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Sunday 24th August – 21st Sunday of the Year.



Saturday 23rd August – Sunday 31st August 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, 23rd 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 24th August – 21st 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.**

Monday 25th 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, 26th August – St. David Lewis.

10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Antonio Passariello RIP.

12.00noon Funeral Service for Antonio Passariello.

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

Wednesday 27th August – St. Monica.

9.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Spec Int (L & T.)

No Mass in Llanarth today. 10.30am – 12noon Michaels Mates

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook 5.30pm Bible

Thursday, 28th August – St. Augustine.

12noon Mass in OLSM Church – James Flynn Sick.

1.00pm Lunch Club. 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

Friday, 29th August – Beheading of John the Baptist.

10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Patrick Ring RIP.

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

Saturday, 30th August – St. Margaret Clitheroe.

9.30am Rosary for Life.

10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Margaret Russell RIP.

10.45am St. David Lewis Pilgrimage.

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

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

Sunday 31st August – 22nd Ordinary Sunday.

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

***10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Sue (healing.)**

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

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

Mass Reflection:

Jesus doesn't answer the question put to Him in this Sunday's Gospel. It profits us nothing to speculate on how many will be saved. What we need to know is what He tells us today—how to enter into salvation and how urgent it is to strive now, before the Master closes the door. Jesus is “the narrow gate,” the only way of salvation, the path by which all must travel to enter the kingdom of the Father (see John 14:6). In Jesus, God has come—as He promises in this week's First Reading—to gather nations of every language, to reveal to them His glory. Eating and drinking with them, teaching in their streets, Jesus in the Gospel is slowly making His way to Jerusalem. There, Isaiah's vision will be fulfilled: On the holy mountain He will be lifted up (see John 3:14), and He will draw to Himself brethren from among all the nations to worship in the heavenly Jerusalem, to glorify Him for His kindness, as we sing in today's Psalm. In God's plan, the kingdom was proclaimed first to the Israelites and last to the Gentiles, who in the Church have come from the earth's four corners to make up the new people of God. Many, however, will lose their place at the heavenly table, Jesus warns. Refusing to accept His narrow way they will weaken, rendering themselves unknown to the Father (see Isaiah 63:15–16). We don't want to be numbered among those of drooping hands and weak knees (see Isaiah 35:3). So, we must strive for that narrow gate, a way of hardship and suffering—the way of the beloved Son. As this week's Epistle reminds us, by our trials we know we are truly God's sons and daughters. We are being disciplined by our afflictions, strengthened to walk that straight and narrow path—that we may enter the gate and take our place at the banquet of the righteous.

Collection totals for Sunday, 17th August.

1 st Collection	£191.20
Gift Aid	£153.22
Automated credits (June 2025)	£3306.33
Contactless Card Reader	£136.00.

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.

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. 1st meeting Saturday 13th September

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.

MICHAELS MATES – Parents and Kids group, each Wednesday of August, continuing this Wednesday 27th August, 10.30am – 12noon
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.

BIBLE GROUP - Next meeting Wednesday 27th 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 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 - We tackle poverty in all its forms by providing assistance to people in need. Tickets distributed for the SVP national raffle need to be returned by first week of September. There is a box for ticket stubs and money in the Church porch. Yours 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 9th September 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.

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.

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 14th 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 recently in Church, 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

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 29th August at 6pm.

SYRO – MALIBAR RITE MASS – To be celebrated monthly in our parish. Next mass Monday 1st 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

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 19th September 7pm in the centre. TBC.

St David Lewis Pilgrimage – 30th & 31st August - Join us for a pilgrimage from OLSM to St Mary the Virgin, Llanfair Kilgeddin, **next Saturday 30th August**, immediately following the 10am morning mass, 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 31st 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

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 4th September at 12noon.

ANTONIO PASSARIELLO RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Antonio Passariello who died recently. His funeral service is this Tuesday 26th August at 12noon.

OPENING OF NEW BELMONT ABBEY GUESTHOUSE – This coming Wednesday there is the formal opening of the newly renovated guesthouse at Belmont Abbey, now named **The Chapter House**, no longer Hedley Lodge. Accordingly there is no mass in Llanarth, but an early mass here in Abergavenny at 9am. The ITN News broadcaster Julia Etchingham will perform the formal opening.

ST. MICHAELS CENTRE – The repairs to the centre have finally been completed and all the scaffolding removed!!

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.**

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 13th 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

NO MORE WEDDINGS ! – Last Monday saw the final wedding of the year, there have been 8 weddings this year between May and August. Please do keep all the couples in your prayers. Fr. Matthew does have one more wedding to do, his niece Caroline is getting married in Yorkshire on 19th October, which he will be officiating at!

CAFOD: RESPONSE IN GAZA: Your donations to Gaza since the start of the conflict have been a vital lifeline. Right now, CAFOD's partner, Caritas Jerusalem, is delivering essential medical treatment to displaced people and providing medicines to treat chronic illnesses. We have helped 1,400 households with cash to buy supplies in the last month and we are currently feeding 2,000 people with new stocks of flour and rice. Despite the restrictions on aid coming into Gaza, CAFOD's local partners are working tirelessly to help people. And with your ongoing support, they will do all in their power to keep doing so. You can find out more about how you can make a difference in Gaza at cafod.org.uk. Thank you for backing our work through holding collections for our Family Fast Day appeals and for continuing to [pray for peace](#) in the Middle East.