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Sunday 26th October - 30th Sunday of the Year.



Saturday 25th October – Sunday 2nd 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 and he will bring communion to you.

Evening Prayer at 5pm on

www.facebook.com/OurLadyandStMichaelChurch

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**

***10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Jeremy Dent – Sick.**

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

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

Monday 27th October –

***9.00am Mass in OLSM Church - Mr And Mrs Bill Desmond & Family RIP. (Early mass time today.)**

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

Tuesday, 28th October – St's Simon and Jude.

***10.00am Mass in OLSM Church –**

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

5.30pm Reception of Coffin into Church.

Wednesday 29th October –

10.00am Requiem Mass in OLSM Church – Ann Watkins (No mass in Llanarth.)

3.00pm Syro-Malabar Rite Mass in OLSM Church.

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

Thursday, 30th October –

12.00Noon Requiem Mass in OLSM Church – Andrew Neale.

1.00pm Lunch Club. 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

Friday, 31st October

10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Mr. P.L. Desmond & Wain Desmond

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook 6.00pm Faith Group.

Saturday, 1st November. 9.30am Rosary for Life.

10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Phyllis Lynch RIP.

10.45am Confessions, Exposition & Benediction.

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

Sunday 2nd November – Solemnity of All Saints.

***8.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Charles Dorian Evans RIP, Alan Ockenden RIP.**

***10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Rob Disson, David Bell RIP**

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

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

Mass Reflection:

Jesus draws a blunt picture in today's Gospel. The Pharisee's prayer is almost a parody of the thanksgiving psalms (see for example Psalms 30, 118). Instead of praising God for His mighty works, the Pharisee congratulates himself for his own deeds, which he presents to God in some detail. The tax collector stands at a distance, too ashamed even to raise his eyes to God (see Ezra 9:6). He prays with a humble and contrite heart (see Psalm 51:19). He knows that before God no one is righteous, no one has cause to boast (see Roman 3:10; 4:2). We see in the Liturgy today one of Scripture's abiding themes: that God "knows no favorites," as today's First Reading tells us (see 2 Chronicles 19:7; Acts 10:34–35; Romans 2:11). God cannot be bribed (see Deuteronomy 10:17). We cannot curry favor with Him or impress Him—even with our good deeds or our faithful observance of religious duties such as tithing and fasting. If we try to exalt ourselves before the Lord, as the Pharisee does, we will be brought low (see Luke 1:52). This should be a warning to us—not to take pride in our piety, not to slip into the self-righteousness of thinking that we're better than others, that we're "not like the rest of sinful humanity." If we clothe ourselves with humility (see 1 Peter 5:5–6), if we recognize that all of us are sinners in need of His mercy, we will be exalted (see Proverbs 29:33). The prayer of the lowly, the humble, pierces the clouds. Paul testifies to this in today's Epistle as He thanks the Lord for giving him strength during his imprisonment. Paul tells us what the Psalmist sings today—that the Lord redeems the lives of His humble servants. We too must serve Him willingly. And He will hear us in our distress, deliver us from evil, and bring us safely to His heavenly kingdom.

Collection totals for Sunday, 5th October.

1 st Collection	£135.50
Gift Aid	£168.50
2 nd Collection -Missio	£327.40
Automated credits (August 2025)	£3556.33
Contactless Card Reader	£60.00

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.

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.

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.

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 at the moment and we are being asked to lobby members of the House of Lords.

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 for prayer.

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.

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

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 31st 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. Next event-Archdiocesan Youth Retreat on Saturday 23rd November, 10-5pm, St. Davids College, Cardiff, Free, and transport provided.

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

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 this Wednesday 29th October 10.00am. Reception of Coffin into Church Tuesday 28th -5.30pm.

ALAN OCKENDEN RIP- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Alan Ockenden, son of Joan Ockenden, who died last week. May he rest in peace. Requiem Mass Wednesday 5th November 1.15pm.

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)

ABC BIG QUIZ 2005 – Saturday 15th November, 7pm in Abergavenny Baptist Church Hall. for Teafund. Sign up at abcbigquiz2025@gmail.com

NOVEMBER SOULS ENVELOPES – Available in Church, please write down your lists of departed loved ones and return to Fr. Matthew and mass will be offered for them throughout November.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND OF

OUR PARISH: 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 retired who died**

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.

"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 Thursday 30th October at 12noon..

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.

THE CHURCH & YOUNG PEOPLE – NURTURING FAITH & HOPE – Talk by James Potter, Chaplain at Wimbledon College. Thursday 30th October at 7pm, in SFX Church, Hereford. Poster at back of Church.

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.