



Priory Church of Our Lady and St Michael, Abergavenny
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Sunday 20th September – 25th Sunday of the Year.



Saturday 19th September – Sunday 27th 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, 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
HOME MISSION SUNDAY.**

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

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

11.45am PAC Meeting.

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.

***6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church - Ken Molinuex RIP**

Monday 21st September – St. Matthew.

10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Sarah Daley RIP.

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.

Tuesday, 22nd September –.

10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Mary Davies.

(Year 5 Class Mass.) 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.

Wednesday 23rd September – Padre Pio.

9.30am Mass in Llanarth Church – Michael Powell RIP

(Early mass time today.)

Thursday 24th September – Our Lady of Walsingham.

No Mass today.

1.00pm Lunch Club. 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

Friday, 25th September –.

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

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook. 6.00pm Faith Group.

Saturday, 26th September - St's Cosmas and Damian.

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 27th September – 26th Sunday of the Year

***8.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Margaret Hargaden RIP.**

***10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Fr. Michael Dyson & Phyllis Lynch RIP.**

Abbot Brendan Thomas OSB celebrating Holy Mass.

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.

***6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church - Giovanna Cavalli, Guido & Elvira Fulgoni RIP.**

Mass Reflection: 25TH Sunday.

The house of Israel is the vine of God, who planted and watered it, preparing the Israelites to bear fruits of righteousness (see Isaiah 5:7; 27:2–5). Israel failed to yield good fruits, and the Lord allowed His vineyard, Israel's kingdom, to be overrun by conquerors (see Psalm 80:9–20). But God promised that one day He would replant His vineyard and its shoots would blossom to the ends of the earth (see Amos 9:15; Hosea 14:5–10). This is the biblical backdrop to Jesus' parable of salvation history in today's Gospel. The landowner is God. The vineyard is the kingdom. The workers hired at dawn are the Israelites, to whom He first offered His covenant. Those hired later in the day are the Gentiles, the non-Israelites, who, until the coming of Christ, were strangers to the covenants of promise (see Ephesians 2:11–13). In the Lord's great generosity, the same wages, the same blessings promised to the first-called, the Israelites, will be paid to those called last, the rest of the nations. This provokes grumbling in today's parable. Doesn't the complaint of those first laborers sound like that of the older brother in Jesus' prodigal son parable (see Luke 15:29–30)? God's ways, however, are far from our ways, as we hear in today's First Reading. And today's readings should caution us against the temptation to resent God's lavish mercy. Like the Gentiles, many will be allowed to enter the kingdom late—after having spent most of their days idling in sin. But even these can call upon Him and find Him near, as we sing in today's Psalm. We should rejoice that God has compassion on all whom He has created. This should console us, too, especially if we have loved ones who remain far from the vineyard. Our task is to continue laboring in His vineyard. As Paul says in today's Epistle, let us conduct ourselves worthily, struggling to bring all men and women to the praise of His name.

Collection totals for Sunday 13th September

1 st Collection	£183.75
Gift Aid	£235.00
Automated credits (July 2026)	£3591.83
Contactless Card Reader	£90.00

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 – Next Sunday 27th September 12.30pm. Meet in National Trust Car park. The nearest Sunday to the Solemnity of St. Michael and All Angels on Tuesday 29th September

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 this 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.

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

FAIRTRADE SERVICE – Sunday 4th October, 4pm Salvation Army Hall. Poster at back of Church.

SKIRRID PILGRIMAGE WALK – ST. MICHAELS MOUNT. Sunday 27th September 12.30pm. Meet in National Trust Car park at the bottom of the Mountain. It is traditional on the nearest Sunday to the Solemnity of St. Michael and All Angels on Tuesday 29th September, to walk up the local Skirrid Mountain, long associated with St. Michael, the Archangel, and to pray on the summit. Also on the Solemnity of St. Michael and All Angels itself, Tuesday 29th two Solemn Professions are taking place at Belmont, Br's Meinrad and Gildas, at 11.30am at Belmont. Belmont is dedicated to St. Michael and All Angels.

MISSIO RED BOXES. Please bring to Church so they can be emptied and the & banked.

BELMONT CHAPTER – The Belmont Community is meeting this week for its annual chapter or AGM, on Wednesday and Thursday. Hence changes of mass times those days.

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 0800 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

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.

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

ABBOT BRENDAN – will be visiting the parish next Sunday 27th September and celebrating the 10am mass and re-dedicating the Calvary Statue and Garden.

WORLD YOUTH DAY-Ffion Lowri Ewers will be attending World Youth Day next Year in South Korea, travelling with a Archdiocesan group of young people next July. She will be undertaking fundraising in the parish to raise the £2k needed

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 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/>

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. Two events are being held to mark the opening of the Exhibition - The first is a talk by Pam Moon on Wednesday 16th September at 6.00pm, and the second is an organ recital on Sunday 27th September at 3.00pm. Both events will take place in St Mary's Church.

SAFEGUARDING CAFES - Monthly Safeguarding café sessions take place across the Archdiocese on the fourth Thursday of each month. These sessions are informal and welcoming, offering parishioners the opportunity to meet members of the diocesan team, have a chat, and ask any questions—particularly around DBS processes, volunteering, or getting involved in parish roles. They are designed as relaxed drop-in sessions where **anyone is welcome** to come along for a conversation and a cup of tea.
Upcoming Café Dates 24 September | 11am–1pm | Port Talbot – St Joseph, Water Street, SA12 6LE (St John Lloyd) **22 October | 9.30-11.30am | Llandoverly** – Our Lady, College View, SA20 0BD (St Teilo) **26 November | 11am–1pm | Llanishen** – Christ the King, Newborough Avenue, CF14 5QN (St David)