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Sunday 9th November – Dedication of the Lateran Basilica



Saturday 8th November – Sunday 16th November 2025. YEAR OF JUBILEE 2025. “Pilgrims of Hope.” All Church services live streamed at www.olsm-abergavenny.co.uk <u>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.</u> Evening Prayer at 5pm on www.facebook.com/OurLadyandStMichaelChurch
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. Remembrance Sunday. *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 3.00pm Parish Remembrance Day Service. *6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church – Guiseppe Fulgoni, Giovanna Cavali, Mark Monaghan RIP & Pacini & Berzolla Family. Nov L's.
Monday 10th November – St. Leo the Great. *10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Ockenden Family & Nov Lists. 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook
Tuesday, 11th November – Remembrance Day. *10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Nov Lists. (Year 3 Mass.) 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.
Wednesday 12th November – St. Josaphat. 10.30am Mass in Llanarth Church – Jean Collins RIP. No Evening Prayer or Bible Group.
Thursday, 13th November – 12.00Noon Mass in OLSM Church - Richard, Guiseppe, Virginia, Antonio, Lucia RIP. & Nov Lists. 1.00pm Lunch Club.
Friday, 14th November – 10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Phelan & Connaughton Fam's Nov Lists. 6.00pm - Faith Group
Saturday, 15th November – St. Albert the Great. 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 16th November – 33rd Sunday of the Year. *8.00am Mass in OLSM Church Alan Ockenden RIP & Nov Lists. *10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Charles Dorian Evans RIP, Ethel Hutchison RIP, Ring & Taylor Fam's & Nov Lists. 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook *6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church – Nov Lists.

Mass Reflection: Why commemorate a church dedication that happened in fourth-century Rome? First, because St. John Lateran is no ordinary church—it's the cathedral church of the Pope and still known as “the mother of all the world's churches.” But more than that, because God has from all time intended the church building to be a symbol of His Church and our bodies. This is what the readings for today's feast invite us to consider. God's prototype for the church is the Jerusalem Temple, described in this week's First Reading and Psalm. It's God's “holy dwelling,” site of His presence in our midst, source of “living waters”—of all life and blessing. But God intended the Temple to give way to the Body of Christ. That's what our Lord's words and actions in Sunday's Gospel are intended to dramatize. Christ's Body is now the dwelling of God's “glory” among us (see John 1:14). It's the new source of living waters John 4:10,14; 7:37- 39; 19:34), the living bread John 6:51), the new sanctuary where people will worship in Spirit and truth John 4:21,23). By Baptism, we are joined to His Body in the Church. Sunday's Epistle says the Spirit of God comes to dwell in us and makes us “God's building...the temple of God” (see also 1 Corinthians 6:9). Jesus drove out the sellers of oxen, sheep and doves, signaling an end to the animal sacrifices that formed the worship of the old Temple. In the spiritual worship of the new Temple, we offer our bodies—our whole beings—as a living sacrifice. Like living stones (see 1 Peter 2:5) built on the cornerstone of Christ (see Mark 12:10; Acts 4:11), together we are called to build up the new Temple of God, the Church. As the Jerusalem Temple was, so the Church will always be under construction—until at last it is perfected in the new Jerusalem, our mother Church, come down from heaven (see Revelation 21:3,10, 22; 22:1; Galatians 4:26).
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Collection totals for Sunday, 2 nd November.	
1 st Collection	£138.61
Gift Aid	£194.40
Sick & Retired Clergy Collection.	£405.25
Automated credits (August 2025)	£3401.33
Contactless Card Reader	£156.00
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	
<u>2nd Collection today for Sick and Retired Clergy Fund.</u>	
Christian Meditation Group – The meditation group continues on most Monday's, at 11am, info from 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 – On Sunday 14 th 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.	
RED WEDNESDAY – Day of prayer for the persecuted Church, Wed 19 th November, ecumenical service 7pm here in OLSM. Procession from St. Mary's priory at 6.30pm.	

BIBLE GROUP - Next meeting Wednesday 19th November at 5.30pm. Email Fr. Matthew for the invite.

ABERGAVENTNY 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 Tuesday 25th 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. 1st Session, Sunday 16th November, 9am in the centre.

Stay Connected with the Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia - Each month, the Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia shares a monthly e-newsletter with the latest news, events, and updates from across our parishes and beyond. If you haven't subscribed yet, now's the perfect time! Be among the first to hear what's happening in our Archdiocese and further afield. **Sign up today** at: <https://www.rcadc.org/newsletter>
ACN – Christmas Cards from Aid to the Church in Need are available at the back of Church. Also ACN gift items for Xmas on the piety stall.

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/>

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FAITH GROUP - meeting again this Friday 14th 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.

Archdiocesan Youth Retreat on Saturday 23rd November, 10-5pm, St. Davids College, Cardiff, For those aged 13 -17, especially those confirmed in recent years. Free, and transport provided, info on this from Fr. Matthew.

DIOCESAN YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT –For those aged 18-35, here on Saturday 13th December, 9-5pm, Mass to be celebrated at 12noon by Archbishop Mark.

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).

RED BOXES – MISSIO – Could all those who have the Red Mission Boxes please return them to the sacristy as soon as possible, so that the annual return can be completed before Christmas.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE – This Sunday 9th November, 3pm in Church, then processing to the Calvary Memorial.

PARISH/SCHOOLS CAROL SERVICE – Monday 8th December 6.30pm, with students from our own parish school and St. Albans Schools. Places limited, Tickets available via our parish website

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND OF OUR PARISH: Alan Woodhouse, Chris Woodhouse, 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, and all those whose names are recorded on the November lists of the dead.

"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

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.

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

REAL ADVENT CALENDARS – On the theme of Advent, priced at £5, on the piety stall at the back of Church.

FR. MATTHEW AWAY, Wednesday to Thursday this week, travelling to Bournemouth to officiate at the funeral of a relative who has died, his Uncle, Michael Larkin. May he rest in peace. Fr. Jonathon from Belmont celebrating the 12noon mass on Thursday.