAFEGUARDING** Parishioners are reminded that if they have any safeguarding concerns, regarding the care of children, young people or vulnerable adults they should contact our safeguarding reps - Willie and Evelyn Duggan on (07581) 168719 or Fr. Matthew.

**ARCH (ABORTION RECOVERY CARE HELPLINE)** Struggling after abortion? You are not alone. Give us a call - ARCH (Abortion Recovery Care Helpline): 0345 603 8501 [info@archtrust.org.uk](mailto:info@archtrust.org.uk)

**Life Charity** Pregnancy matters. Need to talk? Call free 0808 802 5433 We are here to listen.

**SPUC – RIGHT TO LIFE** For updates on the fight to protect unborn life and life nearing its end, sign up for updates from SPUC and/or RIGHT TO LIFE at: <https://righttolife.org.uk/> <https://www.spuc.org.uk/>

**FAITH GROUP.** Will be taking a break for a few weeks, meeting again on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August at 6pm.

**SYRO – MALIBAR RITE MASS** – To be celebrated monthly in our parish. Next mass TBC.

**GRANGE HOSPITAL** – The Catholic Chaplain to the Grange Hospital is Fr. Peter McClaren, available on 07561 469343.  
**CARDIFF HEATH HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY** – 029 2184 3230

**WEDDINGS** – please say a prayer for Rosin McLoughlin and Nicholas Hill of Caerphilly getting married here on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August.

**DEBORAH JENNIFER DAVIES RIP** – Please Pray for the repose of the soul of Deborah Jennifer Davies of Tudor St who died recently. Funeral Service Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 12noon.

**CONFIRMATION COURSE** - will begin early next year, dates TBC. Candidates need to be in year 8 or above from this September. Informal social get togethers will be arranged from this September for all those interested. First meeting on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 7pm in the centre. TBC.

**St David Lewis Pilgrimage – 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> August** - Join us for a pilgrimage from OLSM to St Mary the Virgin, Llanfair Kilgeddin, on Saturday 30th August, with stops for prayer and reflection at 5 churches along the Usk Valley, honouring the life of St David Lewis and all who suffer for their faith. Travel by foot or car. Then on 31st August, attend the annual St David Lewis Feast Day pilgrimage in Usk representing the parish. More details available in the porch and on the parish website and from [davidlewissaint@gmail.com](mailto:davidlewissaint@gmail.com)

**ARTS & CRAFTS CLUB** – Come and join us for painting, knitting and natter and all kind of craft activities – Fridays after the morning mass in the centre. Tea and coffee provided for a small donation.

**ASSISTED SUICIDE LEGISLATION** – The fight goes on to oppose the assisted suicide legislation going through Parliament. It is being debated in the House of Lords on 14<sup>th</sup> September and we are being asked to lobby members of the House of Lords to oppose the bill. Information distributed last week and available at the back of Church

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND OF OUR PARISH:** Tony Ring, Michael Woodward, Mario Malnati, Kris Williams, Ann Watkins, Eileen Jones, Tom and Eileen Thompson, Mervyn Elias, Triona Eveston, John and Muriel Brand, Joan Stone, Sarah Louise Coleman, Mary Jones, Michael Keohane, Keith Taylor, Jeremy Proctor, John and Michael Hargaden, Chris and Tracy Shaw, David Johnstone, Maria Tedesco, Elizabeth Coopey, Brigid Malnati, Chris O'Connell, Angela Jones, Ann Green, Winnie and Stan Herbert.  
**Please also pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently – John Williams, Deborah Jennifer Davies, Margaret Watkins, Margaret Russell, Colin Anderson, Eilene Michalik, Carol Baker and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.**

**Safe Spaces** Support, Advice and Info Tel: 0300 303 1056 (answerphone available) Email: [SafeSpaces@FirstLight.org.uk](mailto:SafeSpaces@FirstLight.org.uk) Safe Spaces is a free and independent support service, providing a confidential, personal, and safe space for anyone who has been abused by someone in the Church.

**FR. MATTHEW AWAY** returning this Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August – yet another Caribbean Cruise!! **Fr. Jonathon from Belmont supplying, available on 01432 374737.**

**FILM “WATER IS LOVE.”** Showing in St. Michaels Centre, 7pm, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August. *“Water is Love”* follows a group of young people grappling with the climate crisis while we journey around the world to share inspiring stories of regenerative ecosystem designs for water retention in communities villages and regions. Film to be introduced by one of the makers Isabel Rosa.  
E-mail Fr. Matthew for online link to reserve free tickets.

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**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION.** This Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August is the Solemnity of the Assumption, a holyday of obligation. Vigil mass Thursday evening in Llanarth at 5pm, and on Friday in OLSM at 10am and 7pm.

**STELLA MARIS** – A thankyou letter has been received from “Stella Maris”, formerly the Apostleship of the Sea, thanking us for our collection taken on Sea Sunday. £516.23 was raised.