



Priory Church of Our Lady and St Michael, Abergavenny
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Sunday 2nd August 2026 – 18th Sunday of the Year.



Saturday 1st August – Sunday 9th August 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, 1st August – St. Alphonsus 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 & Michael Powell RIP.
Sunday 2nd August - 18th Sunday of the Year. *8.00am Mass in OLSM Church - Anthony O'Sullivan RIP. *10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Denise Jones RIP, Joseph Walmsley RIP. 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook. *6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church – Giovanna Cavalli, Riccardo Rabaïotti, Mary Peacock, Tina Cordoni.
Fr. Matthew away from today till Thursday 20th August. Fr. Jonathon Rollinson from Belmont supplying, available on 01432 374737. Monday 3rd August 9.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Ethel Dew RIP. (Please note earlier mass time.) 5.00pm Syro-Malibar Rite Mass.
Tuesday, 4th August – St. John Vianney. No services today.
Wednesday 5th August – Dedic of St. Marys Basilica. No services today.
Thursday 6th August – Feast of the Transfiguration. Fr. Aji Antony OSB supplying in the parish till next Tuesday, available on the parish phone no. 12.00Noon Mass in OLSM Church – Sick of the Parish. 1.00pm Lunch Club.
Friday, 7th August – 10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Vincent McCarthy RIP.
Saturday, 8th August – St. Dominic. 9.30am Rosary. 10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Joseph Walmsley RIP. 10.45am Confessions, NO Exposition. 5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church –Michael Powell RIP.
Sunday 9th August - 19th Sunday of the Year. *8.00am Mass in OLSM Church - Anthony O'Sullivan RIP & John Lewis RIP. *10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – People of the Parish.. 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook. *6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church – Michael Kelly RIP.

Mass Reflection: In Jesus and the Church, Isaiah's promises in today's First Reading are fulfilled. All who are thirsty come to the living waters of Baptism (see John 4:14). The hungry delight in rich fare—given bread to eat and wine to drink at the Eucharistic table. This is the point, too, of today's Gospel. The story of Jesus' feeding of the 5,000 brims with allusions to the Old Testament. Jesus is portrayed as a David-like shepherd who leads His flock to lie down on green grass as He spreads the table of the Messiah's banquet before them. Jesus is shown as a new Moses, who likewise feeds vast crowds in a deserted place. Finally, Jesus is shown doing what the prophet Elisha did—satisfying the hunger of the crowd with a few loaves and having some left over. Matthew also wants us to see the feeding of the 5,000 as a sign of the Eucharist. Notice that Jesus performs the same actions in the same sequence as at the Last Supper—He takes bread, says a blessing, breaks it, and gives it. Jesus instructed His Apostles to celebrate the Eucharist in memory of Him. And the ministry of the Twelve is subtly stressed in today's account. Before He performs the miracle, Jesus instructs the Twelve to give the crowd "some food yourselves." Indeed, the Apostles themselves distribute the bread blessed by Jesus. And the leftovers are enough to fill precisely 12 baskets—corresponding to each of the Apostles, the pillars of the Church. In the Church, as we sing in today's Psalm, God gives us food in due season, opens His hands and satisfies the desires of every living thing. Now, as Paul reminds us in today's Epistle, nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus
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Collection totals for Sunday 26 th July.	
1 st Collection	£187.01
Gift Aid	£170.00
Automated credits (June 2026)	£2741.33
Contactless Card Reader	£169.00
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 this week. Cost £30k. SPUC SPONSORED WALK – Thankyou for the sponsorship offered, totalling £393 and £120 from the Llanarth Parish.	

BIBLE GROUP - Next meeting Wednesday 26th August 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 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.

WORLD YOUTH DAY – SUMMER 2027. Information webinar being held for anyone interested between ages of 18 and 30, August 2nd, youth@cardiffmenevia.org

BELMONT ABBEY CONCERT- Star of the Sea: An Evening of Gregorian Chant and Organ Music at Belmont Abbey for the feast of the Assumption, Saturday, 15 August 7pm at Belmont Abbey Church. Tickets £10 include refreshments. To book: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/monksoftltd/2311155>

Mary through Artists' Eyes: Journey through two thousand years of beautiful Christian art as Abbot Brendan explores how artists have portrayed Mary and the faith that inspired these works. **Saturday, 15 August 10am-4pm at The Chapterhouse, Belmont. £12 per person for the day. Meals and Refreshments available. To book:** <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/monksoftltd/2270143>
Poster at back of Church.

LLANOVER HOUSE GARDEN – Open Sunday 6th September, 2-6 pm.

EISTEDDFOD MASS - This year's Eisteddfod Mass (Offeren yr Eisteddfod) will take place at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Taper, Cardigan on Thursday 6th August at 6pm. It will be celebrated by Fr Matt Roche-Saunders. A warm welcome is extended to all – of any denomination or belief. If you would like to livestream the Mass, please visit the parish website www.ourldayofthetaper.org.uk
Lift available from Church at 3.30pm – contact Fr. Matthew to book a place.

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/>
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SYRO – MALIBAR RITE MASS – To be celebrated monthly in our parish. Next Mass this Monday 3rd August 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

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 25th August 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,

ASSISTED DIEING BILL -There will be a Second Reading and vote in the House of Commons for the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life Bill) on 11 September. As Catholics, we oppose this legislation in principle as it attacks the innate dignity of every person. It is also very poorly written and gives no safeguards to healthcare staff, nursing homes, or hospices all of whom will be pressured to implement the bill if the legislation is passed. I encourage all Catholics to write to their MP. The Bishops' Conference has produced has a scannable QR code, available on its website at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/>. On the page, there are various resources, copies of statements and guidance on writing to your MP, and please, please do so, to protect the most vulnerable in our society. Many thanks, +Mark, Archbishop of Cardiff-Menevia.

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 – Michael Powell, Gilbert Rice, Jean O'Sullivan, Vincent McCarthy, Joseph Walmsley, 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 this Monday 3rd August, till Thursday 20th August-
Fr. Aji Antony OSB, a Keralese Benedictine monk from India will be supplying for Fr. Matthew from this Thursday 6th to Tuesday 11th August and then Fr. Jonathon Rollinson 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 **More than human? Reading Magnifica Humanitas from Laudato Si' with Prof Carmody Grey**, Chair in Integral Ecology, Radboud University (Netherlands) in dialogue with Dr Austen Ivereigh. We are delighted to welcome Professor Carmody Grey for this special event. She will look at Pope Leo's document within Pope Francis's framework of integral ecology and integral human development. All are welcome! **Tuesday 11 August, 10-12:30** at the Chapterhouse, Belmont Abbey, Hereford HR2 9RZ

MICHAEL POWELL RIP – Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Powell, of the Llanarth parish who died on 29th July.