



Priory Church of Our Lady and St Michael, Abergavenny
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Sunday 13th September – 24th Sunday of the Year.



Saturday 5th September – Sunday 13th September 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

Saturday, 12th September - Holy Name of Mary.

9.30am Rosary in Church.

10.00am Mass in OLSM Church –

10.45am Confessions, exposition & Benediction.

5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church – Tracy Shaw RIP & Michael Powell RIP..

Sunday 13th September – 24th Sunday of the Year

***8.00am Mass in OLSM Church – People of the Parish.**

***10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Des Fitzgerald RIP.**

3.00pm Tintern Abbey Sung Vespers.

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.

***6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church - Alessandro & Brigid Malnatti**

Monday 14th September

10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Sarah Daley RIP.

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.

Tuesday, 15th September – Our Lady of Sorrows.

No morning mass today.

2.00pm Mass in OLSM Church – Mary Davies.

(Year 6 school Mass.)

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.

Wednesday 16th September – St's Cornelius & Cyprian.

10.30am Mass in Llanarth Church – Michael Powell RIP

Thursday 17th September – St. Robert Bellarmine.

12.00noon Mass in OLSM Church – Frances Campbell .

1.00pm Lunch Club.

5.00pm Reception of Coffin into Church.

Friday, 18th September –.

10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Sick of the Parish.

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.

6.00pm Faith Group.

Saturday, 19th September -

9.30am Rosary in Church.

10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Kath Pritchard RIP.

10.45am Confessions, exposition & Benediction.

5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church – In Thanksgiving & Michael Powell RIP..

Sunday 20th September – 25th Sunday of the Year

***8.00am Mass in OLSM Church – People of the Parish.**

***10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Phyllis Lynch RIP.**

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.

***6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church -**

Mass Reflection: 24TH Sunday.

Mercy and forgiveness should be at the heart of the Christian life. Yet, as today's First Reading wisely reminds us, often we cherish our wrath, nourish our anger, and refuse mercy to those who have done us wrong. Jesus, too, strikes close to home in today's Gospel with His realistic portrayal of the wicked servant who won't forgive a fellow servant's debt, even though his own slate has just been wiped clean by their master. It can't be this way in the kingdom, the Church. In the Old Testament, seven is frequently a number associated with mercy and the forgiveness of sins. The just man sins seven times daily; there is a sevenfold sprinkling of blood for atonement of sins. But Jesus tells Peter today that we must forgive not seven times, but seventy times seven times. That means: every time. We are to be merciful as our Father in heaven is merciful . But why? Why does Jesus repeatedly warn that we can't expect forgiveness for our trespasses unless we're willing to forgive others their trespasses against us? Because, as Paul reminds us in today's Epistle, we are the Lord's. Each of us has been purchased by the blood of Christ shed for us on the Cross . As we sing in today's Psalm, though we deserved to die for our sins, He doesn't deal with us according to our crimes. The mercy and forgiveness we show to others should be the heartfelt expression of our gratitude for the mercy and forgiveness shown to us. This is why we should remember our last days, set our enmities aside, and stop judging others. We know that one day we will stand before the judgment seat and give account for what we've done with the new life given to us by Christ. So we forgive each other from the heart, overlook each other's faults, and await the crown of His kindness and compassion.

Collection totals for Sunday 6th September

1 st Collection	£159.01
Gift Aid	£175.00
World Apostolate of Fatima	£279.10
Automated credits (July 2026)	£3591.83
Contactless Card Reader	£120.00

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 can be found 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

SKIRRID PILGRIMAGE WALK – Sunday 27th September 12noon. Meet in National Trust Car park.

BIBLE GROUP - Next meeting Wednesday 16th September at 5.30pm, e-mail Fr. Matthew for a zoom 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 – Meets next on Sunday 20th September at 11.45am in the centre. Minutes of the March 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.

ASSISTED DIEING BILL -There will be a Second Reading and vote in the House of Commons for the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life Bill) on 11 September. As Catholics, we oppose this legislation in principle as it attacks the innate dignity of every person. It is also very poorly written and gives no safeguards to healthcare staff, nursing homes, or hospices all of whom will be pressured to implement the bill if the legislation is passed. I encourage all Catholics to write to their MP. The Bishops' Conference has produced has a scannable QR code, available on its website at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/>. On the page, there are various resources, copies of statements and guidance on writing to your MP, +Mark, Archbishop of Cardiff-Menevia.

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

Tintern Sung Vespers - An Ecumenical Service to mark the Feast of The Holy Cross. 3.00pm Sunday 13th September amongst the monastic ruins of this famous Cistercian monastery. Speaker FrBrendan Thomas OSB, Abbot of Belmont, singers The Monks of Belmont Abbey and Newport Cathedral Choir. Please bring a folding chair and umbrella. Entrance and parking.

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 5th 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 Tuesday 22nd September at 6.00pm. Exposition in Church from 6pm.

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

Abergavenny District Churches Together and Abergavenny Fairtrade Forum invite you to attend a local screening of the People's Emergency Briefing film on the threats to British life from ongoing damage to nature and to our climate. Location: St Michael's Centre. Date: Friday 25th September 2026. Time: 7-9pm
Booking link: <https://buytickets.at/abergavennydistrictchurches.../2367980>
Poster at back of Church.

FATIMA – We will be continuing with the first 5 Saturdays Fatima devotions, continuing on Saturday 3rd October.

Thanks to all those who attended the World Apostolate of Fatima last weekend, it was a wonderful occasion. Various Fatima items are available on the Piety Stall.

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 Tedesco, Chris O'Connell, Winnie and Stan Herbert. **Please also pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently – Kath Pritchard, Michael Powell RIP, Gilbert Rice, Jean O'Sullivan, Vincent McCarthy, Joseph Walmsley, Pat Harris, Fr. Jason Jones, Tracy Shaw, Anne Greene, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.**

DIOCESAN SEMINARIAN – We welcome **Ashley McNally** to the parish, seminarian of the Archdiocese for a parish placement. He will be with us until this Friday 18th September.

MONASTIC EXPERIENCE WEEKEND - At Belmont Abbey, for those interested in the religious life, 18th-20th September – contact Fr. Andrew on brandrew@belmontabbey.org.uk, also poster at back of Church.

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/>)

SHROUD OF TURIN EXHIBITION. Exhibition on the Shroud of Turin which starts on September 17th 2026 at St Mary's Church, Newport, NP20 1TP. This Exhibition has FREE admission, and all are welcome. Poster at the back of Church.

BAPTISM OF Elsie Robinson, daughter of Michael and Caroline Robinson, nee Bracchi, who is being baptised next Saturday.