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Sunday 12th October - 28th Sunday of the Year.



Saturday 11th October – Sunday 19th October 2025. YEAR OF JUBILEE 2025. “Pilgrims of Hope.” All Church services live streamed at www.olsm-abergavenny.co.uk Evening Prayer at 5pm on www.facebook.com/OurLadyandStMichaelChurch
Saturday, 11th October – St. John XXIII. 9.30am Rosary for Life. 10.00am Mass in OLSM Church 10.45am Confessions, exposition & benediction. 5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church – Mike Kennedy RIP, Mary Teresa Guinan Casey & Jean Collins RIP.
Sunday 12th October – 28th Ordinary Sunday. *8.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Angela Jones RIP & Ann Watkins RIP. *10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Chris Phelan RIP & Roy & Doreen Lerwell RIP. 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook. *6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church – Eilene Jones RIP.
Monday 13th October – St. Edward the Confessor. 10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Angela Jones RIP . 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook
Tuesday, 14th October – St. Callistus. *10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Granny McGuinness RIP. (Year 5 class mass.) 5.00pm Evening Prayer today. 6.00pm Evangelisation Group.
Wednesday 15th October - St. Theresa of Avila. 10.30am Mass in Llanarth Church – Jean Collins RIP. 5.00pm Evening prayer 5.30pm Bible Group today.
Thursday, 16th October – St. Richard Gwyn. 10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Ron & Ethel Dew RIP, Angela Jones RIP. 1.00pm Lunch Club. Fr. Matthew away till Friday 24 th October.
Friday, 17th October – St. Ignatius of Antioch. No services today.
Saturday, 18th October – St. Luke. 9.30am Rosary for Life. No morning mass or devotions. 5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church – Mary Teresa Guinan Casey & Marcia Spicer.
Sunday 19th October – 29th Ordinary Sunday. WORLD MISSION SUNDAY- MISSIO (2nd Collection for Missio.) (Fr. Jonathon Rollinson supplying in the parish, available on 01432 374737.) *8.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Angela Jones RIP & Ann Watkins RIP. *10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – People of the Parish. *6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church – Eilene Jones RIP.

Mass Reflection: A foreign leper is cleansed and in thanksgiving returns to offer homage to the God of Israel. We hear this same story in both the First Reading and Gospel today. There were many lepers in Israel in Elisha's time, but only Naaman the Syrian trusted in God's Word and was cleansed. Today's Gospel likewise implies that most of the ten lepers healed by Jesus were Israelites—but only a foreigner, the Samaritan, returned. In a dramatic way, we're being shown today how faith has been made the way to salvation, the road by which all nations will join themselves to the Lord, becoming His servants, gathered with the Israelites into one chosen people of God, the Church. Today's Psalm also looks forward to the day when all peoples will see what Naaman sees—that there is no God in all the earth except the God of Israel. We see this day arriving in today's Gospel. The Samaritan leper is the only person in the New Testament who personally thanks Jesus. The Greek word used to describe his “giving thanks” is the word we translate as “Eucharist.” And these lepers today reveal to us the inner dimensions of the Eucharist and sacramental life. We, too have been healed by our faith in Jesus. As Naaman's flesh is made again like that of a little child, our souls have been cleansed of sin in the waters of Baptism. We experience this cleansing again and again in the Sacrament of Penance—as we repent our sins, beg and receive mercy from our Master, Jesus. We return to glorify God in each Mass, to offer ourselves in sacrifice—falling on our knees before our Lord, giving thanks for our salvation. In this Eucharist, we remember “Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David” Israel's covenant king. And we pray, as										
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OFFERTORY ENVELOPES – If you would like to a set of Offertory Envelopes, let Fr. Matthew or Colin Prosser know. CONTACTLESS CARD READER now available in Church. Thank you to all parishioners who now make direct bank payments to the parish. Please do consider doing this. Our bank details are: NatWest – Belmont Abbey Mission CIO - Our Lady & St. Michael's No. 1 Account no. 60708778 Bank Sort Code: 53-50-41.										
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY										
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.										
BELMONT ABBEY - All services livestreamed from Belmont Abbey belmontabbey.org.uk/online-streaming										
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.										
BELMONT ABBEY SHOP - From Tuesday the 7th of October a variety of Christmas products will be available in Belmont Abbey Shop including: Christmas books for children; Nativity sets, Christmas cards; Advent calendars and much more. Come and see what we have, all our welcome. Orders can be taken for items not stocked. Opening hours of the shop are: Monday-Saturday 2-4pm and Sunday 10.30 am-12.15pm. (HP 304 Printer cartridges, B/W & COL available, unused by Fr. Matthew, see him if interested.)										

BIBLE GROUP - Next meeting Wednesday 15th October at 5.30pm. Email Fr. Matthew for the invite.

ABERGAVENNY 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 7th December at 11.45am in the centre. **PAC MINUTES** – Minutes of the July PAC meeting on the website and on the notice board.

FINANCE COMMITTEE, meets next on Monday 1st December at 6m 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 - We tackle poverty in all its forms by providing assistance to people in need. We are going to run our 'Cash for Coins' campaign during October and November: Donations of foreign and UK currency: coins and banknotes both current and obsolete can be left in labelled jar in the porch. Your continued help is always gratefully received. New members always welcome to join us. For further information on SVP visit: <https://www.svp.org.uk> contact: preside.ntg050512@svp.org.uk, or Fr Matthew.

CATENIAN ASSOCIATION If you are interested in joining us contact Jim Cronin 01873 854498 or jimcronin1@hotmail.com

EVANGELISATION GROUP – Meets next this Tuesday 14th October at 6.00pm, beginning in Church with exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament- parishioners are very welcome to join us for this time of prayer.

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 at the moment and we are being asked to lobby members of the House of Lords to oppose the bill.

FR. MATTHEW AWAY – From this Thursday 16th returning Friday 24th October, for the wedding of his niece – Caroline, in Yorkshire and a few days holiday as well, but not a Caribbean Cruise! Fr. Jonathon will be supplying in the parish, available on 01432 374737.

MASS TIME CHANGES AGAIN – No mass this week on Friday or Saturday morning, also earlier mass on Thursday at 10am.

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

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/>

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FAITH GROUP - meeting again on Friday 24th October at 6pm.

SYRO – MALIBAR RITE MASS – To be celebrated monthly in our parish. Next mass this Monday November at 5pm.

GRANGE HOSPITAL – The Catholic Chaplain to the Grange Hospital is Fr. Peter McClaren, available on 07561 469343.

CARDIFF HEATH HOSPITAL

CHAPLAINCY – 029 2184 3230

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 continue. Next meeting/social Friday 24th October 7pm
MASS INTENTIONS – Fr. Matthew is very happy to receive mass intentions from parishioners, to offer mass for the repose of the souls of departed loved ones and friends, and also to offer mass for those who are unwell in any way. Mass intentions envelopes and mass cards are available at the back of Church.

ANN WATKINS RIP. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ann Watkins, formerly of this parish, who died recently. May she rest in peace. Funeral details – Wednesday 29th October 10.30am. Reception of Coffin into Church Tuesday 28th -5.30pm.

ABC BIG QUIZ 2005 – Saturday 15th November, 7pm in Abergavenny Baptist Church Hall. To raise funds for Teafund. Come with a team or on your own. Sign up at abcbigquiz2025@gmail.com Poster at back of Church. **Safe Spaces** Support, Advice and Info Tel: 0300 303 1056 (answerphone available email: 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.

CAFOD - Thank you for supporting CAFOD's Family Fast Day! Thank you so much for your generous contributions to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal. Your donations in our parish collection and online are helping families like Waré's in Ethiopia. CAFOD's local partners worked with Waré's community to build an underground water tank that now provides safe water for 300 families. Your support this Harvest will help more communities have better access to safe water. You can read more about Waré's story here: cafod.org.uk/harvest

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND OF OUR PARISH: Mario Malnati, Kris Williams, 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, Ann Green, Winnie and Stan Herbert.
Please also pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently – Angela Jones, Jean Collins, Ann Watkins and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Also Fr. Liam Shore and Fr. Michael Hart, both retired who died recently.

1st FRIDAY – PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS – The Archdiocesan Director of Vocations, Fr. Matthew Roche Saunders, has asked very parish to pray for vocations, most especially on the 1st Fridays of each month.

2016 CATHOLIC DIARIES Now available on the piety stall-£6.

CAFOD – Thankyou for your generosity to the collection for CAFOD last week, £890.15 was donated.

"CHURCH FLOWER-ARRANGING TEACH-IN - Would you like to learn something creative and help the church? One of our flower-arrangers is holding a teach-in to encourage people to join the team making floral displays in church. Suitable for beginners or those wanting to learn more. The teach-in includes choosing and preparing flowers, making arrangements with and without oasis (incl pin-holders/chicken wire), styles of design and creating large-scale displays. The teach-in is free and everything needed provided but we ask that people attend both Saturdays and offer help reasonably regularly to decorate the church (usually Friday/Saturday). The teach-in is on Sat 15th Nov in St Michael's Centre and Sat 13th Dec from 2pm until 5.30pm, in Church. Email amgraves@btinternet.com by Sat 1st Nov to attend.

CRY – At the recent event to raise funds for CRY-Cardiac Arrest in the Young, a prize went unclaimed, a voucher for the local golf club worth £250-round of golf for 4 people. Would any parishioner like to make an offer for the voucher, funds to CRY.

CHURCHES TOGETHER – Meets this Wednesday 15th October at 7.30pm in the Tythe Barn by St. Marys Priory.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – Is next Sunday, 19th October, when we pray for and support the work of Missio, the Popes charity for Mission work. Envelopes for this collection are at the back of Church. Many parishioners will already have the traditional Red Missio Boxes