



Priory Church of Our Lady and St Michael, Abergavenny
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Sunday 10th May 2026 – 6th Sunday of Easter.



Saturday 9th May – Sunday 17th May 2026. 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 most days on www.facebook.com/OurLadyandStMichaelChurch
Saturday, 9th May – 9.30am Rosary for Life. 10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Michael James RIP. 10.45am Exposition, confessions & Benediction. 5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church – Nicolas Murphy – Recovery
Sunday 10th May – 6th Sunday of Easter. *8.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Michael James RIP. *10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Brendan Toon; Beryl & Jim Watts, Marie Bowkett RIP. Carmeliona Lenza RIP. *6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church – Anne Greene RIP.
Monday 11th May – NO MASS TODAY. 5.00pm Vigil Mass in Llanarth Church
Tuesday, 12th May – St. Pancras. 10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Sick of the Parish. 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.
Wednesday 13th May – Our Lady of Fatima 10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Sick of the Parish. 5.00pm Vigil Mass in Llanarth Church
Thursday 14th May – SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION (Holyday of Obligation.) 10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Lance Hathaway, Francisco Rufuerzo RIP. (School & Parish Mass.) 1.00pm Lunch Club. 5.00pm Evening Prayer 7.00pm Mass in OLSM Church – Gordon & Patricia Arnold RIP.
Friday, 15th May – 12.00noon Requiem Mass for Brigid Malnati in OLSM Church 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook. 6.00pm Faith Group.
Saturday, 16th May – NO MORNING MASS OR DEVOTIONS. 9.00am Coach departs for Harvington Hall. 5.30pm Mass in Llanarth Church – Nicolas Murphy – Recovery (Please note later mass time.)
Sunday 17th May – 7th Sunday of Easter. *8.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Michael James RIP. *10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Carmelina Lenza RIP. 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook. *6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church – Anne Greene RIP.

Mass Reflection:

Jesus will not leave us alone. He won't make us children of God in Baptism only to leave us "orphans," He assures us in today's Gospel. He asks the Father to give us His Spirit, to dwell with us and keep us united in the life He shares with the Father. We see the promised gift of His Spirit being conferred in today's First Reading. The scene from Acts apparently depicts a primitive Confirmation rite. Philip, one of the first deacons, proclaims the Gospel in the non-Jewish city of Samaria. The Samaritans accept the Word of God and are baptized. It remains for the Apostles to send their representatives, Peter and John, to pray and lay hands on the newly baptized—that they might receive the Holy Spirit. This is the origin of our Sacrament of Confirmation by which the grace of Baptism is completed and believers are sealed with the Spirit promised by the Lord. We remain in this grace so long as we love Christ and keep His commandments. And, strengthened in the Spirit whom Jesus said would be our Advocate, we are called to bear witness to our salvation—to the tremendous deeds that God has done for us in the name of His Son. In today's Psalm, we celebrate our liberation. As He changed the sea into dry land to free the captive Israelites, Christ suffered that He might lead us to God, as we hear in today's Epistle. This is the reason for our hope—the hope that sustains us in the face of a world that cannot accept His truth, the hope that sustains us when we are maligned and defamed for His name's sake. Put to death in the flesh, He was brought to life in the Spirit, Paul tells us today. And as He himself promises: "Because I live, ... you will live."

Collection totals for Sunday 3 rd May	
1 st Collection	£175.51
Gift Aid	£265.00
Automated credits (March 2026)	£3241.33
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	
Christian Meditation Group – The meditation group continues to meet, 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.	
HARVINGTON HALL TRIP – Leaves prompt outside church Saturday at 9am, please bring payment in cash-adults £15. Bring a packed lunch, food also available at the hall. 79 booked. If anyone booked on the trip cant come, please let Fr. Matthew know ASAP.	
NO MASS ON MONDAY THIS WEEK, Fr. Matthew at Belmont for a meeting.	

BIBLE GROUP - Next meeting Wednesday 6th May 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 – Elections will be taking place for the PAC, to fill the 7 elected posts on the Council. Nominations OPE UNTIL - Sunday 24th May, elections from 14th-28th June.

Nomination Forms available at back of Church

PAC MINUTES – Minutes of the February PAC meeting on the website and on the notice board.

FINANCE COMMITTEE, meets Monday 18th May 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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - We tackle poverty in all its forms by providing assistance to people in need. Many thanks with your help with our recent campaigns to help those in need in the community. visit: <https://www.svp.org.uk> contact: presidentg050512@svp.org.uk,

CAFOD: Stand with Sudan. On the third anniversary of the war in Sudan, Kayode Akintola, CAFOD's Head of Region for Africa, asks for your help: *“So many of our sisters and brothers in Sudan are facing increasing violence, hunger, and disease. That is why today, I'm asking you to consider setting up a monthly gift to support families who are fleeing the violence – with food, safe water and other vital support. Monthly gifts are an act of steady love for our neighbours, a way of saying: we will not abandon you, we will stand with you until peace is restored.”* Donate at cafod.org.uk/StandWithSudan

CALVARY STATUE PROJECT – Our plans to renovate the Calvary statue are proceeding; if but slowly. Quotes for the works are being received and a contractor should be appointed by Mid May.

ARCHDIOCESAN - MASS OF THANKSGIVING, For safeguarding reps, Saturday 6th June 11am, All Hallows, Miskin

PENTECOST SUNDAY – 24th MAY, Garden party following 10am Mass in the presbytery garden, shared table lunch. Displays of dance and song. Bring along lunch, basic refreshments supplied.

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/>

SYRO – MALIBAR RITE MASS – To be celebrated monthly in our parish. Next mass Monday 4th May 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 - Next session of preparation Sunday 24th May, following the 10am mass in the centre.

Retreats and Events at Belmont Abbey - The retreats and events calendar can be found at www.belmontabbey.org.uk/event-listings

ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH SUMMER CAMP – 5th – 9th August, St. David's Pembrokeshire. £300, transport and full board included. For those in Years 9 - 13 at school. Poster at back of Church, and on parish facebook page youth@cardiffmenevia.org
SATURDAY 16th MAY, this Saturday there will be no morning mass or devotions because of the parish trip to Harvington Hall, Also the mass at Llanarth will be at the later time of 5.30pm.

EVANGELISATION GROUP – Meets next this Tuesday 12th May at 6.30pm beginning in Church with exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament from 6pm-parishioners are very welcome to join us for this time of prayer.

BELMONT ABBEY OBLATES – open to RC, men and women who would like to associate themselves with the monastic community, following the Rule of St. Benedict in their own lives. Meetings 2nd Sunday of the month at 11.15am. Oblate Master-Fr. Jonathon- Jonathon@belmontabbey.org.uk Poster atback of Church.

ASCENSION THURSDAY – 14th MAY, Vigil Mass in Llanarth 5pm this Wednesday 13th, masses on the 14th at 10am (school and parish mass.) and 7pm in OLSM.

PROCESSION IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY – As part of the 10am Mass on Sunday 31st May.

PIETY STALL – There is a new stock of items on the piety stall, including 1st Holy Communion gifts and cards.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND OF OUR PARISH: Yvonne Nuttall, Charles James, Nicholas Murphy, Jim Brookes, Chris Woodhouse, Mario Malnati, Kris Williams, Tom and Eileen Thompson, Mervyn Elias, 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, Chris O'Connell, Winnie and Stan Herbert. **Please also pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently – Anne Greene, John Ricci, Michael James, Brigid Malnati, Margaret Herbert, Bernard Hayward, Robert Charles Duggan, Eileen Nuttall, Gaynor Fitzpatrick, Michael Hargreaves, Elizabeth Coopey, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.**

1st HOLY COMMUNION COURSE – 7 Children have been enrolled on the course, next session Sunday 17th May 9am in the centre.

CATENIAN ASSOCIATION If you are interested in joining us contact Jim Cronin 01873 854498 or jimcronin1@hotmail.com

Welsh National Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Taper, Cardigan Led by Rt Rev Peter Brignall – Bishop of Wrexham. **Sunday 17 May 1.30 – 5.45** Event includes Confessions, Rosary Procession, Mass, Benediction and Blessing of the Sick. For further information contact Canon Pius Augustine on 01239 612 615. Poster at back of Church.

BRIGID MALNATI RIP – Please pray for the repose of the soul of Brigid Malnati, who died recently. Brigid was for many years the parish housekeeper. Funeral this Friday 15th May 12noon.

ANNE GREENE RIP – Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anne Greene, who died last week in her nursing home in Monmouth. Funeral details TBA.

PRIESTS FOR TOMORROW - Thank you as ever for your support for Priests for Tomorrow. This is to let you all know that Bishop Martin Mtumbuka from Karonga in Malawi, whose Diocese receives training costs for seminarians from Priests for Tomorrow is visiting our Parish on Wednesday 13th-Friday 15th May. Bishop Martin's own training was supported by Gordon and Patricia (Paddy) Arnold whom some of you will remember. Father Matthew has kindly agreed for the 7.00 pm. Ascension Mass to be concelebrated as a Memorial Mass for the Arnolds whose daughter Gina (now living in Gloucestershire) is going to attend with some other family members who know Bishop Martin.