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Sunday 3rd August – 18th Sunday of the Year.



Saturday 2nd August – Sunday 10th 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, 2nd August –

9.30am Rosary for Life.

10.00am Mass in OLSM Church –

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.**

Monday 4th August – St. John Vianney.

10.30am Requiem Mass in Llanarth Church – Margaret Watkins. (No mass in OLSM today.)

5.00pm Syro-Malabar Rite Mass in Church.

5.00pm Evening Prayer.

Tuesday, 5th August – Dedication of St. Mary Major.

10.00am Mass in OLSM Church –

12.30pm Wedding Service in Church.

5.00pm Evening Prayer.

Wednesday 6th August. Transfiguration of the Lord.

9.00am Mass in OLSM Church –

10.30am – 12noon Michaels Mates – Centre.

No service in Llanarth today

Fr. Matthew away from today till Thursday 14th August.

Fr. Jonathon Rollinson supplying - 01432 374737.

Thursday, 7th August

12.00noon Mass in OLSM Church – Margaret Russell RIP.

1.00pm Lunch Club.

Friday, 8th August- St. Dominic.

No mass today.

Saturday, 9th August – St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.

No devotions or morning mass.

5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church – Margaret Watkins RIP.

Sunday 10th August – 19th Ordinary Sunday.

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

***10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Patrick Ring RIP.**

***6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church – Timothy McCarthy RIP.**

Mass Reflection:

Trust in God—as the Rock of our salvation, as the Lord who made us His chosen people, as our shepherd and guide. This should be the mark of our following of Jesus. Like the Israelites we recall in this week's Psalm Response, we have made an exodus, passing through the waters of Baptism, freeing us from our bondage to sin. We too are on a pilgrimage to a promised homeland, the Lord in our midst, feeding us heavenly bread, giving us living waters to drink (see 1 Corinthians 10:1-4). We must take care to guard against the folly that befell the Israelites, that led them to quarrel and test God's goodness at Meribah and Massah. We can harden our hearts in ways more subtle but no less ruinous. We can put our trust in possessions, squabble over earthly inheritances, kid ourselves that what we have we deserve, store up treasures and think they'll afford us security and rest. All this is “vanity of vanities,” a false and deadly way of living, as this week's First Reading tells us. This is the greed that Jesus warns against in this week's Gospel. The rich man's anxiety and toil expose his lack of faith in God's care and provision. That's why Paul calls greed “idolatry” in the Epistle this week. Mistaking having for being, possession for existence, we forget that God is the giver of all that we have, we exalt the things we can make or buy over our Maker (see Romans 1:25). Jesus calls the rich man a “fool”—a word used in the Old Testament for someone who rebels against God or has forgotten Him (see Psalm 14:1). We should treasure most the new life we have been given in Christ and seek what is above, the promised inheritance of heaven. We have to see all things in the light of eternity, mindful that He who gives us the breath of life could at any moment—this night even—demand it back from us.

Collection totals for Sunday, 27th July.

1 st Collection	£208.22
Gift Aid	£228.50
Automated credits (June 2025)	£3306.33
Contactless Card Reader	£116.00

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!

MICHAELS MATES – Parents and Toddlers group, each Wednesday of August, from 6th August, 10.30am – 12noon in the centre.

BIBLE GROUP – Meets next this Wednesday 20th August. 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: president050512@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 19th August at 6.00pm, beginning in Church.

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 attached to this newsletter and available at the back of 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.

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 at 6pm.

SYRO – MALIBAR RITE MASS – To be celebrated monthly in our parish. Next mass this 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 – please say a prayer for Emmanuel O'Gundiran and Jayelle-Dee Kemp of Tredegar who are getting married here this Tuesday 5th August, and also Rosin McLoughlin and Nicholas Hill of Caerphilly getting married here on Monday 18th August.

MARGARET WATKINS RIP. Funeral this Monday 4th August 10.30am in Llanarth Church. (Reception of coffin into Church, 12noon this Sunday 3rd August.)

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

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.

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 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.

FR. MATTHEW AWAY from this Wednesday 6th – Thursday 14th August – yet another Caribbean Cruise!! **Fr. Jonathon from Belmont supplying, available on 01432 374737.**

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.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION. Friday 15th August is the Solemnity of the Assumption, a holyday of obligation. Vigil mass Thursday evening in Llanarth at 5pm, and on Friday in OLSM at 10am and 7pm.

STELLA MARIS – A thankyou letter has been received from “Stella Maris”, formerly the Apostleship of the Sea, thanking us for our collection taken on Sea Sunday. £516.23 was raised.

SPUC Sponsorship – Thanks to all those who offered sponsorship for the recent SPUC sponsored Walk in Cardiff, £300 was raised. Ta.