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Sunday 18th October – 29th Sunday of the Year.



Saturday 17th October – Sunday 25th 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

. **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
"WORLD MISSION SUNDAY."
"One in Christ, Unified in Mission."
2nd Collection for Missio.
***8.00am Mass in OLSM Church –** Theresa Rose Evans RIP.
***10.00am Mass in OLSM Church** – Pope Leo XIV.
5.00pm Even Prayer on Facebook.
***6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church** - Sick of the Parish.

Monday 19th October –
10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Alan John Ockenden RIP.
5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.

Tuesday, 20th October –
10.00am Mass in OLSM Church –Mike Kennedy RIP.
(Year 3 Class Mass.)
5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.

Wednesday 21st October –
10.30am Mass in Llanarth Church - Mike Kennedy RIP
5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook. 5.30pm Bible Group.
7.30pm Churches Together- Methodist Church.

Thursday 22nd October – St. John Paul II
12.00Nooon Mass in OLSM Church – Frances Shine RIP.
1.00pm Lunch Club. 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

Friday 23rd October – St. John of Capistrano.
10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Mrs & Mrs Desmond and Family RIP.
5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.
6.00pm Faith Group.

Saturday, 24th October – St. Anthony Mary Claret.
9.30am Rosary in Church.
10.00am Mass in OLSM Church –.
10.45am Confessions, Exposition & Benediction.
5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church - Michael Powell RIP

Sunday 25th October – 30th Sunday of the Year
Harvest Sunday. Collection for local Foodbank.
***8.00am Mass in OLSM Church –.**
***10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Pope Leo XIV**
5.00pm Even Prayer on Facebook.
***6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church** - Sick of the Parish.

Mass Reflection: 29TH 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 11th October.	
1st Collection	£126.50
Gift Aid	£147.00
Automated credits (July 2026)	£3085.33
Contactless Card Reader	£.150.00

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

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – Today when we both pray for and support the work of Missio, the Popes Charity for mission work. Pope Leo's message for this day, is available on the Parish website.
NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS ENVELOPES- Attached to this newsletter and available in Church, for the traditional November Lists of the dead.

BIBLE GROUP - Next meeting Wednesday 21st 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. The newly elected Chair of the PAC is Jonathon Rajalingam.

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

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

1st HOLY COMMUNION COURSE –, 1st session this Sunday 18th, 9-10am ,before the 10am mass.

Welsh National Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2027 | 18–24 July 2027 - Applications are now open for our Archdiocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, France. Whether you have travelled with us before or would like to experience Lourdes for the first time, you are warmly invited to join us for these special days of prayer, friendship and pilgrimage together. Register your interest / apply: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfwdEzSr4KtOf2LnTq2acOJz9MogC9IGVkMR661Xd79sjQeOQ/viewform More information: https://www.welshnationalpilgrimage.com

NOVEMBER LISTS OF THE DEAD – This week envelopes for the November lists of the dead are available.

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

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 26TH October at 2pm.

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

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

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio – the Pope's charity for world mission – we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. The Holy Father has chosen the theme '**One in Christ, united in mission**' to celebrate 100 years of World Mission Sunday and encourages us to unite with missionaries as they strive to reach out with God's love to communities in need. Please pray for the work of mission and give what you can to this vital collection. To donate, use the **Missio envelope**, at the back of Church, call **020 7821 9755** (office hours) or visit **missio.org.uk** to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible. Pope Leo's message for this day, is available on the Parish website. **Pope Leo XIV has written this prayer to mark the 100th anniversary of World Mission Sunday.** Holy Father, make us one in Christ, rooted in his love that unites and renews. May all members of the Church be united in mission, docile to the Holy Spirit, courageous in bearing witness to the Gospel, proclaiming and embodying daily your faithful love for all creatures. Bless all missionary men and women, support them in their efforts, and watch over them in hope! Mary, Queen of Missions, accompany our work of evangelisation in every corner of the earth: make us instruments of peace, and grant that the whole world may recognise in Christ the light that saves. **Amen**

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND OF OUR PARISH: Pope Leo XIV, 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 – Next Sunday 25th October, when we will be collecting items for the local foodbank. Lists of suggested items attached to this newsletter.

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

PIETY STALL – Advent Fairtrade Calandars are now available on the piety stall priced £5, an d shortly Christmas cards from the charity "Aid to the Church in Need also available.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWSLETTER- Latest edition available at rcadc.org.

EVANGELISATION GROUP – Meets next On Tuesday 3rd November at 6.00pm. Exposition in Church from 5.30pm.