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**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter.**



<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026.</b> <b>All Church services live streamed at</b> <a href="http://www.olsm-abergavenny.co.uk">www.olsm-abergavenny.co.uk</a> <b>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.</b> <b>Evening Prayer at 5pm most days on</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/OurLadyandStMichaelChurch">www.facebook.com/OurLadyandStMichaelChurch</a> <b>(Fr. Jonathon Rollinson supplying in the parish this weekend, available on 01432 374737.)</b>
<b>Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Octave.</b> No morning service. <b>5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church – Margaret Herbert RIP.</b>
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter.</b> <b>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY.</b> *8.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Brigid Malnati RIP. *10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Sue Rance, Joseph & Marian Mulcahy & An's 18 <sup>th</sup> Birthday. *6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church – Gino Berni, Giovanna Cavalli RIP.
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April –</b> No Mass today
<b>Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> April –</b> <b>10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Brigid Malnati RIP</b>
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April -</b> No mass in Llanarth today 5.00pm Evening Prayer (Fr. Matthew returns.)
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April –</b> <b>12.00noon Mass in OLSM Church – Brigid Malnati RIP.</b> 1.00pm Lunch Club. <b>7.00pm Deanery Station Mass in OLSM Church.</b> <b>Celebrated by Archbishop Mark.</b>
<b>Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> April –</b> <b>10.00am Mass in OLSM Church -</b> 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook. 6.00pm Faith Group.
<b>Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> April –</b> 9.30am Rosary for Life. <b>10.00am Mass in OLSM Church.</b> 10.45am Exposition, confessions & Benediction. <b>5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church – John Stone &amp; Ken Molineux RIP.</b>
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter.</b> *8.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Brigid Malnati RIP. *10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Kris Williams & Sarah Richards 4.30pm-5.30pm Holy Hour for Life. *6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church – Michael Kelly, Eileen Nuttall RIP

**Mass Reflection:**

Three times in today's Psalm we cry out a victory shout: "His mercy endures forever." Truly we've known the everlasting love of God, who has come to us as our Savior. By the blood and water that flowed from Jesus' pierced side (see **John 19:34**), we've been made God's children, as we hear in today's Epistle. Yet we never met Jesus, never heard Him teach, never saw Him raised from the dead. His saving Word came to us in the Church—through the ministry of the apostles, who in today's Gospel are sent as He was sent. He was made a life-giving Spirit (see **1 Corinthians 15:45**) and He filled His apostles with that Spirit. As we hear in today's First Reading, they bore witness to His resurrection with great power. And through their witness, handed down in the Church through the centuries, their teaching and traditions have reached us (see **Acts 2:42**). We encounter Him as the apostles did—in the breaking of the bread on the Lord's day. There is something liturgical about the way today's Gospel scenes unfold. It's as if John is trying to show us how the risen Lord comes to us in the liturgy and sacraments. In both scenes it is Sunday night. The doors are bolted tight, yet Jesus mysteriously comes. He greets them with an expression, "Peace be with you," used elsewhere by divine messengers (e shows them signs of His real bodily presence. And on both nights the disciples respond by joyfully receiving Jesus as their "Lord." Isn't this what happens in the Mass—where our Lord speaks to us in His Word, and gives himself to us in the sacrament of His body and blood? Let us approach the altar with joy, knowing that every Eucharist is the day the Lord has made—when the victory of Easter is again made wonderful in our eyes.

<b>Collection totals for Holy Week</b>	
Clergy Offering – Easter Sunday	£2257.81
Holy Places – Good Friday	£677.70
Automated credits (February 2025)	£4401.33
Contactless Card Reader	£570.00
<b>OFFERTORY ENVELOPES – If you would like to a set of Offertory Envelopes, let Fr. Matthew or Colin Prosser know.</b> <b>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 &amp; St. Michael's No. 1 Account no. 60708778 Bank Sort Code: 53-50-41.</b>	
<b>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY</b>	
<b>Christian Meditation Group – The meditation group continues to meet, info from Deirdre on 07789 404041.</b>	
<b>BELMONT ABBEY - All services livestreamed from Belmont Abbey <a href="http://belmontabbey.org.uk/online-streaming">belmontabbey.org.uk/online-streaming</a></b>	
<b>ARTS &amp; 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.</b>	
<b>THANKS – For all the cards and gifts received by Fr. Matthew this Easter.</b>	
<b>DEANERY STATION MASS – Our parish will be holding the Deanery Station Mass, to be celebrated by Archbishop Mark this Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm.</b>	

**BIBLE GROUP - Next meeting Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 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 from 3<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> May, election from 14<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> June.

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**, meets Monday 18<sup>th</sup> 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. President Monica Chidgey is walking 100km of the Camino in April to raise visit [https://www.justgiving.com/page/monica-chidgey-5?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/monica-chidgey-5?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL). We are also repeating the Lenten Jam-Jar appeal this year to raise funds. For further information on SVP visit: <https://www.svp.org.uk> contact: presidentg050512@svp.org.uk, or Fr Matthew.

**EVANGELISATION GROUP** – Meets next on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April [beginning in Church with exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.30pm-parishioners are very welcome to join us for this time of prayer.](#)

**CONVERTS** – Congratulations to Ffion Lowri Ewers who was baptised and confirmed during the Easter Vigil Mass last weekend. Please also keep in your prayers Sophie Mulcahy who will be received into the Church next Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April. During the 10am Mass this Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April, she will be presented to parishioners in a Rite of Sending Forth.

**FR. MATTHEW AWAY** – Returns this Wednesday. Fr. Matthew still available on his mobile 07402 979597. Fr. Jonathon from Belmont will be supplying in the parish, available on 01432 374737..

**HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE** – The Bishops of England and Wales have asked every parish to hold a holy hour of prayer for the dignity of life next Sunday from 4.30pm

**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/> <https://www.spuc.org.uk/>

**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** - Timetables have been sent to all those registered on the course, 11 Young people have been enrolled on the course. Next session of preparation, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April, following the 10am mass in the centre.

**Retreats and Events at Belmont Abbey** - Belmont are now organizing retreats and day events again. The retreats and events calendar can be found at [www.belmontabbey.org.uk/event-listings](http://www.belmontabbey.org.uk/event-listings) and will be updated through the year.

**ARCHBISHOPS NEWSLETTER** - This month's newsletter covers new appointments across the Archdiocese, vocations news, episcopal appointments from across England and Wales, the Chrism Mass, Lenten Alms, Emmaus youth and vocations events, the Heart Speaks to Heart study programme, and details of the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Italy in September. You can read the newsletter here: <https://rcadc.org/archbishop-marks-march-newsletter/> and on the parish facebook page.

**THANKYOU** – To everyone who helped prepare the Church for Easter – our church decorators and flower arrangers and cleaners and all those who took roles in our liturgies, our parish choir, readers, eucharistic ministers and stewards.

**THANKS** – For all the cards and gifts received by Fr. Matthew this Easter.

**ST. ALBANS HIGH SCHOOL – PONTYPOOL.** Latest newsletter available at <https://canva.link/l1360qwt2rhjhp>

**MICHAEL JAMES RIP** – Please pray for the repose of Michael James, who died in hospital on Good Friday. May he rest in peace. Funeral details TBC.

**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, Ann Green, Winnie and Stan Herbert. **Please also pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently – 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.**

**1<sup>st</sup> HOLY COMMUNION COURSE** – 7 Children have been enrolled on the course, next session Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 9am in the centre.

**HARVINGTON HALL TRIP – SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MAY**, Adults £15, kids and young people free. Leave by coach 9am, returning for 5pm, Tours of Hall and Mass and free time. 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion children and Confirmation candidates are encouraged to come, along with their families. Sign up sheet at the back of Church.

**CATENIAN ASSOCIATION** If you are interested in joining us contact Jim Cronin 01873 854498 or [jimcronin1@hotmail.com](mailto:jimcronin1@hotmail.com)

The Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia sends a free monthly newsletter? Each month you'll find stories from across the Diocese – from over 150 people preparing to enter the Church this Easter, to young people discovering monastic life at Belmont Abbey- follow link on parish facebook page to download the newsletter.

**TUESDAY MASS** – No mass on Monday this week, Mass on Tuesday at 10am, no Llanarth mass on Wednesday.

**BRIGID MALNATI RIP** – Please pray for the repose of the soul of Brigid Malnati, who died last Wednesday. Brigid was for many years the parish housekeeper. Funeral arrangements TBA.

**DEANERY STATION MASS** – Our parish will be holding the Deanery Station Mass, to be celebrated by Archbishop Mark this Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm. Please come along and join with clergy and parishioners from all of our Deanery parishes.

**MISSIO –APF** The Popes charity for Missions have written to thank us for donations made in the past year, including parishioners who have the Missio Red Boxes, totalling £2300.