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Sunday 23rd November – Solemnity of Christ the King.



Saturday 22nd November – Sunday 30th November 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, 22nd November – St. Cecilia.

9.30am Rosary for Life.

10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Private Intention & Nov Lists.

10.45am Confessions, Exposition & Benediction.

5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church – Chris Shaw & Family, Nov

Sunday 23rd November – Christ the King.

***8.00am Mass in OLSM Church Alan Ockenden RIP & Nov Lists.**

***10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Thanksgiving-Catalinio**

Family, Victor Strevens, Lance Hathaway RIP & Nov Lists.

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

***6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church – Willie & Anne Charlton,**

Elizabeth Crawshaw & Nov Lists.

Monday 24th November – Korean Martyrs.

***10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Ethel Dew, Alan Ockenden**

Family & Nov Lists. 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

Tuesday, 25th November – St. Catherine of Alexandria. .

***11.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Andrew Neale & Nov Lists.**

(Later mass time today.) 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.

6.00pm Evangelisation Group.

Wednesday 26th November –

9.00am Mass in OLSM Church - RIP, & Nov Lists

(Note early mass time, no mass in Llanarth today.)

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.

Thursday, 27th November –

10.30am Requiem Mass in OLSM Church – Derrick Matthews.

1.00pm Lunch Club. 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.

Friday, 28th November –

10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Linda Anne O'Connor RIP &

Nov Lists. 6.00pm - Faith Group

Saturday, 29th November – Memorial of the BVM.

9.30am Rosary for Life.

10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Private Intention & Nov Lists.

10.45am Confessions, Exposition & Benediction.

2.00pm Advent Wreath making in Centre.

5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church – Chris Shaw & Fam, Nov Lists.

Sunday 30th November – 1st Sunday of Advent.

***8.00am Mass in OLSM Church Mariam Lowe RIP & Linda Anne O'Connor RIP & Nov Lists.**

***10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Williams, Jones, Crook Fam's; Charles Dorian Evans RIP & Nov Lists.**

***6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church – Frances Reidy RIP & Nov Lists.**

Mass Reflection:

Week by week, the Liturgy has been preparing us for the revelation to be made on this, the last Sunday of the Church year. Jesus, we have been shown, is truly the Chosen One, the Messiah of God, the King of the Jews. Ironically, in today's Gospel we hear these names on the lips of those who don't believe in Him—Israel's rulers, the soldiers, a criminal dying alongside Him. They can only see the scandal of a bloodied figure nailed to a cross. They scorn Him in words and gestures foretold in Israel's Scriptures (see Psalm 22:7–9; 69:21–22; Wisdom 2:18–20). If He is truly King, God will rescue Him, they taunt. But He did not come to save Himself, but to save them—and us. The good thief shows us how we are to accept the salvation He offers us. He confesses his sins and acknowledges he deserves to die for them. And he calls on the name of Jesus, seeking His mercy and forgiveness. By his faith he is saved. Jesus “remembers” him—as God has always remembered His people, visiting them with His saving deeds, numbering them among His chosen heirs (see Psalm 106:4–5). By the blood of His cross, Jesus reveals His Kingship—not in saving His own life, but in offering it as a ransom for ours. He transfers us to “the kingdom of His beloved Son,” as today's Epistle tells us. His kingdom is the Church, the new Jerusalem and House of David that we sing of in today's Psalm. By their covenant with David in today's First Reading, Israel's tribes are made one “bone and flesh” with their king. By the New Covenant made in His blood, Christ becomes one flesh with the people of His kingdom—the head of His body, the Church (see Ephesians 5:23–32). We celebrate and renew this covenant in every Eucharist, giving thanks for our redemption, hoping for the day when we too will be with Him in Paradise

Collection totals for Sunday, 16th November.

1 st Collection	£183.82
Gift Aid	£193.50
Automated credits (August 2025)	£3401.33
Contactless Card Reader	£100.00

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.

PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH – On Sunday 14th December following the 10am Mass that day in the centre. £18 per person for a two course dinner, please sign up on the sheet at the back of Church. Menu sheets at back of Church, please menu choices and payment to Elaine Bright.

PARISH/SCHOOLS CAROL SERVICE – Monday 8th December 6.30pm, with students from our own parish school and St. Albans Schools. Bookings closed, waiting list in operation.

BIBLE GROUP - Next meeting Wednesday 3rd December 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@050512@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 25th 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.

1st HOLY COMMUNION COURSE – 6 Children have been enrolled on the course, next session of preparation on Sunday 14th December at 9am.

Stay Connected with the Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia - Each month, the Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia shares a monthly e-newsletter with the latest news, events, and updates from across our parishes and beyond. **Sign up today** at: <https://www.rcadc.org/newsletter>
ACN – Christmas Cards from Aid to the Church in Need are available at the back of Church. Also ACN gift items for Xmas on the piety stall.

ADVENT – Books for adults and kids available at the back of Church. All FREE.

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.

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 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/>

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FAITH GROUP - meeting again this Friday 5th December at 6pm.

SYRO – MALIBAR RITE MASS – To be celebrated monthly in our parish. Next mass TBA.

GRANGE HOSPITAL – The Catholic Chaplain to the Grange Hospital is Fr. Peter McClaren, available on 07561 469343.

CARDIFF HEATH HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY – 029 2184 3230

THIS SUNDAY 23rd NOVEMBER, approx. 9 young people of the parish are attending a youth event in Cardiff, organised by the Archdiocese.

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.**

DIOCESAN YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT – For those aged 18-35, here on Saturday 13th December, 9-5pm, Mass to be celebrated at 12noon by Archbishop Mark. Poster at back of Church and on facebook, register in advance.

OPPOSING ASSISTED SUICIDE IN WALES - Stand for Dignity and True Compassion in Wales – STATEMENT FROM ARCHBISHOP MARK O'TOOLE. “As a nation, Wales has always valued compassion, care, and the protection of the vulnerable. The proposal before the Senedd, driven by legislation from Westminster, risks eroding those values by suggesting that some lives are less worth living. True compassion means accompanying people in their suffering, not ending their lives. I encourage everyone of goodwill to make their voices heard — to urge Members of the Senedd to reject this Bill and to support better palliative care and mental-health provision, so that every person in Wales can live their final days surrounded by love, not despair. “ **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.**

LLANARTH PARISH CAROL SERVICE – Thursday 18th December 7pm.

DERRICK MATTHEWS RIP – Please pray for the repose of the soul of Derrick Matthews who died recently. Requiem Mass this Thursday 27th November at 10.30am.

WEDNESDAY MASS – No mass in Llanarth this Wednesday, instead mass at 9am in OLSM. Fr. Matthew attended mass for Dec'd Clergy in Miskin that day. **Tuesday mass** at 11am, Fr. Matthew at St. Albans school 1st thing.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND OF OUR PARISH: Alan Woodhouse, Chris Woodhouse, 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 – Derrick Matthews, Fr. Stephen Holdsworth OSB, Alan Ockenden, Andrew Neale, Angela Jones, Jean Collins, Ann Watkins and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time, and all those whose names are recorded on the November lists of the dead.**

"CHURCH FLOWER-ARRANGING TEACH-IN - 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). 2nd Session on Sat 13th Dec from 2pm until 5.30pm, in Church. Email amrgraves@btinternet.com

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.

Healing Prayer Service at Belmont Abbey on Friday 28th November at 6.45pm. Fr Michael Clothier OSB will lead this service. Come to pray for your own healing, or also for the healing of others. As in Jesus' ministry, this healing is available to all who come in faith with the simple desire to be healed. All are welcome.

The Middle Coming: Fr Michael Casey OCSO. For our next Horizons of Hope talk, a renowned Cistercian spiritual writer will talk about the interior landscape of spiritual experience: the quiet ways in which grace transforms the human heart. He is on a rare visit to the UK from Australia. **Saturday 13th December, 10.00am - 12.30pm** at The Chapterhouse, Belmont Abbey, Hereford HR2 9RZ. All are welcome.

RED BOXES – MISSIO – Could all those who have the Red Mission Boxes please return them to the sacristy as soon as possible, so that the annual return can be completed before Christmas.

“UTAMA.” Film being shown by Abergavenny Town of Sanctuary and Greener Abergavenny. A film from Bolivia – Friday 28th November, 7pm, St. Michaels Centre. Poster at back of Church.