



Priory Church of Our Lady and St Michael, Abergavenny
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Sunday 1st March – 2nd Sunday of Lent.



Saturday 28th February – Sunday 8th March 2025. All Church services live streamed at www.olsm-bergavenny.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, 28th February – 9.30am Rosary for Life. 10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Hodges Family & Frances Gould RIP-Anniv. 10.45am Confessions & Exposition. 5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church– Margaret Hargaden, Noel & Celia Ward.
Sunday 1st March – 2nd Sunday of Lent. (2nd Collection for CAFOD.) * 8.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Alan & Roy Ockenden. * 10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Gaynor Fitzpatrick RIP, Rowland Iestyn Daniel RIP. 5.00pm Evening Prayer * 6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church – Reg & Eileen Jones, Eileen & Vincent Greene – anniv.
Monday 2nd March – St. David. 10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Chris & Tracy Shaw. 1.00pm Requiem Mass in OLSM Church - Elizabeth Coopey. 5.00pm Syro-Malabar Rite Mass in OLSM Church.
Tuesday, 3rd March 10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Peter Ward-Recovery. (Year 3 Class Mass.) 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.
Wednesday 4th March 10.30am Mass in Llanarth Church 12.30pm Funeral service for Robert Duggan. 5.00pm Evening Prayer. 5.30pm Bible Group.
Thursday 5th March 10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Sick of the Parish (Early mass time today.) 1.00pm Lunch Club. 2pm & 7.00pm Lent Group in Presbytery.
Friday, 6th March * 11.00am Requiem Mass in OLSM Church – Eileen Nuttall RIP. 4.45pm Evening Prayer on Facebook. 5.15pm – Stations of the Cross in OLSM Church. 6.00pm Faith Group.
Saturday, 7th March – St's Perpetua & Felicity. 9.30am Rosary for Life. 10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Hodges Family & Dominic O'Boyle RIP. 10.45am Confessions & Exposition. 5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church – Eileen Nuttall RIP.
Sunday 8th March – 3rd Sunday of Lent. * 8.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Sick of the Parish. * 10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Gaynor Fitzpatrick RIP, Rowland Iestyn Daniel RIP. 5.00pm Evening Prayer * 6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church – People of the Parish.

Mass Reflection:

Today's Gospel portrays Jesus as a new and greater Moses. Moses also took three companions up a mountain and on the seventh day was overshadowed by the shining cloud of God's presence. He too spoke with God, and his face and clothing were made radiant in the encounter (see Exodus 24, 34). But in today's Lenten Liturgy, the Church wants us to look back past Moses. Indeed, we are asked to contemplate what today's Epistle calls God's "design . . . from before time began." With His promises to Abram in today's First Reading, God formed the people through whom He would reveal Himself and bestow His blessings on all humanity. He later elevated these promises to eternal covenants and changed Abram's name to Abraham, promising that he would be the father of a host of nations (see Genesis 17:5). In remembrance of His covenant with Abraham, He raised up Moses (see Exodus 2:24; 3:8) and later swore an everlasting kingdom to David's sons (see Jeremiah 33:26). In Jesus' transfiguration today, He is revealed as the One through whom God fulfills His divine plan from of old. Not only a new Moses, Jesus is also the "beloved son" promised to Abraham and again to David (see Genesis 22:15–18; Psalm 2:7; Matthew 1:1). Moses foretold a prophet like him to whom Israel would listen (see Deuteronomy 18:15, 18), and Isaiah foretold an anointed servant in whom God would be well pleased (see Isaiah 42:1). Jesus is this prophet and this servant, as the Voice on the mountain tells us today. By faith we have been made children of the covenant with Abraham (see Galatians 3:7–9; Acts 3:25). He calls us, too, to a holy life, to follow His Son to the heavenly homeland He has promised. We know, as we sing in today's Psalm, that we who hope in Him will be delivered from death. So like our father in faith, we go forth as the Lord directs us: "Listen to Him!"

Collection totals for Sunday, 22nd February.	
1 st Collection	£164.55
Gift Aid	£496.00
Automated credits (January 2025)	£3463.33
Contactless Card Reader	£214.00

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.
 - CAFOD LENTEN FAST DAY –** Collection for CAFOD this Sunday, envelopes distributed last week, or can donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.
 - STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Fridays of Lent, 5.15pm. PARISH/SCHOOL MASS –** The 10am Mass this Sunday, 1st March, will be a joint parish-school mass, with school children taking on many of the roles in Church-reading especially. (St. David's Day will be celebrated this Monday 2nd March in Church.)

BIBLE GROUP - Next meeting this Wednesday 4th March 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 – The next Parish Council takes place this Sunday 22nd March at 11.45am in the centre. **PAC MINUTES** – Minutes of the October and the December PAC meeting on the website and on the notice board.

FINANCE COMMITTEE, meets next this Monday 2nd March 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 funds for the Society

visit [https://www.justgiving.com/page/monica-a-chidgey-](https://www.justgiving.com/page/monica-a-chidgey-5?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

[5?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/monica-a-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.

CATENIAN ASSOCIATION If you are interested in joining us contact Jim Cronin 01873 854498 or jimcronin1@hotmail.com

EVANGELISATION GROUP – Meets next this Tuesday 3rd March at 6.00pm. [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.](#)

EILEEN NUTTALL RIP – Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eileen Nuttall, who died recently. Requiem Mass this Friday 6th March at 11am. May she rest in peace.

ELIZABETH COOPEY RIP, Please pray for the repose of the soul of Elizabeth Coopey who died in hospital last Thursday. Requiem Mass this Monday 2nd March at 1pm.

CONVERTS – Please keep in your prayers Ffion Lowri Ewers preparing for Baptism and Sophie Mulcahy preparing for reception into the Church this Easter.

LENT GROUPS – Will be meeting this year on the Thursdays of Lent in the presbytery meeting room at 2pm & 7pm. We will be using the material supplied by the Archbishop in his recent pastoral letter.”

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE – Monday 23rd March 7pm, with a number of priests available for confessions.

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 this Monday 2nd March 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

CONFIRMATION COURSE - Timetable have been sent to all those registered on the course, first formal session on Sunday 8th March, following the 10am mass.

Lenten Retreat 'Come back to me, that you may live!' Amos 5:4

St Joseph's, New Zealand Road, Cardiff CF14 3BR are having a Lenten Retreat on Saturday 7 March from 9.15 am – 12 noon. It will begin with Mass at 9.15 am followed by a talk. It will be facilitated by Fr Jose Kuttikkat and Deacon Christian Mahoney. There will then be refreshments followed by Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). The retreat will end with Benediction

Retreats and Events at Belmont Abbey - Belmont are now organizing retreats and day events again including a series of **Lent Tuesdays: “Witnesses to the Faith”** from 10am to 3pm at The Chapterhouse. The retreats and events calendar can be found at www.belmontabbey.org.uk/event-listings and will be updated through the year.

SVP and CAFOD Work Experience - The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The experience will run from 21st – 26th June in London. Candidates must be aged 18-25 years old, but priority will be given to those in their first or second year at university. Applications close on the 6th April. contact KeziaH@svp.org.uk.

CARDIFF CATHEDRAL – On Thursday 5th March the skulls of the Cardiff Martyrs, St Philip Evans and St John Lloyd will be visiting the cathedral and present for prayer and veneration from 10:00am - 4:00pm. 10:00am – Relics arrive at the cathedral, 11:00am – Holy Mass, 1:30pm – Prayer service with members of the Senedd and the International Prayer Breakfast (all are welcome to join in prayer for politicians and leaders throughout the world) 4:00pm – Relics depart. One of the archivists from Stonyhurst will be present all day with relics on display for private prayer and veneration.

FAITH GROUP - meeting again on Friday 6th March at 6pm.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND OF

OUR PARISH: 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, Brigid Malnati, Chris O’Connell, Ann Green, Winnie and Stan Herbert. **Please also pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently – Robert Charles Duggan, Eileen Nuttall, Gaynor Fitzpatrick, Michael Hargreaves, Elizabeth Coopey, Peter Cunningham Davies, Fr. John Phillips and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time**

RISE THEATRE – PASSION PLAY – Rise Theatre will be performing a passion play in Church on Thursday 19th March at 7.30pm. For ages 11+ Tickets £5 for adults, youth free. Rise theatre is a professional theatre company delivering original exciting Christian theatre. Their Passion Play for 2026 is a one hour journey through the key Gospel moments, Cana, the calling of Peter, the passion, set to a contemporary soundtrack. Poster at back of Church and info on the parish facebook page. Tickets available from Fr. Matthew, in person or by e-mail. Online booking system at www.ticketsource.co.uk/risetheatreonline
1st HOLY COMMUNION COURSE – 7 Children have been enrolled on the course, next session Sunday 8th March 9am in the centre.

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

SPUC – ABORTION PROPOSALS - The House of Lords is currently debating an extreme amendment to the Governments Crime and Policing Bill, which would allow women to self-induce their own abortions for any reason, and at any time up until birth. The last chance to remove the amendment will be at the Report stage, expected to be on the 11th or 17th March. To use the SPUC’S online tool to write to members of the House of Lords go to <https://spuc.org.uk/campaign/abortion-decriminalisation/>
ROBERT CHARLES DUGGAN RIP – Please pray for the repose of the soul of Robert Charles Duggan, who died recently, his Funeral Service this Wednesday 4th March 12.30pm.

ARCHDIOCESAN TEENAGERS DAY RETREAT - ages 13-18. Saturday 14th March @ Belmont Abbey. Info at back of Church. Confirmation candidates are encouraged to attend this day.

THURSDAY MASS –at the earlier time of 10am this week, Fr. Matthew at St. Albans school.