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Sunday 21st December – 4th Sunday of Advent.



Saturday 20th December – Sunday 28th December 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.

Evening Prayer at 5pm on

www.facebook.com/OurLadyandStMichaelChurch

Saturday, 20th December – 9.30am Rosary for Life.

10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Hodges Family.

10.30 Confessions, Exposition & Benediction.

5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church – Sick of the Parish.

Sunday 21st December – 4th Sunday of Advent.

***8.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Alan Ockenden RIP.**

***10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Victor Strevens RIP**

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.

***6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church – Margaret & Liam Dowdall**

Monday 22nd December –

***10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Marion Luscombe.**

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.

Tuesday, 23rd December.

***10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Sarah Daley RIP.**

5.00pm Even Prayer on Facebook

Wednesday 24th December –

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

6.00pm Vigil Mass of Christmas.

10.00pm Vigil Mass of Christmas.

(Carols before both masses.)

Thursday 25th December – Nativity of the Lord Jesus Christ.

9.00am Mass in Llanarth Church -

11.00am Mass in OLSM Church – People of the Parish.

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

Friday, 26th December – St. Stephen .

10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Kitty Powell RIP.

Saturday, 27th December – St. John.

9.30am Rosary for Life.

10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Hodges Family.

10.30 Confessions, Exposition & Benediction..

5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church – Sick of the Parish.

Sunday 28th December – Holy Family.

***8.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Tom & Eileen Thompson.**

***10.00am Mass in OLSM Church –**

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.

***6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church – People of the Parish.**

Mass Reflection:

The mystery kept secret for long ages, promised through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, is today revealed (see Romans 16:25–26). This is the “Gospel of God” that Paul celebrates in today’s Epistle—the good news that “God is with us” in Jesus Christ. The sign promised to the House of David in today’s First Reading is given in today’s Gospel. In the virgin found with child, God Himself has brought to Israel a savior from David’s royal line (see Acts 13:22–23). Son of David according to the flesh, Jesus is the Son of God, born of the Spirit. He will be anointed with the Spirit (see Acts 10:38), and by the power of Spirit will be raised from the dead and established at God’s right hand in the heavens (see Acts 2:33–34; Ephesians 1:20–21). He is the “King of Glory” we sing of in today’s Psalm. The earth in its fullness has been given to Him. And as God swore long ago to David, His Kingdom will have no end (see Psalm 89:4–5). In Jesus Christ we have a new creation. Like the creation of the world, it is a work of the Spirit, a blessing from the Lord (see Genesis 1:2). In Him, we are saved from our sins, are called now “the beloved of God.” All nations now are called to belong to Jesus Christ, to enter into the House of David and kingdom of God, the Church. Together, through the obedience of faith, we have been made a new race—a royal people that seeks for the face of the God of Jacob. He has made our hearts clean; He has made us worthy to enter His holy place, to stand in His presence and serve Him. In the Eucharist, the everlasting covenant is renewed, the Advent promise of virgin with child—God with us—continues until the end of the age (

Collection totals for Sunday, 14th December.

1 st Collection	£166.70
Gift Aid	£241.00
Collection for Flowers.	£541.86
Automated credits (October 2025)	£4525.83
Contactless Card Reader	£166.00

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 meditation group continues on most Monday’s, at 11am, info from 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.

CHRISTMAS DAY COLLECTION – At all masses of Christmas day, there will be the traditional collection, the Clergy Offering, which goes to support the Belmont Monastic Community.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES LEAFLETS – Small leaflets giving details of the Xmas day times are available, please take some and distribute to families, friends and neighbours.

BIBLE GROUP - Next meeting Wednesday 7th January 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 Sunday 1st February at 11.45am in the centre. **PAC MINUTES** – Minutes of the October PAC meeting on the website and on the notice board.

FINANCE COMMITTEE, meets next on Monday 2nd March 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. During December we are helping to collect nightwear for hospital patients in liaison with the Nevill Hall hospital chaplaincy and we have an urgent appeal for donations to restock the food pantry and provide families with vouchers for Christmas at All Saints School Ebbw Vale. 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: 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 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.

APPLICATIONS TO OLSM SCHOOL. If your child's date of birth is between 1st Sept 2021 and 31st August 2022, they are eligible to start reception in Sept 2026. The admissions process for that date has already started. Closing Date for applications 15th January at 4pm. Offer date 16th April 2026. Please complete and return the application form prior to the published date, as failing to do so will reduce the chances of you obtaining a place in the school. Application forms available from school reception.

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 19th December at 6pm.

SYRO – MALIBAR RITE MASS – To be celebrated monthly in our parish. Next mass Monday 5th January 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. **The Confirmation has now been confirmed as Sunday 21st June at 10am.**

OPPOSING ASSISTED SUICIDE IN WALES - Stand for Dignity and True Compassion in Wales – Please go to <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/oppose-assisted-suicide-in-wales/> for info on how to contact members of the Senedd. Link is also on our parish facebook page.

1st HOLY COMMUNION COURSE – 7 Children have been enrolled on the course, next session of preparation this Sunday 11th January at 9am in the presbytery..

BELMONT ABBEY SHOP - The last day of trading at Belmont Abbey Shop before the Christmas break is on Sunday the 21 of December. The shop will reopen for business on Monday 5 of January 2026 at 2pm. Father James and all the shop volunteers would like to thank all our customers for their support during the year and wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year.

7 CORNERS CENTRE in Abergavenny is advertising Youth Worker posts. If anyone may be interested contact Fr. Matthew who will forward the info directly.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND OF OUR PARISH: Chris Woodhouse, Mario Malnati, Kris Williams, Tom and Eileen Thompson, Mervyn Elias, 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 – Derrick Matthews, Fr. Stephen Holdsworth OSB, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time, and all those whose names are recorded on the November lists of the dead.**

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY – The Neville Hall chaplaincy has asked if we can provide any 2nd hand/good quality nightwear that patients can use – pyjamas, dressing gowns, bed jackets etc. Please bring to Church.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY CAROL SINGING – The carol singing in the hospital scheduled for 22nd December has been cancelled, due to the increase in winter illnesses.

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES. Vigil Masses in OLSM on Wednesday 24th December at 6pm and 10pm. Morning mass on Thursday 25th at 11.00am. (Mass in Llanarth at 9am.)

PREPARING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS – On Xmas eve, this Wednesday after the 10am mass.

FLOWER COLLECTION – Thankyou for your wonderful generosity to the collection for Christmas flowers and decorations last Sunday, over £570 was given. Thankyou.

THANKYOU – From Fr. Matthew for all the kind cards and gifts received.

MONASTIC EXPERIENCE WEEKEND – a weekend for young men discerning a call to monastic life, Friday 9th-Sunday 11th January. For info contact Fr. Andrew at Belmont, brandrew@belmontabbey.org.uk. Poster at back of Church.

FR. MATTHEW AWAY – From Monday 29th to Saturday 3rd January, on yet another Caribbean Cruise!!

CHRISTMAS CRIB OFFERINGS – This year will be offered to the charity Friends of the Holy Land, which supports the suffering Christian and other communities of that land. Once again members of our Keralite community will be preparing the crib this year.