



**Priory Church of Our Lady and St Michael, Abergavenny**  
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**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August – 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year.**



**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2025.**

**YEAR OF JUBILEE 2025.**

**“Pilgrims of Hope.”**

**All Church services live streamed at**

[www.olsm-abergavenny.co.uk](http://www.olsm-abergavenny.co.uk)

Also services livestreamed from Belmont Abbey

[belmontabbey.org.uk/online-streaming](http://belmontabbey.org.uk/online-streaming)

**Evening Prayer at 5pm on**

[www.facebook.com/OurLadyandStMichaelChurch](https://www.facebook.com/OurLadyandStMichaelChurch)

**Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> August –**

9.30am Rosary for Life.

**10.00am Mass in OLSM Church –**

10.45am - Confessions, Exposition, prayers for the parish.

**5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church - Teresa Critchley RIP Anniv**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August – 20<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday.**

**\*8.00am Mass in OLSM Church – John & Maureen Desmond RIP**

**\*10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Deborah Jennifer Davies RIP**

**5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook**

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

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August –**

**10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Elsie & William Desmond RIP.**

**1.00pm Wedding Service in OLSM Church.**

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

**Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> August – St. John Eudes.**

**10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Deborah Jennifer Davies RIP.**

**12.00noon Funeral Service for Deborah Jennifer Davies.**

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

6.00pm Evangelisation Group.

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August – St. Bernard.**

**10.30am Mass in Llanarth Church – Spec Int (L & T.)**

10.30am – 12noon Michaels Mates – Centre.

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

5.30pm Bible Group on Zoom.

**Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> August - St. Pius X.**

**12noon Mass in OLSM Church – James Flynn Sick.**

1.00pm Lunch Club. 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

**Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August – Our Lady, Mother & Queen.**

**10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Patrick Ring RIP.**

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

**Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August – St. Rose of Lima.**

9.30am Rosary for Life.

**10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Margaret Russell RIP.**

10.45am - Confessions, Exposition, prayers for the parish.

**5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church – Pat Flynn RIP & John**

**Williams RIP.**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August – 21<sup>st</sup> Ordinary Sunday.**

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

**\*10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Sheila Woodhouse RIP**

**5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook**

**\*6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church Flynn Family & Eileen Jones RIP.**

### Mass Reflection:

Our God is a consuming fire, the Scriptures tell us (see Hebrews 12:29; Deuteronomy 4:24). And in this week's Gospel, Jesus uses the image of fire to describe the demands of discipleship. The fire He has come to cast on the earth is the fire that He wants to blaze in each of our hearts. He made us from the dust of the earth (see Genesis 2:7) and filled us with the fire of the Holy Spirit in Baptism (see Luke 3:16). We were baptized into His death (see Romans 6:3). This is the baptism our Lord speaks of in the Gospel this week. The baptism with which He must be baptized is His passion and death, by which He accomplished our redemption and sent forth the fire of the Spirit on the earth (see Acts 2:3). The fire has been set, but it is not yet blazing. We are called to enter deeper into the consuming love of God. We must examine our consciences and our actions, submitting ourselves to the revealing fire of God's Word (see 1 Corinthians 3:13). In our struggle against sin, we have not yet resisted to the point of shedding our own blood, Paul tells us in this week's Epistle. We have not undergone the suffering that Jeremiah suffers in the First Reading this week. But this is what true discipleship requires. To be a disciple is to be inflamed with the love of the God. It is to have an unquenchable desire for holiness and zeal for the salvation of our brothers and sisters. Being His disciple does not bring peace in the false way that the world proclaims peace (see Jeremiah 8:11). It means division and hardship. It may bring us to conflict with our own flesh and blood. But Christ is our peace (see Ephesians 2:14). By His Cross He has lifted us up from the mire of sin and death—as He will rescue the prophet Jeremiah (see Jeremiah 38:10). And as we sing in the Psalm this week, we trust in our deliverer

### Collection totals for Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> August.

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	£182.10
Gift Aid	£172.50
Automated credits (June 2025)	£3306.33
Contactless Card Reader	£0.

**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.**

**YOUNG ADULTS GROUP-** 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

**Our Lady of Penrhys – the annual pilgrimage to Our Lady's shrine will take place this 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!**

**MICHAELS MATES – Parents and Kids group, each Wednesday of August, continuing this Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August, 10.30am – 12noon in the centre.**

**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 this 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.

**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 on how to do this was distributed last week, and available at the back of Church.

**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 0800 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 22<sup>nd</sup> August at 6pm.

**SYRO – MALIBAR RITE MASS** – To be celebrated monthly in our parish. Next mass Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 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

**WEDDINGS** – please say a prayer for Roslin McLoughlin and Nicholas Hill of Caerphilly getting married here this 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 this 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

**EILEEN JONES RIP**, Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eileen Jones who died recently aged 100. Her Requiem mass and funeral is on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 12noon.

**FRANCO PASSARIELLO RIP** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Franco Passariello who died recently. His funeral service is on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August at 12noon.

## 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, 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.

**THANKYOU** – To Fr. Jonathon for supplying in the parish while Fr. Matthew was away.

**FILM “WATER IS LOVE.”** Showing in St. Michaels Centre, 7pm, this 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.

**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 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:noracwoodward@gmail.com)