

Priory Church of Our Lady and St Michael, Abergavenny
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Sunday 11th October – 28th Sunday of the Year.



Saturday 10th October – Sunday 18th October 2026.
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.
Evening Prayer at 5pm most days on
www.facebook.com/OurLadyandStMichaelChurch
Month of the Rosary.

Saturday, 10th October – St. Paulinus of York.
9.30am Rosary in Church.
10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Anne Maria Prior RIP.
10.45am Confessions, Exposition & Benediction.
5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church - Michael Powell RIP..

Sunday 11th October – 28th Sunday of the Year
***8.00am Mass in OLSM Church –** Patricia Williams RIP.
***10.00am Mass in OLSM Church –** Chris Phelan RIP.
5.00pm Even Prayer on Facebook.
***6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church** - People of the Parish.

Monday 12th October – St. Wilfred.
10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – In Thanksgiving & Ann Marie Prior RIP.
5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.

Tuesday, 13th October – St. Edward the Confessor.
10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Margaret Watt RIP.
5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.

Wednesday 14th October – St. Callistus.
9.30am Mass in Llanarth Church - Alan and Roy Ockenden RIP
11.30am Funeral Service for Patricia Williams.
5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook. 5.30pm Bible Group.

Thursday 15th October – St. Theresa of Avila.
No Mass today.
1.00pm Lunch Club. 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

Friday 16th October – St. Margaret Mary Alacoque.
10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Michael Mulholland RIP & Seamus Brick RIP.
5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.
6.00pm Faith Group.

Saturday, 17th October – St. Ignatius of Antioch..
9.30am Rosary in Church.
10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Ron & Ethel Dew RIP.
10.45am Confessions, Exposition & Benediction.
5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church - Michael Powell RIP& Chris Shaw and Family.

Sunday 18th October – 29th Sunday of the Year
***8.00am Mass in OLSM Church –** Theresa Rose Evans RIP.
***10.00am Mass in OLSM Church** RIP.
5.00pm Even Prayer on Facebook.
***6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church** - Sick of the Parish.

Mass Reflection: 28TH Sunday.

. Our Lord's parable in today's Gospel is again a fairly straightforward outline of salvation history. God is the king (see Matthew 5:35), Jesus is the bridegroom (see Matthew 9:15), and the feast is the salvation and eternal life that Isaiah prophesies in today's First Reading. The Israelites are those first invited to the feast by God's servants, the prophets (see Isaiah 25:6). For refusing repeated invitations and even killing His prophets, Israel has been punished and its city conquered by foreign armies. Now, Jesus makes clear, God is sending new servants, His Apostles, to call not only Israelites but all people—good and bad alike—to the feast of His kingdom. This is an image of the Church, which Jesus elsewhere compares to a field sown with both wheat and weeds and a fishing net that catches good fish and bad (see Matthew 13:24–43, 47–50). We have all been called to this great feast of love in the Church, where, as Isaiah foretold, the veil that once separated the nations from the covenants of Israel has been destroyed, where the dividing wall of enmity has been torn down by the blood of Christ (see Ephesians 2:11–14). As we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord has led us to this feast, refreshing our souls in the waters of Baptism, spreading the table before us in the Eucharist. As Paul tells us in today's Epistle, in the glorious riches of Christ we will find whatever we need. In the rich food of His body and the choice wine of His blood, we have a foretaste of the eternal banquet in the heavenly Jerusalem, when God will destroy death forever (see Hebrews 12:22–24). But are we dressed for the feast? Are we clothed in the garment of righteousness (see Revelation 19:7–8)? Not all who have been called will be chosen for eternal life, Jesus warns. Let us be sure that we're living in a manner worthy of the invitation we've received (see Ephesians 4:1).

Collection totals for Sunday 4th October.	
1st Collection	£80.21
Gift Aid	£238.00
CAFOD Collection.	£726.01
Automated credits (July 2026)	£3085.33
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 meditation group continues to meet, info from Deirdre on 07789 404041.

Retreats and Events at Belmont Abbey -The retreats calendar is at www.belmontabbey.org.uk/event-listings

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.

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

MONTH OF THE ROSARY – October is the month of the rosary, to be prayed before most masses this month.

BIBLE GROUP - Next meeting Wednesday 14th October at 5.30pm, e-mail Fr. Matthew for a zoom 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 – Meets next on Sunday 15th November at 11.45am in the centre. Minutes of the July meeting available on the parish website and on the notice board at the back of Church.

FINANCE COMMITTEE, meets next on Monday 9TH November 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.*

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

PATRICIA WILL IAMS RIP – Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia Williams of the Mardy who died recently, Funeral this Wednesday 14th October 11.30am.

CHARLIE BEAR RAFFLE - Charlie Bear, his name is Breeny from the 2013 collection now a retired bear worth between £75 - £100, raffle £1 a ticket.

1st HOLY COMMUNION COURSE – Begins shortly for children in year 3 or above at school. Details and application forms at the back of Church, from Fr. Matthew or the OLSM school reception. Parents meeting after the 10am mass this Sunday 11th October, 1st session next Sunday 18th, 9-10am,before the 10am mass.

GREENER ABERGAVENNY FAIR 2026 – Abergavenny Market Hall, Sunday 18th October, 10.30am-4.00pm, with a program of evnets, discussions, talks and activities for all. Info at back of Church.

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 this Monday 26TH 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

EVANGELISATION GROUP – Meets next This Tuesday 6th October at 6.00pm. Exposition in Church from 5.30pm.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP) – We tackle poverty in all its forms by providing practical support and assistance to people in need. Thank you to everyone who has supported our recent campaigns and helped those in our local community. Visit: https://www.svp.org.uk Contact: presidentg050512@svp.org.uk

FATIMA – We will be continuing with the first 5 Saturdays Fatima devotions, continuing on Saturday 7th November. Holy mass, confession and rosary and meditation.

WORLD YOUTH DAY-Ffion Lowri Ewers will be attending World Youth Day next Year in South Korea, travelling with a Archdiocesan group of young people next July. She will be undertaking fundraising in the parish to raise the £2k needed. This Sunday, Ffion will be speaking at the 10am mass about World Youth Day and the fundraising she will be undertaking.

PIETY STALL – Advent Fairtrade Calandars are now available on the piety stall priced £5, an d shortly Christmas cards will be available.

LLANARTH MASS – This Wednesday at the earlier time of 9.30am, because of the funeral later that morning in OLSM.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND OF OUR PARISH: Sophie Mulcahy, Rose Arkle, Keith Taylor, June Power, 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, Jeremy Proctor, John and Michael Hargaden, Chris Shaw, David Johnstone, Maria Tedescho, Chris O'Connell, Winnie and Stan Herbert. **Please also pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently – Patricia Williams, Kath Pritchard, Michael Powell RIP and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.**

ARCHDIOCESE WHATS APP GROUPS You can keep updated on Diocesan info and activities by signing up to the Archdiocesan whats app group, by using the QR code which is on the noticeboard at the back of Church. There is also a QR code which you can use to receive the latest Archdiocesan newsletter, or by vising (https://rcadc.org/sign-up-for-our-monthly-newsletter/)

PILGRIMAGE TO FÁTIMA, PORTUGAL. Monday 20th September 2027 (6 days / 5 nights / Full board/transfers/coach to Airport etc) Cost, depending on exact airfare - cost TBC
Flying to Lisbon from Bristol.
Sharing room approx. £820.00.
Single approx. £955.00
Staying at the Domus Pacis Hotel, run by the World Apostolate of Fatima. Booking forms at back of Church and on website.

HARVEST MASS/SUNDAY – On Sunday 25th October, when we will be collecting items for the local foodbank. Lists of suggested items will be available next week.

UNICORN SINGERS – ADVENT CONCERT – Sunday 6th December 7.30pm, In OLSM. Poster at back of Church. Tickets £15.

THURSDAY – NO MASS – No mass in the parish on Thursday this week, Fr. Matthew attending a meeting at Belmont.

CAFOD – Thankyou for your generosity to the CAFOD collection last Sunday, over £700 was donated.