

Priory Church of Our Lady and St Michael, Abergavenny
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Sunday 1st November – Solemnity of All Saints.



Saturday 24th October – Sunday 1st November 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, 31st October –
9.30am Rosary in Church.
10.00am Mass in OLSM Church –.People of the Parish.
10.45am Confessions, Exposition & Benediction.
5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church - Michael Powell RIP

Sunday 1st November – SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS.
MONTH OF PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SOULS.
Collection for Sick and Retired Clergy.
***8.00am Mass in OLSM Church –.**
***10.00am Mass in OLSM Church** – Rob Disson, Phyllis Lynch RIP. 5.00pm Even Prayer on Facebook.
***6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church** - Ken Molinuex RIP..

Monday 2nd November – ALL SOULS.
10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Deceased of past year & Nov Lists. 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.
7.00pm Mass in OLSM Church - Dec'd of past year **& Nov Lists**

Tuesday, 3rd November – St. Martin de Porres.
9.30am Mass in OLSM Church - Rob Disson RIP & Nov Lists
(Early Mass time today.)
6.00pm Evangelisation Group. (5.30pm Exposition in Church.)

Wednesday 4th November – St. Charles Borremeo.
10.30am Mass in Llanarth Church - Nov Lists
5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook. 5.30pm Bible Group.

Thursday 5th November
12.00Noon Mass in OLSM Church – & Nov Lists
1.00pm Lunch Club. 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

Friday 6th November – St. Illtyd.
10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – & Nov Lists
5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.
6.00pm Faith Group.

Saturday, 7th November – St. Willibrord.
1st Saturday Fatima Devotions. 9.30am Rosary in Church.
10.00am Mass in OLSM Church –.& Nov Lists
10.45am Confessions, Exposition & Benediction.
5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church – Louisa –recovery & Michael Powell RIP

Sunday 8th November – Remembrance Sunday.
32nd Sunday of the Year.
***8.00am Mass in OLSM Church –**.David Bell RIP & Nov Lists
***10.00am Mass in OLSM Church** – & Nov Lists
3.00pm Remembrance Service at the Calvary.
5.00pm Even Prayer on Facebook.
***6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church** - Giovanna Cavalli, Luigi Cavalli & Guiseppe Fulgoni RIP & Nov Lists

Mass Reflection: All Saints.

The First Reading focuses us for today's solemnity. St. John reports "a vision of a great multitude... from every nation, race, people, and tongue." This is the Good News. Salvation has come not only for Israel but for the Gentiles as well. Here is the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham that by his seed all the nations of the world would bless themselves (see Genesis 22:18). The Church celebrates many well-known Christians on their individual feasts, but today she praises God for all His "holy ones," His "saints" (see Colossians 1:2). That is the title St. Paul preferred when he addressed his congregations. Divinized by Baptism, they were already "saints" by the grace of God. But they awaited the day when they could "share in the inheritance of the saints in light" (Colossians 1:12). And so do we, as the Scriptures give us reasons for both celebration and hope. In our Second Reading, St. John tells us that to be "saints" means to be "children of God"—and then he adds, "so we are"! Note that he speaks in the present tense. Yet John also says that "what we shall be has not yet been revealed." Thus we work out our salvation: "Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure" (1 John 3:3). We do this as we share the life of Christ, who defined earthly beatitude for us. We are "blessed," He says, when we are poor, when we mourn, when we are persecuted for His sake. It is then we should "Rejoice and be glad, for [our] reward will be great in heaven" Until then, we pray with the Psalmist: "Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face." Salvation has come through Abraham's seed, but it belongs to all nations. For "the Lord's are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it."

Collection totals for Sunday 25th October.

1st Collection	£166.50
Gift Aid	£180.00
Automated credits (Sept 2026)	£3227.83
Contactless Card Reader	£.161.00

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

NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS ENVELOPES-
available in Church, for the traditional November Lists of the dead. All the lists will be placed on the Church altar and mass offered every day for those names.

BIBLE GROUP - Next meeting Wednesday 4th November 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 - The draw of the winning ticket will be this Sunday, after the 10am Mass.

1st HOLY COMMUNION COURSE – ,Next session Sunday 15th November 9-10am ,before the 10am mass. 11 children are enrolled on the course..

Welsh National Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2027 | 18–24 July 2027 - Applications are now open for our Archdiocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, France. Register your interest / apply: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfwdEzSr4KtOf2LnTq2acOJz9MogC9IGVkMR661Xd79sjQeOQ/viewform More information: https://www.welshnationalpilgrimage.com

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

RED WEDNESDAY – Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church, Wed 18th November, service 7pm in OLSM.

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

ANNUAL MASS COUNT - Recently the annual mass count has taken place over 4 Sundays, the average attendance has been 215 across the 3 Sunday masses.

SICK AND RETIRED CLERGY COLLECTION – The retiring collection next Sunday, 1st November will be the Sick and Retired Clergy Fund.

NOVEMBER LISTS, Please let Fr. Matthew have your November lists of the dead making use of the envelopes distributed last Sunday. All these lists will be placed on the altar and mass offered for them every day. of November.

ALL SOULS DAY – This Monday 2nd November. Masses to be celebrated at 10am and 7pm, when those who have died in the past year will be especially remembered and prayed for.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH – SUNDAY 13th DECEMBER IN THE CENTRE. Cost TBC Sign up sheet at the back of Church..

RETIRED AND SICK CLERGY FUND – 2nd Collection today for the provision of care for the sick and rired clergy at Belmont Abbey.

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, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time, and all those whose names are on the November lists of the dead.**

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.

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

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

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

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – Next Sunday, 8th November, service in Church and then at the Calvary statue at 3pm.