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Sunday 25th October – 30th Sunday of the Year.



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, 24th October – St. Anthony Mary Claret.
9.30am Rosary in Church.
10.00am Mass in OLSM Church –.
10.45am Confessions, Exposition & Benediction.
5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church - Michael Powell RIP

Sunday 25th October – 30th Sunday of the Year
Harvest Sunday. Collection for local Foodbank.
***8.00am Mass in OLSM Church –.**
***10.00am Mass in OLSM Church –** Pope Leo XIV
5.00pm Even Prayer on Facebook.
***6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church** - Sick of the Parish.

Monday 26th October – St's Chad & Cedd.
10.00am Mass in OLSM Church –.
5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.

Tuesday, 27th October –
No Mass today.
5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.

Wednesday 28th October – St's Simon & Jude.
10.30am Mass in Llanarth Church -
5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook. 5.30pm Bible Group.

Thursday 29th October –
12.00Nooon Mass in OLSM Church – Frances Shine RIP, Mr. P.L. Desmond & Wain Desmond RIP.
1.00pm Lunch Club.
5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

Friday 30th October –
10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Angela& Chris Jones RIP, Williams Jonathon RIP.
5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.
6.00pm Faith Group.

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

Sunday1st November – ALL SAINTS.
***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** - Sick of the Parish.

Mass Reflection: 30TH Sunday.

Jesus told His disciples that He came "not to abolish" the Old Testament Law "but to fulfill" it (Matthew 5:17). And in today's Gospel, He reveals that love—of God and of neighbor—is the fulfillment of the whole of the law (see Romans 13:8–10). Devout Israelites were expected to keep all 613 commands found in the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Bible. Jesus says today that all these, and all the teachings of the prophets, can be boiled down to just two verses of this Law (see Deuteronomy 6:5; Leviticus 19:18). In this distillation, He seems to summarize the two stone tablets on which God was said to have engraved the Ten Commandments (see Exodus 32:15–16): The first tablet set out three laws concerning the love of God, such as the command not to take His name in vain; the second contained seven commands regarding love of neighbor, such as those against stealing and adultery. Love is the hinge that binds the two tablets of the Law. We can't love God, whom we can't see, if we don't love our neighbor, whom we can (see 1 John 4:20–21). But this love we are called to is far more than simple affection or warm sentiment. We must give ourselves totally to God—loving with our whole beings, with all our heart, soul, and mind. Our love for our neighbor must express itself in concrete actions, such as those set out in today's First Reading. "We love because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19). As we sing in today's Psalm, He has been our deliverer, our strength when we could not possibly defend ourselves against the enemies of sin and death. Grateful for our salvation, we show others the love that God has shown us. In this we become imitators of Jesus, as Paul relates in today's Epistle—laying down our lives in ways large and small, seen and unseen, our daily living offered as a continual "sacrifice of praise" (see John 15:12–13; Hebrews 13:15).

Collection totals for Sunday 18th October.	
1st Collection	£125.67
Gift Aid	£230.00
World Mission Sunday Collection	£382.03
Automated credits (July 2026)	£3085.33
Contactless Card Reader	£.135.00

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

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – Thankyou for your generosity to the collection last Sunday for Missio.

NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS ENVELOPES-
available in Church, for the traditional November Lists of the dead.

BIBLE GROUP - Next meeting Wednesday 28th October 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 next 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. Whether you have travelled with us before or would like to experience Lourdes for the first time, you are warmly invited to join us for these special days of prayer, friendship and pilgrimage together. 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.

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 - Recenly the annual mas count has taken place over 4 Sundays, the average attendance has been 215 across the 3 Sunday masses.

HAPPY HALF TERM HOLIDAY, To all the staff and students of our catholic schools.

NO MASS ON TUESDAY This week, Fr. Matthew attending an all day safeguarding course in Hereford.

FRIDAY CAR PARKING – No parking in the car park this Friday after 4pm because of an event taking place on the school playing field.

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 enevlopes distributed last Sunday. All these lists will be placed on the altar and mass offered for them every day.of November.

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

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, 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/)

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.

HARVEST MASS/SUNDAY – This Sunday 25th October, when we will be collecting items for the local foodbank. Lists of suggested items attached to last weeks newsletter.

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

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

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWSLETTER- Latest edition available at rcadc.org.

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