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Sunday 19th October - 29th Sunday of the Year.



Saturday 18th October – Sunday 26th October 2025.

YEAR OF JUBILEE 2025.

“Pilgrims of Hope.”

All Church services live streamed at

www.olsm-abergavenny.co.uk

If you do not wish to appear in the livestream broadcast do not sit in the front 3 rows of the Church. For Holy Communion if you do not wish to appear on the livestream please see Fr. Matthew before mass and he will bring communion to you.

Evening Prayer at 5pm on

www.facebook.com/OurLadyandStMichaelChurch

Saturday, 18th October – The Six Welsh Martyrs.

9.30am Rosary for Life. (No mass or devotions.)

5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church – Mary Teresa Guinan Casey RIP & Jean Collins RIP.

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 – Alan Ockenden RIP.**

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

2nd Collection for World Mission Sunday – Missio.

Monday 20th October –

No services today.

Tuesday, 21st October –

***10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Ann Watkins RIP.**

Wednesday 22nd October - St. John Paul II

10.30am Mass in Llanarth Church – Jean Collins RIP.

Thursday, 23rd October –

12.00Noon Mass in OLSM Church – Alan Ockenden RIP.

1.00pm Lunch Club.

Friday, 24th October – St. Antony Mary Claret.

No mass today. (Fr. Matthew returns today.)

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook 6.00pm Faith Group.

7.00pm Confirmation Group Meeting in Centre.

Saturday, 25th October – Six Welsh Martyrs.

9.30am Rosary for Life.

10.00am Mass in OLSM Church - Theresa Rose Evans RIP

10.45am Confessions, Exposition & Benediction.

5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church – Mary Teresa Guinan Casey & Marcia Spicer.

Sunday 26th October – 30th Ordinary Sunday.

***8.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Theresa Rose Evans RIP & Alan Ockenden RIP.**

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

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

***6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church –Giovanna & Luigi Cavalli RIP.**

Mass Reflection:

HOPE FROM ON HIGH - The Lord is our guardian, beside us at our right hand, interceding for us in all our spiritual battles. In today's Psalm we're told to lift our eyes to the mountains, that our help will come from Mount Zion and the Temple—the dwelling of the Lord who made heaven and earth. Joshua and the Israelites, in today's First Reading, are also told to look to the hilltops. They are to find their help there—through the intercession of Moses—as they defend themselves against their mortal foes, the Amalekites. Notice the image: Aaron and Hur standing on each side of Moses, holding his weary arms so that he can raise the staff of God above his head. Moses is being shown here as a figure of Jesus, who also climbed a hilltop, and on Mount Calvary stretched out His hands between heaven and earth to intercede for us against the final enemy—sin and death. By the staff of God, Moses bested Israel's enemies, parted the Red Sea and brought water from the Rock. The Cross of Jesus is the new staff of God, bringing about a new liberation from sin, bringing forth living waters from the body of Christ, the new Temple of God. Like the Israelites and the widow in today's Gospel, we face opposition and injustice—at times from godless and pitiless adversaries. We, too, must lift our eyes to the mountains—to Calvary and the God who will guard us from all evil. We must pray always and not be wearied by our trials, Jesus tells us today. As Paul exhorts in today's Epistle, we need to remain faithful, to turn to the inspired Scriptures—given by God to train us in righteousness. We must persist, so that when the Son of Man comes again in kingly power, He will indeed find faith on earth.

Collection totals for Sunday, 12th October.

1 st Collection	£134.60
Gift Aid	£151.00
Automated credits (August 2025)	£3556.33
Contactless Card Reader	£99.00

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.

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.

NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS LISTS & ENVELOPES – Are available in Church today, for the traditional prayers for the dead in November. Please write out a list of your departed loved ones and friends, place them in the envelope and return to Fr. Matthew. All these “November lists” will be placed on the altar and mass offered for them throughout the month of November.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT – The annual mass count has taken place over the past 4 weeks, with an average of 220 attending the 3 masses each Sunday.

BIBLE GROUP - Next meeting Wednesday 29th 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 on Tuesday 4th November 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.

FR. MATTHEW AWAY –returning this Friday 24th October. **Fr. Jonathon will be supplying in the parish, available on 01432 374737.**

FEAST OF THE WELSH SAINTS – SATURDAY 25th OCTOBER - Archbishop Mark will celebrate Mass at Sts David Lewis and Francis Xavier in Usk, on Saturday 25th October at 11am to celebrate the Feast of the Welsh Martyrs. After the Mass there will be a walk to the grave of St David Lewis.

1st HOLY COMMUNION COURSE – Applications invited for children in Year 3 and above, letters and application forms available in Church and from the school office and on the parish website. Please apply by 6th November.

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

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 Wednesday 29th October at 3pm.

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 – Mass intentions envelopes and mass cards are available at the back of Church.

ALAN OCKENDEN RIP- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Alan Ockenden, who died last Tuesday. May he rest in peace.

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 10.00am. Reception of Coffin into Church Tuesday 28th at 5.30pm.

SPUC – ABORTION LEGISLATION – Clause 191 of the Crime and Policing bill currently in the House of Lords, would decriminalise abortion and legalise abortions up until birth. Please write to members of the House of lords and ask them to fight and vote against this extreme amendment. SPUC has produced guided to help us do this, which are available at the back of Church. There is also an online tool which brings up a suggested peer for you to write to, and a template you can use – [Spuc.org.uk/campaign/abortion-decriminalisation](https://spuc.org.uk/campaign/abortion-decriminalisation)

ALL SOULS DAY – MONDAY 3rd NOVEMBER – Masses at 10am and 7pm, when all those parishioners who have died in the past year will be remembered.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWSLETTER – LATEST EDITION AVAILABLE AT <https://mailchi.mp/a7e5ba12345e/july-2025-newsletter-archdiocese-of-cardiff-menevia-12931569>

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND OF

OUR PARISH: Tom Davies, 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 – Alan Ockenden, Andrew Neale, Angela Jones, Jean Collins, Ann Watkins and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Also Fr. Liam Shore and Fr. Michael Hart, both**

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.

2026 CATHOLIC DIARIES Now available on the piety stall-£6.

CAFOD – Thankyou for your generosity to the recent collection for CAFOD - £890.15.

"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.

ANDREW NEALE – Please pray for the repose of the soul of Andrew Neale, Requiem Mass TBA

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

MASS TIME CHANGES AGAIN – Fr. Jonathon will be celebrating the masses on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week. No mass on Monday and Friday.