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**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter.**



<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Sunday 26<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> <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> <b>Evening Prayer at 5pm most days on</b> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/OurLadyandStMichaelChurch">www.facebook.com/OurLadyandStMichaelChurch</a>
<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 19th April – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter.</b> <b>*8.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Brigid Malnati RIP.</b> <b>*10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Kris Williams &amp; Sarah Richards.</b> (Reception into the Church of Sophie Mulcahy.) 4.30pm-5.30pm Holy Hour for Life. <b>*6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church – John Ricci RIP, Michael Kelly, Eileen Nuttall RIP</b>
<b>Monday 20th April – St. Beuno.</b> <b>10.00am Mass in OLSM Church</b> 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.
<b>Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> April –</b> <b>10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Brigid Malnati RIP</b> 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook. 6.00pm Evangelisation Group.
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April -</b> <b>10.30am Mass in Llanarth Church – Margaret Herbert RIP</b> 5.00pm Evening Prayer 7.00pm Churches Together Meeting in Presbytery.
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – St. George.</b> <b>12.00noon Mass in OLSM Church – Brigid Malnati RIP.</b> 1.00pm Lunch Club. 5.00pm Evening Prayer
<b>Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> April –</b> <b>10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – People of the Parish.</b> 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook. 6.00pm Faith Group.
<b>Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> April – St. Mark.</b> 9.30am Rosary for Life. <b>10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Michael James RIP.</b> 10.45am Exposition, confessions & Benediction. <b>5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church – Margaret Herbert RIP.</b>
<b>Sunday 26th April – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter.</b> <b>*8.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Michael James RIP.</b> <b>*10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Clive Leach RIP.</b> 4.30pm-5.30pm Holy Hour for Life. <b>*6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church – Michael Kelly&amp;John Ricci RIP.</b>

**Mass Reflection:**

We should put ourselves in the shoes of the disciples in today's Gospel. Downcast and confused, they're making their way down the road, unable to understand all the things that have occurred. They know what they've seen—a prophet mighty in word and deed. They know what they were hoping for—that He would be the redeemer of Israel. But they don't know what to make of His violent death at the hands of their rulers. They can't even recognize Jesus as He draws near to walk with them. He seems like just another foreigner visiting Jerusalem for the Passover. Note that Jesus doesn't disclose His identity until they they describe how they found His tomb empty but "Him they did not see." That's how it is with us, too. Unless He revealed Himself, we would see only an empty tomb and a meaningless death. How does Jesus make Himself known at Emmaus? First, He interprets "all the Scriptures" as referring to Him. In today's First Reading and Epistle, Peter also opens the Scriptures to proclaim the meaning of Christ's death according to the Father's "set plan"—foreknown before the foundation of the world. Jesus is described as a new Moses and a new Passover lamb. He is the one of whom David sang in today's Psalm, whose soul was not abandoned to corruption but was shown the path of life. After opening the Scriptures, Jesus at table took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples—exactly what He did at the Last Supper (see Luke 22:14–20). In every Eucharist, we reenact that Easter Sunday at Emmaus. Jesus reveals Himself to us in our journey. He speaks to our hearts in the Scriptures. Then at the table of the altar, in the person of the priest, He breaks the bread. The disciples begged Him, "Stay with us." So He does. Though He has vanished from our sight, in the Eucharist—as at Emmaus—we know Him in the breaking of the bread.

Collection totals for Holy Week	
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	£130.00
Gift Aid	£145.77
Automated credits (February 2025)	£4401.33
Contactless Card Reader	£45.00
<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>	
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
<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>	

**BIBLE GROUP - Next meeting Wednesday 22<sup>nd</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). visit: <https://www.svp.org.uk> contact: presidentg050512@svp.org.uk, or Fr Matthew.

**EVANGELISATION GROUP** – Meets next this 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. Please also keep in your prayers Sophie Mulcahy who will be received into the Church this Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

**CAFOD: Stand with Sudan.** On the third anniversary of the war in Sudan, Kayode Akintola, CAFOD's Head of Region for Africa, asks for your help: *“So many of our sisters and brothers in Sudan are facing increasing violence, hunger, and disease. That is why today, I'm asking you to consider setting up a monthly gift to support families who are fleeing the violence – with food, safe water and other vital support. Monthly gifts are an act of steady love for our neighbours, a way of saying: we will not abandon you, we will stand with you until peace is restored.”* Donate at [cafod.org.uk/StandWithSudan](http://cafod.org.uk/StandWithSudan)

**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.

**ST. ALBANS HIGH SCHOOL – PONTYPOOL.** Latest newsletter available at <https://canva.link/11360qwt2rhihpc>

**MICHAEL JAMES RIP** – Please pray for the repose of Michael James, who died in hospital recently. The funeral arrangements are yet to be finalised.

**ABERGAVENTNY CHURCHES TOGETHER** – Meets this Wednesday 7pm in the presbytery at OLSM.

**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 this Sunday from 4.30pm

**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 – John Ricci, 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 26<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.

**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 Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 12noon.

**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.

**THANKYOU** – For your generosity to the Easter Collections, to the Collection on Good Friday for the Holy Places, over £600, and the Easter Clergy Offering, well over £2000.

**ARCHDIOCESAN - MASS OF THANKSGIVING**, For safeguarding reps, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 11am, All Hallows, Miskin