



Priory Church of Our Lady and St Michael, Abergavenny
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Sunday 26th July 2026 – 17th Sunday of the Year.



Saturday 25th July – Sunday 2nd August 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, 25th July – St. James, Apostle.

9.30am Rosary.

10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Joseph Walmsley RIP.

10.45am Confessions, exposition & Benediction.

5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church –.

Sunday 26th July, 17th Sunday of the Year.

***8.00am Mass in OLSM Church - Sick of the Parish.**

***10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Chris Williams & Anne Shoring.** 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.

***6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church – Pacini & Berzolla Families, Gilbert Rice RIP.**

Monday 27th July –.

10.00am Mass in OLSM Church –.

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.

Tuesday, 28th July –

10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Gilbert Rice RIP..

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.

Wednesday 29th July – St's Martha, Mary & Lazarus.

10.30am Mass in Llanarth Church – Pat Harris RIP.

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.

5.30pm Bible Group.

Thursday 30th July –

12.00Noon Mass in OLSM Church -

1.00pm Lunch Club. 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.

Friday, 31st July – St. Ignatius of Loyola.

10.00am Mass in OLSM Church –

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.

6.00pm Faith Group.

Saturday, 1st August – St. Alphonuas Liguori.

9.30am Rosary.

10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Joseph Walmsley RIP.

10.45am Confessions, exposition & Benediction.

5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church – Pat Harris RIP..

Sunday 2nd August - 18th Sunday of the Year.

***8.00am Mass in OLSM Church - Sick of the Parish.**

***10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Joseph Walmsley RIP.**

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.

***6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church – Giovanna Cavalli, Riccardo Rabaiotti, Mary Peacock, Tina Cordoni.**

Mass Reflection:

What is your new life in Christ worth to you? Do you love His words more than gold and silver, as we sing in today's Psalm? Would you, like the characters in the Gospel today, sell all that you have in order to possess the kingdom He promises to us? If God were to grant any wish, would you follow Solomon's example in today's First Reading—asking not for a long life or riches but for wisdom to know God's ways and to desire His will? The background for today's Gospel, as it has been for the past several weeks, is the rejection of Jesus' preaching by Israel. The kingdom of heaven has come into their midst; yet, many cannot see that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promises, a gift of divine compassion given so that they—and we—might live. We, too, must ever discover the kingdom anew. We are called to find it as a treasure, a pearl of great price. By comparison with the kingdom, we must count all else as rubbish (see Philippians 3:8). And we must be willing to give up all that we have—all our priorities and plans—in order to gain it. Jesus' Gospel discloses what Paul in today's Epistle calls the purpose of God's plan (see Ephesians 1:4): for Jesus to be the firstborn of many brothers. His words give understanding to the simple, the childlike. As Solomon does today, we must humble ourselves before God, giving ourselves to His service. Let our prayer be for an understanding heart, one that desires only to do His will. We are called to love God, to delight in His law, and to forsake every false way. And we are to conform ourselves daily ever more closely to the image of His Son. If we do this, we can approach His altar as a pleasing sacrifice, confident that all things work for the good—that we whom He has justified will also be glorified.

Collection totals for Sunday 19th July

1 st Collection	£117.28
Gift Aid	£224.28
Automated credits (June 2026)	£2741.33
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.

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

CALVARY RESTORATION –. The works to restore the Calvary have now been commissioned and should begin in the first week of August. Cost £30k.

BIBLE GROUP - Next meeting Wednesday 29th July at 5.30pm. Email Fr. Matthew for the 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 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 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.

SPUC SPONSORED WALK – If you offered Sponsorship for the SPUC South Wales sponsored walk, members of our Life group will be outside mass this weekend to collect the amounts.

From Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Article 18 Petition Appeal

People around the world continue to suffer simply because of the faith they hold dear — facing discrimination, violence, imprisonment and even death. Their freedom to believe, worship and live out their faith is a basic human right, yet for millions it remains out of reach — and they need us to be their voice. That's why Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) has launched its first-ever global religious freedom petition, calling on national governments and the United Nations to take urgent action to protect this fundamental right. At the heart of this campaign is Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which guarantees freedom of thought, conscience and religion — including the right to change one's belief and to practise it openly or privately. By signing, you are standing in solidarity with those who cannot speak freely for themselves and helping to send a powerful message that religious freedom must be protected everywhere, for everyone.

[Go to the parish facebook page for the link to the petition.](#)

PILGRIMAGE TO THE GRAVE OF JOHN KEMBLE – Sunday 23rd August, 3pm Welsh Newton Churchyard. Poster at back of f Church.

LLANOVER HOUSE GARDEN – Open Sunday 6th September pm.

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

EVANGELISATION GROUP – Meets next Tuesday at 6pm.

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,

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWSLETTER – The latest edition of the Archdiocese newsletter is available on the parish website and hard copies at back of Church.

Help Support the Suffering Church – Become a Parish Appealer. Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is seeking passionate individuals to help raise awareness and support for persecuted Christians worldwide. As a Parish Appealer, you'll speak in parishes, share powerful stories, and inspire prayer and action. Flexible roles (volunteer or part-time, with training provided) are available across several dioceses.

☞ Find out more or apply: acnuk.org/jobs
☞ Contact: alomadorozario@acnuk.org

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 – Gilbert Rice, Jean O'Sullivan, Vincent McCarthy, Joseph Walmsley, Pat Harris, Fr. Jason Jones, Tracy Shaw, Anne Greene, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.**

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 AGAIN!!
On his annual leave, from Monday 3rd August, till Thursday 21st August-on yet another Carribean Cruise!!

Fr. Aji Antony OSB, a Keralese Benedictine monk from India will be supplying for Fr. Matthew from 6th – 11th August and then Fr. Jonathon as usual. Fr. Aji is spending some time at Belmont Abbey this summer, before returning to his studies in Rome. He is a member of the Sylvestro Benedictine Congregation.

DIOCESAN SEMINARIAN – The parish will be welcoming one of the Diocesan Seminarians-Ashely McNally, for a parish placement. Ashley is studying in Rome, and has just completed his first year there. He will be with us from Monday 24th August for about 4 weeks.