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Sunday 2nd November – Solemnity of All Saints.



Saturday 1st November – Sunday 9th 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, 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 – Marcia Spicer.

Sunday 2nd November – Solemnity of All Saints.
***8.00am Mass in OLSM Church** – Charles Dorian Evans RIP, Alan Ockenden RIP & Nov Lists.
***10.00am Mass in OLSM Church** – Rob Disson, David Bell RIP & Nov Lists. 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook
***6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church** – Eilene Jones RIP & Nov Lists.

Monday 3rd November – ALL SOULS.
***10.00am Mass in OLSM Church** – Nov Lists.
 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook
***7.00pm Mass in OLSM Church** - Nov Lists.

Tuesday, 4th November – St. Charles Borromeo.
***9.00am Mass in OLSM Church** – Fr. Stephen Holdsworth RIP.
 (Early Mass time today.) 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook
 6.00pm Evangelisation Group.

Wednesday 5th November
10.30am Mass in Llanarth Church – Jean Collins RIP.
1.15pm Requiem Mass in OLSM Church – Alan Ockenden RIP.
 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook 5.30pm Bible Group.

Thursday, 6th November – St. Iltyd.
12.00Noon Mass in OLSM Church – Alan Ockenden RIP Nov Lists.
 1.00pm Lunch Club. 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

Friday, 7th November – St. Wilibrord.
10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Mr. P.L. Desmond & Wain Desmond Nov Lists..
 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook 6.00pm Faith Group.

Saturday, 8th November – All Saints of Wales.
 9.30am Rosary for Life.
10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Hodges Family & Nov Lists.
 10.45am Confessions, Exposition & Benediction.
5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church – & Nov Lists.

Sunday 9th November – Dedication of the Lateran Basilica.
***8.00am Mass in OLSM Church** – Victor Strevens RIP, Alan Ockenden RIP & Nov Lists..
***10.00am Mass in OLSM Church** – Tony Rigby RIP & Angela Jones & Nov Lists. 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook
***6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church** – Guiseppe Fulgoni, Giovanna Cavali, Mark Monaghan RIP & Nov Lists.

Mass Reflection: ALL SOULS.

When St. Paul talked about the resurrection of the dead with the philosophers at Athens, many laughed and mocked him. The Gospel, he would later write, is “foolishness” to the wise of this world. Yet this week’s First Reading tells us that it is foolish to think that the souls of the just are dead. Instead, theirs is a “hope full of immortality.” By His Resurrection, Jesus frees the human race from the fear of death—from the terrible fear of the unknown, of our own disintegration—that holds us in a kind of slavery. Because He has walked the dark valley of death before us, because He has promised to walk alongside us, we can take “courage” and “fear no evil,” in the words of this week’s Psalm. This is God’s will for us, the reason Jesus came into the world, according to today’s Gospel: that we will recognize Jesus as the Son of God and by believing in Him be raised to eternal life. If we believe in Him, we will follow Him, as the Psalmist says: He will refresh our souls in the waters of Baptism, anoint our heads with the oil of Confirmation, and set before us the table of the Eucharist. There our cups will be filled to overflowing. And by these mysteries of His kindness and goodness, we will “dwell in the house of the Lord” in this life and in the life to come. The First Reading seems to allude to the doctrine of Purgatory, to the souls of the just being chastised, purified as gold in a furnace and made worthy of God. This reading also tells us of the glory of the saints, who will share in the rule of Christ, judging and ruling over the nations (see Luke 22:30). Through the “newness of life” we have in the sacraments, this week’s Epistle adds, we “grow into union” with Jesus, confident that we will be together with Him when He comes again at the end of time.

Collection totals for Sunday, 26th October.

1 st Collection	£145.21
Gift Aid	£227.00
Automated credits (August 2025)	£3401.33
Contactless Card Reader	£135.00

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.

PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH – This year 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.

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. The names of all those who have died in the past year are displayed at Our Lady's altar.

BIBLE GROUP - Next meeting Wednesday 5th November 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.ntq050512@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 this 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.

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.

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

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/> <https://www.spuc.org.uk/>

FAITH GROUP - meeting again on Friday 7th November 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

CONFIRMATION COURSE - will begin early next year, dates TBC. Candidates need to be in year 8 or above. The young people who are already registered are **now unable to attend the Diocesan day on 23rd November-apologies**, but there will now be an event here in the parish on the afternoon of Sunday 23rd the same day, following the 10am Mass.

Archdiocesan Youth Retreat on Saturday 23rd November, 10-5pm, St. Davids College, Cardiff, For those in Year 9 or above at school, especially those confirmed in recent years. Free, and transport provided, info on this from Fr. Matthew.

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

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)

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.

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 – Fr. Stephen Holdsworth OSB, 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.**

DEANERY HOLY HOUR – PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS – Friday 6th November in Usk, Church of St. Francis Xavier and St. David Lewis, adoration from 6.30pm, holy mass at 7.30pm.

"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.

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.

FR. STEPHEN HOLDSWORTH RIP – Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Stephen Holdsworth, who died on the 21st October aged 95. His funeral at Belmont Abbey on Wednesday 5th November at 11.30am.

DBS ONLINE UPDATE SERVICE – Details on the online DBS update service is available on the noticeboard at the back of Church.

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

TUESDAY MASS this week at the earlier time of 9am, because of a meeting Fr. Matthew is attending at Belmont Abbey.