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Sunday 20th July – 16th Sunday of the Year.



Saturday 19th July – Sunday 27th July 2025.

YEAR OF JUBILEE 2025.

“Pilgrims of Hope.”

All Church services live streamed at

www.olsm-abergavenny.co.uk

Also services livestreamed from Belmont Abbey

belmontabbey.org.uk/online-streaming

Evening Prayer at 5pm on

www.facebook.com/OurLadyandStMichaelChurch

Saturday, 19th July – Memorial of the BVM.

No mass or confessions this morning

Parish Trip to Harvington Hall departing 9am.

5.30pm Mass in Llanarth Church – Margaret Watkins RIP.

(Please note later mass time.)

Sunday 20th July – 16th Ordinary Sunday.

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

***10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Johanna Butler RIP.**

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.

***6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church – Sheila Woodhouse RIP.**

Monday 21st July –

10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Intentions of Chris Shaw..

2.00pm Funeral service for Colin Anderson –

(in Langstone Crematorium Chapel.)

5.00pm Evening Prayer.

Tuesday, 22nd July – St. Mary Magdalene.

9.00am Mass in OLSM Church –

(Early Mass time today.) 5.00pm Evening Prayer.

6.00pm Evangelisation Group.

Wednesday 23rd July – St. Bridget of Sweden.

10.30am Mass in Llanarth Church – Margaret Watkins RIP.

5.00pm Evening Prayer – 5.30pm Bible Group

Thursday, 24th July –

12.00noon Mass in OLSM Church – Judd & Bloomfield Families.

1.00pm Lunch Club. 5.00pm Evening Prayer.

Friday, 25th July – St. James – Apostle.

10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Harrell Family

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

Saturday, 26th July – St's Joachim & Anne.

9.30am Rosary for Life.

10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Plas Elyrch Residents & Anne Shoring RIP.

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

1.00pm Wedding service in Church.

5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church – Margaret Watkins RIP.

Sunday 27th July – 17th Ordinary Sunday.

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

***10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Johanna Butler RIP.**

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.

***6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church – Dominique & Nial.**

Mass Reflection:

God wants to dwell with each of us personally, intimately—as the mysterious guests once visited Abraham's tent, as Jesus once entered the home of Mary and Martha. By his hospitality in this week's First Reading, Abraham shows us how we are to welcome the Lord into our lives. His selfless service of his divine guests (see Hebrews 13:1) stands in contrast to the portrait of Martha drawn in this week's Gospel. Where Abraham is concerned only for the well-being of his guests, Martha speaks only of herself—“Do you not care that my sister has left me by myself . . . ? Tell her to help me.” Jesus' gentle rebuke reminds us that we risk missing the divine in the mundane, that we can fall into the trap of believing that God somehow needs to be served by human hands (see Acts 17:25). Our Lord comes to us not to be served but to serve (see Matthew 20:28). He gave His life that we might know the one thing we need, the “better part,” which is life in the fellowship of God. Jesus is the true Son promised today by Abraham's visitors (see Matthew 1:1). In Him, God has made an everlasting covenant for all time; He has made us blessed descendants of Abraham (see Genesis 17:19, 21; Romans 4:16–17, 19–21). The Church now offers us this covenant, bringing to completion the word of God, the promise of His plan of salvation, what Paul calls “the mystery hidden for ages.” As once He came to Abraham, Martha, and Mary,

Collection totals for Sunday, 13th July.

1 st Collection	£141.00
Gift Aid	£141.05
Sea Sunday Collection.	£
Automated credits (May 2025)	£4472.83
Contactless Card Reader	£96.00

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.

Llanarth Mass this Saturday 19th July at the later time of 5.30pm because of the parish trip to Harvington Hall.

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

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE, Monday 6th - Friday 10th October, Flying from Bristol with Tangney Tours, £770, with £140 single supplement. Hotel Alba, full board, info on website/back of Church.

BIBLE GROUP – Meets next this Wednesday 23rd July. 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 8th 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

EVANGELISATION GROUP – Meets next this Tuesday 22nd July 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!

PIETY STALL – ANGEL FIGURE. There was a figure of an angel on the piety stall, which wasn't for sale, if anybody has bought it could they see Fr. Matthew.

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.

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. Next meeting this Friday 18th July at 6pm in the presbytery.

SYRO – MALIBAR RITE MASS – To be celebrated monthly in our parish. Next mass Monday 4th August 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

MESSAGE FROM KRISTOFER WILLIAMS - I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you at Our Lady and St. Michael Catholic Church for your kind thoughts, prayers, and best wishes during this difficult time in my life. Your support has brought me great comfort, and I am deeply moved by the warmth and compassion of our parish family. It is through the grace of the Holy Spirit and the strength of my faith that I am finding the courage to move forward each day. Your prayers have truly been a light in the darkness, and I am grateful beyond words. May God bless you all abundantly for your kindness and love. Kristofer Williams (Kris is undergoing treatment for a Brain Tumour at this time, both Radio and Chemo therapy, after having surgery several weeks ago.)

COLIN ANDERSON RIP – Please pray for the repose of the soul of Colin Anderson, of Rozelle Nursing Home who died recently. Funeral this Monday 21st July, Langstone Crematorium, 2pm.

WEDDINGS – Please pray for William Mucklow & Bethan Jones, from Jersey who are getting married here this Saturday 26th July. Also Emmanuel O'Gundiran and Jayelle-Dee Kemp of Tredegar who are getting married here on Tuesday 5th August.

MARGARET WATKINS RIP – Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Watkins of Penpergym House Nursing House who died last weekend. Margaret worshipped in the church at Llanarth for many years. Funeral TBA.

BAPTISM – The baptism of Olivia Warner, daughter of Nathand and Charlotte takes place next Sunday.

DEBORAH JENNIFER DAVIES RIP – Please Pray for the repose of the soul of Deborah Jennifer Davies of Tudor St who died last weekend. Funeral TBA.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND OF OUR PARISH: Tony Ring, Mario Malnati, Kris Williams, Ann Watkins, Eileen Jones, Tom and Eileen Thompson, Mervyn Elias, Triona Eveston, David Powell, 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 – Deborah Jennifer Davies, Margaret Watkins, Margaret Russell, Colin Anderson, Eilene Michalik, Carol Baker, Bishop Mark Jabale, Pope Francis, Lance Hathaway, Virginia McGladdery, 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 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.

WELSH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA - SUMMER CONCERT, Friday 1st August, 7.30pm With drink/cheese reception in St. Michaels Centre. **Conductor: Anthony Hose, Leader: Matthew Scrivener, Baritone Soloist: Jeremy Huw Williams.** Tickets £35 from eventbrite.com https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-celebration-of-the-welsh-chamber-orchestra-with-drinks-reception-tickets-1447879158539?aff=eivtefrnd&utm_campaign=social%2Cemail&utm_content=attendeeshare&utm_medium=discovery&utm_source=strongmail&utm_term=listing

MARGARET RUSSELL RIP – Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Russell who died last week. Funeral Friday 1st August 1.45pm, a funeral service.

SCHOOL FOUNDATION GOVERNORS – There are a number of vacancies for foundation governors on our school governing body. If anyone is interested in taking on this role, could they please see Fr. Matthew or Bev Bannon, Chair of Governors.

FR. MATTHEW AWAY 6th - 14th August – yet another Caribbean Cruise!! Fr. Jonathon from Belmont supplying.

TUESDAY MASS – This week at 9am, Fr. Matthew attending a meeting at Belmont Abbey all day.