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Sunday 24th May 2026 – Solemnity of Pentecost.



Saturday 23rd May – Sunday 31st May 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, 23rd May – 9.30am Rosary for Life 10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Brigid Malnati RIP. 10.45am Confession and Exposition-prayers for the parish. 5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church – June Power
Sunday 24th May – PENTECOST. * 8.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Eileen Thompson, Gerard Thompson, Pat Nicholson. * 10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Wladyslaw Lewandowski and Wladyslawa Lewandowska RIP. Tracy Shaw RIP. (Followed by Pentecost Party in Centre & Garden.) 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook. * 6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church June Power & Anne Greene RIP
Monday 25th May – Mary, Mother of the Church. 10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Tracy Shaw RIP, Chris Shaw & Family. 5pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.
Tuesday, 26th May – St. Philip Neri. 10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Amanda Jane Ponting 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.
Wednesday 27th May – St. Augustine of Canterbury. No mass today. (Fr. Matthew attending Archdiocesan mass in All Hallows, Miskin, for the repose of the soul of Fr. Jason Jones at 11.30am.) 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook. 5.30pm Bible Group.
Thursday 28th May – Jesus Christ. Eternal High Priest. 12.00noon Mass in OLSM Church – Tracy Shaw RIP. 1.00pm Lunch Club. 5.00pm Evening Prayer
Friday, 29th May – St. Paul IV. 10.00am Mass in OLSM Church - William Jonathon & Angela Jones RIP. 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook. 6.00pm Faith Group
Saturday, 30th May – 9.30am Rosary for Life 10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Tracy Shaw RIP. No confessions/exposition today. 5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church – June Power
Sunday 31st May – Most Holy Trinity. * 8.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Gail Lowe&James Findlay RIP. * 10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Filipino Nurses, 25 th Anniv 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook. * 6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church – Giovanna Cavalli, Delfina & Carolina Fulgoni, Andrea Cavalli RIP.

Mass Reflection:

The giving of the Spirit to the new people of God crowns the mighty acts of the Father in salvation history. The Jewish feast of Pentecost called all devout Jews to Jerusalem to celebrate their birth as God's chosen people in the covenant Law given to Moses at Sinai (see Leviticus 23:15–21; Deuteronomy 16:9–11). In today's First Reading, the mysteries prefigured in that feast are fulfilled in the pouring out of the Spirit on Mary and the Apostles (see Acts 1:14). The Spirit seals the new law and new covenant brought by Jesus, written not on stone tablets but on the hearts of believers, as the prophets promised (see 2 Corinthians 3:2–8; Romans 8:2). The Spirit is revealed as the life-giving breath of the Father, the Wisdom by which He made all things, as we sing in today's Psalm. In the beginning, the Spirit came as a "mighty wind" sweeping over the face of the earth (see Genesis 1:2). And in the new creation of Pentecost, the Spirit again comes as "a strong, driving wind" to renew the face of the earth. As God fashioned the first man out of dust and filled him with His Spirit (see Genesis 2:7), in today's Gospel we see the New Adam become a life-giving Spirit, breathing new life into the Apostles (see 1 Corinthians 15:45, 47). Like a river of living water, for all ages He will pour out His Spirit on His body, the Church, as we hear in today's Epistle (see also John 7:37–39). We receive that Spirit in the sacraments, being made a "new creation" in Baptism (see 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 6:15). Drinking of the one Spirit in the Eucharist (see 1 Corinthians 10:4), we are the first fruits of a new humanity—fashioned from out of every nation under heaven, with no distinctions of wealth or language or race, a people born of the Spirit.

Collection totals for Sunday 17 th May	
1 st Collection	£116.56
Gift Aid	£211.00
Automated credits (April 2026)	£4685.83
Contactless Card Reader	£173.00
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.	
HALF TERM HOLIDAY – a very happy and relaxing half term holiday to all the staff, children and families of our parish schools.	

BIBLE GROUP - Next meeting Wednesday 20th May 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 OPEN UNTIL – this Sunday 24th May, elections from 14th - 28th June. So far 6 nominations have been received.

Nomination Forms available at back of Church

PAC MINUTES – Minutes of the February PAC meeting on the website and on the notice board.

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.

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,

ST. ALBANS HIGH SCHOOL is seeking individuals from our parish community who may feel called to serve as foundation Governors, who play a vital role in supporting the Catholic ethos and vision of the school. They work with other governors and school leaders to help shape the strategic direction of the school, ensure high standards of education, and promote the spiritual development and wellbeing of all pupils. This is a rewarding voluntary ministry that allows you to contribute your time, skills and experience to the life of the Catholic community and the formation of young people. No prior governance experience is necessary, as training and support are provided. Anyone wishing to be considered must be a practising Catholic and will need to be nominated by your Parish Priest, please speak to Fr. Matthew if interested.

CALVARY STATUE PROJECT – The Finance committee met last week and have provisionally appointed a contractor to do the works on the Calvary statue. Date of works TBC. Approx cost £30,000!

Catholic Legacy Week: 24-30 May is a time when Parishes and Catholic charities such as CAFOD celebrate the work made possible in the life of the Church through gifts in Wills. Find out more about the week at cafod.org.uk/CatholicLegacyWeek

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

CONFIRMATION COURSE - Next event trip to Treago Hpwse, Pandy, Saturday 30th May, leaving 10.30am from Church, returning for 3.30pm.

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

ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH SUMMER CAMP – 5th – 9th August, St. David's Pembrokeshire. £300, transport and full board included. For those in Years 9 - 13 at school. Poster at back of Church, and on parish facebook page youth@cardiffmenevia.org
[2 benefactors have donated funds to help with the cost of this event, please see Fr. Matthew for more info.](#)

EVANGELISATION GROUP – Meets next Tuesday 2nd June, beginning with exposition in Church 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

PIETY STALL – There is a new stock of items on the piety stall, including 1st Holy Communion gifts and cards.

ARCHDIOCESAN - MASS OF THANKSGIVING, For safeguarding reps, Saturday 6th June 11am, All Hallows, Miskin
FR. JASON JONES RIP, Parish Priest of the Sacred Heart Parish in Morriston, Swansea who died last Wednesday. May he rest in peace.
Corpus Christi Procession - On Sunday June 7th the Corpus Christi Procession will once more make its way through the streets of Cardiff. The Procession will start at 3:00pm from Nazareth House (please arrive by 2:30pm.)

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND OF OUR PARISH: 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, Keith Taylor, 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 – Fr. Jason Jones, Tracy Shaw, Anne Greene, John Ricci, Michael James, Brigid Malnati and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.**

1st HOLY COMMUNION COURSE – 7 Children have been enrolled on the course, Rehearsal in Church, Friday 5th June, 3.45pm, 1st Holy Communion Mass, Sunday 7th June, 10am.

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY – 24th MAY, Next Sunday after the 10am Mass Garden party following 10am Mass in the presbytery garden, shared table lunch. Displays of dance and song. Bring along lunch, basic refreshments supplied.

PROCESSION IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY – As part of the 10am Mass on Sunday 31st May.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWSLETTER - The Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia produces a free monthly newsletter, bringing you news, events, and reflections from across our Catholic community - as well as a foreword from within our religious community and links to talks and videos to nourish your faith. Signing up is free and takes just a moment - visit: <https://rcadc.org/newsletter>

TRACY SHAW RIP, Please for the repose of the soul of Tracy Shaw (daughter of Chris Shaw) who died last Sunday morning after a long illness

CELEBRATE Trust have sent us some engaging parish and family resources for the Feast of Pentecost, and a webinar to support parents of teenagers. Go to the parish Facebook page for the direct link to their website.

SATURDAY – NO confessions or exposition next Saturday morning, because of the trip for our 11 confirmation candidates. Mass as normal at 10am.

FILIPINO NURSES – Next Sunday we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the arrival of the first group of nurses and their families and the wonderful contribution they have made to our parish and community.