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Sunday 14th September – Exaltation of the Cross – 24th Sunday of the Year.

Saturday 13th September – Sunday 21st September 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, 13th September – St. John Chrysostom.

9.30am Rosary for Life.

10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Margaret Russell RIP.

10.45am, Confessions, Exposition & Benediction.

5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church – Margaret Watkins RIP.

Sunday 14th September – Exaltation of the Cross

***8.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Antonio Passariello RIP.**

***10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Spec Int (Gareth & Fam.)**

3.00pm Sung Vespers – Tintern Abbey.

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

***6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church Eileen Jones RIP.**

Monday 15th September – Our Lady of Sorrows.

10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Sarah Daley RIP .

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

Tuesday, 16th September – St's Cornelius & Cyprian,

10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Jim Polga RIP.

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

Wednesday 17th September – St. Robert Bellarmine.

9.00am Mass in OLSM Church –Spec Int (L&T.)

(No mass in Llanarth.)

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook. 5.30pm Bible Group.

Thursday, 18th September –

10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – William Jonathon RIP.

(Early mass time today.)

1.00pm Lunch Club. 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

Friday, 19th September – St. Januarius.

10.00am Mass in OLSM Church –Alan Michaels RIP.

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook – 6.00pm Faith Group.

7.00pm Confirmation get together in Centre.

Saturday, 20th September –

9.30am Rosary for Life.

10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Phyllis Lynch RIP & Martina Hodges and Family.

10.45am, Confessions, Exposition & Benediction.

5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church – Mary Teresa Guinan Casey, James & John Machin RIP.

Sunday 21st September – 25th Ordinary Sunday.

***8.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Sick of the Parish.**

***10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – People of the Parish.**

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

***6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church - Guido& Elvira Fulgoni, Giovanna Cavalli RIP.**

Mass Reflection:

Today's feast embodies a great mystery. Like the people of Israel in the first reading, we are called to a long journey to the Promised Land of heaven. Like them, we can lose patience and fall into sin, sin that can literally kill us (Numbers 21:4-5). Like them, our only hope for salvation is to cling to God's merciful provision. Pope Benedict XVI summed it up beautifully in a 2008 homily given in Lourdes: "The Gospel for this feast reminds us of the meaning of this great mystery: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that men might be saved (Jn 3:16). The Son of God became vulnerable, assuming the condition of a slave, obedient even to death, death on a cross (cf. Phil 2:8). By his Cross we are saved. The instrument of torture which, on Good Friday, manifested God's judgment on the world, has become a source of life, pardon, mercy, a sign of reconciliation and peace. 'In order to be healed from sin, gaze upon Christ crucified!' said Saint Augustine." By raising our eyes towards the Crucified one, we adore him who came to take upon himself the sin of the world and to give us eternal life. And the Church invites us proudly to lift up this glorious Cross so that the world can see the full extent of the love of the Crucified one for all, for us men. She invites us to give thanks to God because from a tree which brought death, life has burst out anew. On this wood Jesus reveals to us his sovereign majesty, he reveals to us that he is exalted in glory. Yes, "Come, let us adore him!" In our midst is he who loved us even to giving his life for us, he who invites every human being to draw near to him with trust.

Collection totals for Sunday, 7th September.

1 st Collection	£134.00
Gift Aid	£191.00
Automated credits (July 2025)	£4237.83
Contactless Card Reader	£121.00

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.

MEET THE NEW MONKS – Recently the monks of Downside Abbey moved to live at Belmont Abbey, with the community there. On Saturday 20th September from 10am, there will be a chance to meet them and hear their story. At Belmont Abbey. Poster at back of Church.

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.

Safe Spaces Support, Advice and Info Tel: 0300 303

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 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.

BIBLE GROUP - Next meeting Wednesday 17th September at 5.30pm. (Not meeting on 10th September.) 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 28th 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 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 - We tackle poverty in all its forms by providing assistance to people in need. Tickets distributed for the SVP national raffle need to be returned by first week of September. There is a box for ticket stubs and money in the Church porch. Yours 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: 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

EVANGELISATION GROUP – Meets next Tuesday September 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 on 14th September and we are being asked to lobby members of the House of Lords to oppose the bill. Information on how to do this was distributed recently in Church, and available at the back of Church.

BAPTISMS – Congratulations to those children baptised last weekend - Massimo and Luciano Willis, children of Gregory and Victoria, and on Sunday Killian Raphael Kleba, son of Aleksandra and Hagen.

SKIRRID PILGRIMAGE WALK – Sunday 28th September, on the Vigil/Eve of the Solemnity of St. Michael, meet at 12noon in the National Trust Car Park.

CAFOD – Harvest Fast Day on Friday 3rd October, church collection Sunday 5th October, which will also be our Harvest Mass.

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/> <https://www.spuc.org.uk/>

FAITH GROUP - meeting again this Friday 12th September at 6pm.

SYRO – MALIBAR RITE MASS – To be celebrated monthly in our parish. Next mass Monday 6th October 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 will be arranged from this September for all those interested. First meeting this Friday 19th September 7pm in the centre.

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.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT, 22nd September-5th October. Info on events at back of Church. Fairtrade Fortnight worship service, 5th October, 3.30pm in the URC, Castle St.

Tintern Abbey: Sung Vespers - An Ecumenical Service on the Feast of the Holy Cross, 3.00pm this Sunday 14th September. Speaker: The Rt Revd Brendan Thomas OSB, Abbot of Belmont, Singers: The Monks of Belmont Abbey and Newport Cathedral Choir. Please bring a folding chair and umbrella. Entry to the Abbey is free for those attending the service. Lunch and teas available in the village. Free parking.

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND OF OUR PARISH: Mario Malnati, Kris Williams, Ann Watkins, 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 – Eileen Jones, Antonio Passariello, John Williams, Deborah Jennifer Davies and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.**

Mothers' Prayers - Join us to learn about establishing a local Mothers' Prayers group with the UK national coordinator. Discover how these small, faith-filled groups began under the Holy Spirit's guidance and now flourish in 120 countries. **When & Where:** Saturday 13th September, 10am-2:30pm All Hallows Church, School Road, Miskin CF72 8PG Free lunch provided. **Who's Welcome:** All mothers, grandmothers, and women with hearts for children. **Arranged by:** Sister Susan Armond and Nora Killeen of the Archdiocesan Prayer Group. Together we surrender our children and the world's children in prayer to God's love and mercy.

"Stop your crying and wipe away your tears. All that you have done for your children will not go unrewarded; they will return from the enemy's land. There is hope for your future; your children will come back home." - Jeremiah 31:16-17
More info Nora Woodward - noracwoodward@gmail.com

CAFOD: CANCEL DEBT – CHOOSE HOPE. Theresa Warwick from the CAFOD office in Cardiff will be speaking at the 10am mass next Sunday, on the theme of debt which afflicts so many developing countries. CAFOD I asking for our support in calling on Governments to cancel the debt owed by these nations, and to sign the Global Church petition.

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.

WEDNESDAY MASS – In Abergavenny at 9am, no mass in Llanarth, Fr. Matthew attending a meeting in Belmont.

THURSDAY MASS AT EARLIER TIME OF 10.00AM – Fr. Matthew at the Dentist!

BELMONT ABBEY - All services livestreamed from Belmont Abbey belmontabbey.org.uk/online-streaming