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Sunday 12th July 2026 – 15th Sunday of the Year.



Saturday 11th July – Sunday 19th July 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, 11th July St. Benedict -Patron of Europe. 9.30am Rosary. 10.00am Mass in OLSM Church. 10.45am Confessions, exposition & Benediction. 5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church – John Williams & Margaret Watkins RIP.
Sunday 12th July, 15th Sunday of the Year. SEA SUNDAY – Collection for Stella Maris. *8.00am Mass in OLSM Church - Sick of the Parish. *10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – 11.45am Parish Council meeting in centre. 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook. *6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church – Gilbert Rice RIP.
Monday 13th July – St. Henry. 10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Joshua Lynch RIP. 4.30pm Evening Prayer on Facebook. 5.00pm Reception of Coffin into Church.
Tuesday, 14th July – 11.00am Requiem Mass for Gilbert Rice in OLSM Church –. 2.00pm Year 6 Leavers Mass in OLSM Church. 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.
Wednesday 15th July . St. Bonaventure. 10.30am Mass in Llanarth Church – People of the Parish. 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.
Thursday 16th July – Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. No Mass today. 1.00pm Lunch Club. 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.
Friday, 17th July – 10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Joseph Walmsley RIP. 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.
Saturday, 18th July – Memorial of the BVM. 9.30am Rosary. 10.00am Mass in OLSM Church. 10.45am Confessions, exposition & Benediction. 5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church – For a successful operation.
Sunday 19th July, 16th Sunday of the Year. *8.00am Mass in OLSM Church - Sick of the Parish. *10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – For a successful operation. 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook. *6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church – Gilbert Rice RIP.

Mass Reflection:

Today's readings, like last week's, ask us to meditate on Israel's response to God's Word—and our own. Why do some hear the word of the kingdom, yet fail to accept it as a call to conversion and faith in Jesus? That question underlies today's Gospel especially. Again, we see, as we did last week, that the kingdom's mysteries are unfolded to those who open their hearts, making of them a rich soil in which the Word can grow and bear fruit. As we sing in today's Psalm, in Jesus, God's Word has visited our land to water the stony earth of our hearts with the living waters of the Spirit (see John 7:38; Revelation 22:1). The first fruit of the Word is the Spirit of love and adoption poured into our hearts in Baptism, making us children of God, as Paul reminds us in today's Epistle (see Romans 5:5; 8:15-16). In this, we are made a "new creation" (see 2 Corinthians 5:17), the first fruits of a new heaven and a new earth (see 2 Peter 3:13). Since the first humans rejected God's Word, creation has been enslaved to futility (see Genesis 3:17–19; 5:29). But God's Word does not go forth only to return to Him void, as we hear in today's First Reading. His Word awaits our response. We must show ourselves to be children of that Word. We must allow that Word to accomplish God's will in our lives. As Jesus warns today, we must take care lest the devil steals it away or lest it be choked by worldly concerns. In the Eucharist, the Word gives Himself to us as bread to eat. He does so that we might be made fertile, yielding fruits of holiness. And we await the crowning of the year, the great harvest of the Lord's Day (see Mark 4:29; 2 Peter 3:10; Revelation 1:10)—when His Word will have achieved the end for which it was sent.

Collection totals for Sunday 5 th July	
1 st Collection	£115.25
Gift Aid	£
Automated credits (May 2026)	£4385.33
Contactless Card Reader	£105.00
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.	
CATENIAN ASSOCIATION If you are interested in joining us contact Jim Cronin 01873 854498 or jimcronin1@hotmail.com	
CALVARY RESTORATION – It he works to restore the Calvary have now been commissioned and will take place during August. Cost approx. £30k.	

BIBLE GROUP - Next meeting Wednesday 15TH July at 5.30pm. Email Fr. Matthew for the invite.

ABERGAVERNNY 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 –1st Meeting of New PAC this Sunday 12th July, at 11.45am in the centre.

FINANCE COMMITTEE, meets next on Monday 24th August 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.

How to be Human in the Age of A.I.

An introduction to Pope Leo XIV's encyclical 'Magnifica Humanitas' led by Austen Ivereigh. Pope Leo addresses urgent questions with a powerful vision of human dignity, freedom, creativity, and our vocation to communion. Join us for an engaging introduction to this landmark document - part of the Horizons of Hope, Herefordshire Deanery Talks. Sat 11th Jul 10:00am - 12:30pm at The Chapterhouse, Belmont Abbey. No need to book, no charge - donations welcome.

ORDINATION of Alan de Ste Croix to the Permanent Diaconate. The clergy and faithful are warmly invited to attend the Ordination through the laying on of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit on: Saturday, 11 July 2026 at 12:00 noon St Dyfrig's Church, Treforest

PETERS PENCE COLLECTION, Thankyou for your generosity , over £400 was donated.

GILBERT RICE RIP – Please pray for the repose of the soul of Gilbert Rice, who died last Tuesday. May he rest in peace. Requiem Mass this Tuesday 14th July 11am. (No 10am Mass.)

IRISH WEATHER – Parishioners will be interested to know that the weather in Ireland, while Fr. Matthew was attending General Chapter, was unremittingly wet and cloudy!!The sun rarely showed itself.

THURSDAY MASS – No mass this Thursday because of a meeting Fr. Matthew is attending at Belmont Abbey.

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 TBC.

GRANGE HOSPITAL – The Catholic Chaplain to the Grange Hospital is Fr. Peter McClaren, available on 07561 469343. **CARDIFF HEATH HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY** – 029 2184 3230

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

CHURCH ROOF REPAIRS – Repairs are taking place to parts of the Church roof, that is above Our Lady's altar and the font chapel at the back of Church. Cost £4k.~

EVANGELISATION GROUP – Meets next On Tuesday 21st July at 6pm.

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

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,

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWSLETTER – The latest edition of the Archdiocese newsletter is available on the parish website and hard copies at back of Church.

Abbot Charles Fitzgerald-Lombard RIP – Please pray for the repose of the soul of Abbot Charles Lombard, 10th Abbot & monk of Downside Abbey who died on 28th June. His funeral is at Belmont this Thursday 16th July at 2.30pm.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND OF OUR PARISH: Sophie Mulcahy, 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 Tedesco, Chris O'Connell, Winnie and Stan Herbert. **Please also pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently – Gilbert Rice, Vincent McCarthy, Joseph Walmsley, Pat Harris, Fr. Jason Jones, Tracy Shaw, Anne Greene, John Ricci, Michael James, Brigid Malnati and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.**

WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA On the weekend of 5th/6th September the **World Apostolate of Fatima (England and Wales)** is bringing to our parish the **National Pilgrim Virgin Statue**. All are invited to come and see this beautiful National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, with the Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco. See www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk

ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH DAY – SATURDAY 18th JULY. Trip/pilgrimage to Cardigan, £15, see poster at back of Church and on facebook page. Parish will pay the £15 fee.

THANKYOU To Fr. Jonathon for supplying in the parish for the past 2 weeks, while Fr. Matthew was away.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE GRAVE OF JOHN KEMBLE – Sunday 23rd August, 3pm Welsh Newton Churchyard. Poster at back of Church.

SCHOOL LEAVERS MASS –In OLSM Church, this Tuesday 14th July 2pm.

SEA SUNDAY – STELLA MARIS. This Sunday Is a day of prayer for the catholic agency, Stella Maris, which supports seafarers, there will be a retiring collection for their work.

FR. MATTHEW AWAY AGAIN!! On his annual leave, from Monday 3rd August, till Thursday 21st August-on yet another Carribean Cruise!!