



Priory Church of Our Lady and St Michael, Abergavenny
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Sunday 21st June 2026 – 12th Ordinary Sunday of the Year.



Saturday 13th June – Sunday 21st June 2026. All Church services live streamed at www.olsm-abergavenny.co.uk <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> Evening Prayer at 5pm most days on www.facebook.com/OurLadyandStMichaelChurch
Saturday, 20th June – St. Alban, Julius & Aaron. 9.30am Rosary for Life 10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Vincent McCarthy RIP. Philomena Leary Anniv. 10.45am Confessions, Exposition & Benediction. 5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church – Mary Teresa Guinan Casey..
Sunday 21st June – 12th Sunday of the Year - DAY FOR LIFE. (Retiring Collection to support the life activities of the Church.) *8.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Patricia Eleanor Briggs. Philomena Leary RIP, *10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Confirmation Mass celebrated by Archbishop Mark. 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook. *6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church – Joseph Walmsley RIP
Monday 22nd June – St's John Fisher & St. Thomas More. 10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Keith Taylor. 5pm Evening Prayer on Facebook. 7pm FORMATION MISSION EVENING – CWMBRAN.
Tuesday, 23rd June – 10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Philomena Leary RIP. +5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.
Wednesday 24th June – Nativity of John the Baptist. 10.30am Mass in Llanarth Church – Special Int. Holy Hour of Prayer for the Archdiocesan Mission. 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook. 5.30pm Bible Group.
Thursday 25th June – NO MASS TODAY. 1.00pm Lunch Club. 5.00pm Evening Prayer 6.00pm Evangelisation Group. (5.30pm Exposition in Church.)
Friday, 26th June – St. Cyril of Alexandria. 10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Christopher & Angela Jones, William Jonathon RIP. 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook. 6.00pm Faith Group. 7.00pm CAFOD evening in centre.
Saturday, 27th June – 9.30am Rosary for Life 10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – 10.45am Confessions, Exposition & Benediction. 5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church – Pat Harris RIP.
Sunday 28th June – SOLEMNITY OF ST'S PETER & PAUL. *8.00am Mass in OLSM Church *10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook. *6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church – 7.30pm Abergavenny Orchestra Concert.in OLSM Church.

Mass Reflection:

Our commitment to Christ will be put to the test. We will hear whispered warnings and denunciations, as Jeremiah does in today's First Reading. Even so-called friends will try to trap and trip us up. For His sake we will bear insults and be made outcasts—even in our own homes, we hear in today's Psalm. As Jeremiah tells us, we must expect that God will challenge our faith in Him, and probe our minds and hearts, to test the depths of our love. "Do not be afraid," Jesus assures us three times in today's Gospel. Though He may permit us to suffer for our faith, our Father will never forget or abandon us. As Jesus assures us today, everything unfolds in His providence, under His watchful gaze—even the falling of the tiniest sparrow to the ground. Each one of us is precious to Him. Steadfast in this faith, we must resist the tactics of Satan. He is the enemy who seeks the ruin of our soul in Gehenna, or hell. We are to seek God, as the Psalmist says. Zeal for the Lord's house, for the heavenly kingdom of the Father, should consume us, as it consumed Jesus. As Jesus bore the insults of those who blasphemed God, so should we. By the gracious gift of Himself, Jesus bore the transgressions of the world, Paul tells us in today's Epistle. In rising from the dead, He has shown us that God rescues the life of the poor, that He does not spurn His own when they are in distress. In His great mercy, He will turn toward us, as well. He will deliver us from the power of the wicked. That is why we proclaim His name from the housetops, as Jesus tells us. That is why we sing praise and offer thanksgiving in every Eucharist. We are confident in Jesus' promise—that we who declare our faith in Him before others will be remembered before our heavenly Father.

Collection totals for Sunday 14 th June	
1 st Collection	£397.84
Gift Aid	£155.00
Automated credits (April 2026)	£4685.83
Contactless Card Reader	£180.00
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.	
CATENIAN ASSOCIATION If you are interested in joining us contact Jim Cronin 01873 854498 or jimcronin1@hotmail.com	
WELSH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA CONCERT - FRIDAY 3rd JULY IN OLSM CHURCH, 7.30PM. "Mozart in Abergavenny." Tickets £20, or £35 including drinks reception after concert. See poster at back of Church, info on website.	
CALVARY RESTORATION – he works to restore the Calvary have now been commissioned and will take place during August. Cost £30k.	

BIBLE GROUP - Next meeting Wednesday 17th June 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 –1st Meeting of New PAC on Sunday 12th July, at 11.45am in the centre.

FINANCE COMMITTEE, meets next on Monday 24th August 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.

A Arch-Diocesan Mission is taking place running in partnership with **Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO)** - a Canadian evangelisation team - from **19 June to 5 July**. You can find out more about CCO at cco.ca - here are some of the key dates for us in this part of the Archdiocese.

Monday 22nd June – Parish Formation & Evangelisation Day- Our Lady of the Angels, Cwmbbran.7pm -9pm.

Wednesday 24 June - Behold the Lamb of God - a Day of Prayer and Adoration/Holy Hours across all parishes and schools of the Diocese, offered for the intention of the Mission.

Saturday 27 June - Learning to Pray, Belmont Abbey - a day of teaching on prayer led by CCO founder Andre Regnier. Open to all who wish to deepen their prayer life.

Saturday 4 July - Intentional Accompaniment Day East, Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Cwmbbran - a day course introducing parishioners in the eastern half of the Diocese to evangelisation through Intentional Accompaniment. More info to follow. For full details, visit: rcadc.org/a-mission-for-the-whole-diocese-cco-comes-to-cardiff-menevia

JOSEPH WALMSLEY – Funeral Service 12noon on Friday 10th July.

How to be Human in the Age of A.I.

An introduction to Pope Leo XIV's encyclical 'Magnifica Humanitas' led by Austen Ivereigh. Pope Leo addresses urgent questions with a powerful vision of human dignity, freedom, creativity, and our vocation to communion. Join us for an engaging introduction to this landmark document - part of the Horizons of Hope, Herefordshire Deanery Talks. Sat 11th Jul 10:00am - 12:30pm at The Chapterhouse, Belmont Abbey. No need to book, no charge - donations welcome.

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 TBC.

GRANGE HOSPITAL – The Catholic Chaplain to the Grange Hospital is Fr. Peter McClaren, available on 07561 469343.

CARDIFF HEATH HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY – 029 2184 3230

Retreats and Events at Belmont Abbey - The retreats and events calendar can be found at www.belmontabbey.org.uk/event-listings

CHURCH ROOF REPAIRS – Repairs will be taking place to parts of the Church roof, that is above Our Lady's altar and the font chapel at the back of Church. Cost £4k. Scaffolding has been erected outside the Church, please take the greatest care when driving past the scaffolding as you enter the car park.

EVANGELISATION GROUP – Meets next THIS Thursday 25th June from 6pm, beginning with exposition in Church at 5.30pm then from 6pm in the presbytery.

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

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. visit: <https://www.svp.org.uk> contact: presidentg050512@svp.org.uk,

BAPTISM, Congratulations to Oliver Orrock, son of James and Rachel who was baptised last Saturday.

ABERGAVENTNY ORCHESTRA SUMMER CONCERT – Sunday 28th June 7.30pm. In OLSM Church. Tickets from Abergavennysymph.org.uk Limited no of tickets available on the door.

THURSDAY – No mass this Thursday, Fr. Matthew attending a meeting at Belmont.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND OF

OUR PARISH: Sophie Mulcahy, 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 – Vincent McCarthy, Joseph Walmsley, Pat Harris, Fr. Jason Jones, Tracy Shaw, Anne Greene, John Ricci, Michael James, Brigid Malnati and all those whose anniversaries occur at this**

WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA

On the weekend of 5th/6th September the World Apostolate of Fatima (England and Wales) is bringing to our parish the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue. All are invited to come and see this beautiful National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, with the Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco. See www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk

FR. MATTHEW AWAY From Monday 29th June till Thursday 9th July, attending the General Chapter of the English Benedictine order at Kylemore Abbey in Ireland, as the delegate/representative for Belmont Abbey!! This meeting is held once every 4 years and involves the Superior and elected delegate from each monastery. Fr. Jonathon will be supplying from Belmont.

CAFOD EVENING – FRIDAY 26th JUNE 7PM – ST. MICHAELS CENTRE. On Friday 26th June, CAFOD South Wales will be bringing to the OLSM parish two of their partners and associates from Columbia in South America - Gerardina Cardozo Aragon and **Tania Ruiz Cardona**. They will be speaking about the challenges in the Colombian Amazon (deforestation/destruction of their common home, extractivism (oil, illegal gold mining), the ongoing armed conflict, possibly violence against women, impacts of climate change) and what they are doing in their diocese to resolve the issue with the support from CAFOD.

DAY FOR LIFE - This Sunday, 21 June, we mark the Day for Life under the theme "The Wonder of the Child in the Womb." The theme also recognises the loss of children who died before birth and the grief of their parents. The bishops' message and prayers can be found on the Day for Life website: www.dayforlife.org. The second collection will go towards the Day for Life Fund, which distributes grants to organisations that promote respect for life from conception until natural death. You can also donate online via the Day for Life website."