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**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October - 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year.**



**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2025.**

**YEAR OF JUBILEE 2025.**

**“Pilgrims of Hope.”**

**All Church services live streamed at**

[www.olsm-abergavenny.co.uk](http://www.olsm-abergavenny.co.uk)

**Evening Prayer at 5pm on**

[www.facebook.com/OurLadyandStMichaelChurch](https://www.facebook.com/OurLadyandStMichaelChurch)

**Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> October – St. Francis of Assisi.**

9.30am Rosary for Life.

**10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Plas Elrych Residents**

10.45am Confessions, exposition & benediction.

**5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church – Mary Teresa Guinan Casey & Jean Collins RIP.**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October – 26<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday.**

**\*8.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Richard & Joan Allen.**

**\*10.00am HARVEST & SCHOOL MASS in OLSM Church – Ann Watkins RIP & Veronica Rigby RIP.**

3.30pm Ecumenical Fairtrade Service, URC Church, Castle St.

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.

**\*6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church – Sick of the Parish.**

**Cafod Harvest Fast Day Collection.**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October – St. Bruno.**

**10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – William Jonathon RIP .**

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

5.00pm Syro-Malabar Rite Mass in Church.

**Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> October – Our Lady of the Rosary.**

**No morning mass today.**

**Rosary 5.30pm. 5.00pm Evening Prayer today**

**6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church – Ron Dew RIP.**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October - St. Therese of Lisieux.**

**10.30am Mass in Llanarth Church – Jean Collins.**

5.00pm Evening prayer 5.30pm Bible Group today.

**Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> October – St. John Henry Newman.**

**12.00noon Mass in OLSM Church – Angela Jones RIP.**

1.00pm Lunch Club. 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

**Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> October –**

**10.30am Requiem Mass in OLSM Church – Angela Jones.**

**2.30am Requiem Mass in Llanarth Church – Jean Collins.**

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

**Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> October – St. John XXIII.**

9.30am Rosary for Life. **10.00am Mass in OLSM Church**

10.45am Confessions, exposition & benediction.

**5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church – Mike Kennedy RIP, Mary Teresa Guinan Casey & Jean Collins RIP.**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October – 28<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday.**

**\*8.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Angela Jones RIP & Ann Watkins RIP.**

**\*10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Chris Phelan RIP & Roy & Doreen Lerwell RIP. 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.**

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

### Mass Reflection:

Because of his faith, the just man shall live. We hear in today's First Reading the original prophetic line made so central by St. Paul. We are to live by faith in Christ who loved us and gave Himself on the Cross for us. The world, though, can seem to us as seventh-century Judah seemed to Habakkuk—in the control of God's enemies. The strife and discord we face in our own lives can sometimes cause us to wonder, as the prophet does, why God doesn't seem to hear or intervene when we cry for help. We can't let our hearts be hardened by the trials we undergo. As today's Psalm reminds us: Israel forgot His mighty works, lost faith in the sound words of His promise. They tested God in the desert, demanding a sign. But God didn't redeem Israel from Egypt only to let them die in the desert. And He didn't ransom us from futility only to abandon us in our trials. He is our God and we are the people He shepherds always—though at times His mercy and justice seem long delayed. If we call on the Lord, as the Apostles do in today's Gospel, He will increase our faith, will stir to a flame the Holy Spirit who has dwelt within us since Baptism. As Paul tells us in today's Epistle, the Lord will always give us the love and self-control we need to bear our share of hardship for the Gospel—with a strength that can come from God alone. Our task is to continue doing what He has commanded—to love and to build up His kingdom—trusting that His vision still presses on to its fulfillment. For His vision still has its time. One day, though we are but “unprofitable servants,” we will be invited to eat and drink at our Master's table. It is that day we anticipate with each celebration of the Eucharist

### Collection totals for Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> September.

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	£171.00
Gift Aid	£246.00
Automated credits (August 2025)	£3556.33
Contactless Card Reader	£144.00

**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](http://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.**

**BELMONT ABBEY SHOP - From Tuesday the 7th of October a variety of Christmas products will be available in Belmont Abbey Shop including: Christmas books for children; Nativity sets of different sizes; boxed and packets of Christmas cards; Advent calendars and much more. Come and see what we have, all our welcome. Orders can be taken for items not stocked. Opening hours of the shop are: Monday-Saturday 2-4pm and Sunday 10.30 am-12.15pm. (HP 304 Printer cartridges, B/W & COL available, unused by Fr. Matthew, see him if interested.)**

**BIBLE GROUP - Next meeting Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> October at 11.45am in the centre. **PAC MINUTES** – Minutes of the May PAC meeting on the website and on the notice board.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**, meets next on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:jimcronin1@hotmail.com)

**EVANGELISATION GROUP** – Meets next on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 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 to oppose the bill.

**FR. MATTHEW AWAY** – From Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> returning Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October, for the wedding of his niece – Caroline, in Yorkshire and a few days holiday as well, but not a Caribbean Cruise! Fr. Jonathon will be supplying in the parish.

**MASS TIME CHANGES AGAIN!!** No morning mass on Tuesday, but rather mass at 6pm, because of a meeting Fr. Matthew is attending at Belmont Abbey. Fr. Matthew continues as a Trustee of the Abbey.

**WEEKDAY MISSALS** – New Translation Weekday mass missals available on the piety stall, priced at £55!!

**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](mailto: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 this Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm.

**SYRO – MALIBAR RITE MASS** – To be celebrated monthly in our parish. Next mass this Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 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 continue. Next meeting/social Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 7pm  
**MASS INTENTIONS** – Fr. Matthew is very happy to receive mass intentions from parishioners, to offer mass for the repose of the souls of departed loved ones and friends, and also to offer mass for those who are unwell in any way. Mass intentions envelopes and mass cards are available at the back of Church.

**PLAINSONG STUDY DAY – ST. TEILO'S** Church, Llantilio Pertholey, Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 10am-5pm. £15/person, Singing in English. Leader Philip Norman. Poster at back of Church.

**ANN WATKINS RIP.** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ann Watkins, formerly of this parish, who died last Sunday. May she rest in peace. Funeral details TBC. But probably week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> October. Also **JEAN COLLINS of Llanfair-(Llanarth parish)** who died last week. Funeral, this Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October in Llanarth Church at 2.30pm.

**ABC BIG QUIZ 2005** – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 7pm in Abergavenny Baptist Church Hall. To raise funds for Teafund. Come with a team or on your own. Sign up at [abcbigquiz2025@gmail.com](mailto:abcbigquiz2025@gmail.com) Poster at back of Church.

**Safe Spaces** Support, Advice and Info Tel: 0300 303 1056 (answerphone available email: [SafeSpaces@FirstLight.org.uk](mailto: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.

**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 – Angela Jones, Jean Collins, Ann Watkins, Eileen Jones, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Also Fr. Liam Shore and Fr. Michael Hart, both retired who died recently.**

**1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays of each month.

**2016 CATHOLIC DIARIES** Now available on the piety stall-£6.

**FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT**, 22<sup>nd</sup> September-5<sup>th</sup> October. Info on events at back of Church. **Fairtrade Fortnight worship service, this Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 3.30pm in the URC, Castle st**

**CAFOD** – Harvest Fast Day church collection this Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October, which will also be our Harvest Mass, with staff and families from the school taking part.

**"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 15<sup>th</sup> Nov in St Michael's Centre and Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Dec from 2pm until 5.30pm, in Church. Email [amgraves@btinternet.com](mailto:amgraves@btinternet.com) by Sat 1st Nov to attend.

**ANGELA JONES RIP** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Angela Jones who died recently. Requiem Mass and Funeral this Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 10.30am.

**CRY** – At the recent event to raise funds for CRY-Cardiac Arrest in the Young, a prize went unclaimed, a voucher for the local golf club worth £250-round of golf for 4 people. Would any parishioner like to make an offer for the voucher, funds to CRY.