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Sunday 27th July – 17th Sunday of the Year.



Saturday 26th July – Sunday 3rd 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, 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 – Colin Anderson RIP & Johanna Butler RIP. 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.**

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

Monday 28th July –

10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Patrick Flynn – Sick.

5.00pm Evening Prayer.

Tuesday, 29th July – St. Martha, Mary & Lazarus.

10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Tracy Shaw.

5.00pm Evening Prayer.

Wednesday 30th July – St. Peter Chrysologus.

10.30am Mass in Llanarth Church – Spec intention L&T.

5.00pm Evening Prayer – 5.30pm Bible Group

Thursday, 31st July – St. Ignatius of Loyola.

12.00noon Mass in OLSM Church – Private Int (J.O.).

1.00pm Lunch Club. 5.00pm Evening Prayer.

Friday, 1st August.

9.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Margaret Russell RIP.

10.30am Funeral Service for John Williams.

1.45pm Funeral Service for Margaret Russell.

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.

7.30pm Welsh Chamber Orchestra Concert.

Saturday, 2nd August –

9.30am Rosary for Life.

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

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

5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church – Margaret Watkins RIP.

Sunday 3rd August – 18th Ordinary Sunday.

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

***10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Ethel Dew & Patrick Ring RIP. 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.**

***6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church – Mary Madden RIP.**

Mass Reflection:

Though we be “but dust and ashes,” we can presume to draw near and speak boldly to our Lord, as Abraham dares to do in this week's First Reading. But even Abraham—the friend of God, our father in the faith—did not know the intimacy that we know as children of Abraham, heirs of the blessings promised to his descendants. The mystery of prayer, as Jesus reveals to His disciples in this week's Gospel, is the living relationship of beloved sons and daughters with their heavenly Father. Our prayer is pure gift, made possible by the “good gift” of the Father—the Holy Spirit of His Son. It is the fruit of the New Covenant by which we are made children of God in Christ Jesus. Through the Spirit given to us in Baptism, we can cry to Him as our Father—knowing that when we call He will answer. Jesus teaches His disciples to persist in their prayer, as Abraham persisted in begging God's mercy for the innocent of Sodom and Gomorrah. For the sake of the one just Man, Jesus, God spared the city of man from destruction, “obliterating the bond against us,” as Paul says in this week's Epistle. On the Cross, Jesus bore the guilt of us all. He cancelled the debt we owed to God, the death we deserved to die for our transgressions. We pray as ones who have been visited in our affliction and saved from our enemies, as ones who have been spared. We pray always a prayer of thanksgiving, which is the literal meaning of “Eucharist.” We have realized the promise of this week's Psalm: we worship in His holy temple, in the presence of angels, hallowing His name. In confidence we ask, knowing that we will receive, that He will bring to completion what He has done for us—raising us from the dead, bringing us to everlasting life along with Him.

Collection totals for Sunday, 20th July.

1 st Collection	£227.18
Gift Aid	£148.63
Automated credits (May 2025)	£4472.83
Contactless Card Reader	£164.00

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

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, The proposed pilgrimage to Lourdes in October has been cancelled. There needed to be a minimum of 20 pilgrims and only 10 firm bookings had been made..

BIBLE GROUP – Meets next this Wednesday 30th 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.

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. Shortly information on how to do this will be available in Church.

CATENIAN ASSOCIATION If you are interested in joining us contact Jim Cronin 01873 854498 or jimcronin1@hotmail.com A member of the local catenian circle will be speaking at the 10am and 6pm masses this Sunday to encourage new members.

EVANGELISATION GROUP – Meets next Tuesday 19th August at 6.00pm, beginning in Church.

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.

JOHN WILLIAMS RIP Funeral service this Friday, 1st August at 10.30am in OLSM 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. Will be taking a break for a few weeks, meeting again on Friday 22nd August.

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

WEDDINGS – Congratulations to William Mucklow & Bethan Jones, from Jersey who were married here on Saturday 26th July. Also please say a prayer for Emmanuel O'Gundiran and Jayelle-Dee Kemp of Tredegar who are getting married here on Tuesday 5th August, and also Rosin McLoughlin and Nicholas Hill of Caerphilly getting married here on Monday 18th August.

MARGARET WATKINS RIP – Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Watkins of Penpergym House Nursing House who died recently. Margaret worshipped in the church at Llanarth for many years. Funeral Monday 4th August 10.30am in Llanarth Church. (Reception of coffin into Church, 12noon Sunday 3rd August.)

CONGRATULATIONS TO Olivia Warner, daughter of Nathan and Charlotte who was baptised last Sunday.

DEBORAH JENNIFER DAVIES RIP – Please Pray for the repose of the soul of Deborah Jennifer Davies of Tudor St who died recently. Funeral Service Tuesday 19th August 12noon.

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, on Saturday 30th August, 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

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND OF

OUR PARISH: Tony Ring, Michael Woodward, Mario Malnati, Kris Williams, Ann Watkins, Eileen Jones, 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 – John Williams, Deborah Jennifer Davies, Margaret Watkins, Margaret Russell, Colin Anderson, Eilene Michalik, Carol Baker, Bishop Mark Jabale, 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 this Friday 1st August 1.45pm, a funeral service in OLSM Church.

FR. MATTHEW AWAY 6th - 14th August – yet another Caribbean Cruise!! Fr. Jonathon from Belmont supplying.
FILM “WATER IS LOVE.” Showing in St. Michaels Centre, 7pm, Wednesday 20th August. **“Water is Love”** follows a group of young people grappling with the climate crisis while we journey around the world to share inspiring stories of regenerative ecosystem designs for water retention in communities villages and regions. Film to be introduced by one of the makers Isabel Rosa. E-mail Fr. Matthew for online link to reserve free tickets.