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Sunday 31st May 2026 – The Most Holy Trinity.



Saturday 31st May – Sunday 7th 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, 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& Pat Harris.
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, 25th Anniv & Procession in Honour of Our Lady. (FILIPINO NURSES – This Sunday we celebrate the 25 th 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.) 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook. * 6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church – Giovanna Cavalli, Delfina & Carolina Fulgoni, Andrea Cavalli RIP.
Monday 1st June. 10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Tracy Shaw RIP. 5pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.
Tuesday, 2nd June. 10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – (Year 5 Class Mass.) 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook. 6.00pm Evangelisation Group. (5.30pm Exposition.)
Wednesday 3rd June – St. Charles Lwanga & Companions. 10.30am Mass in Llanarth Church – Pat Harris RIP. 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook. 5.30pm Bible Group.
Thursday 4th June 12.00noon Mass in OLSM Church – Tracy Shaw RIP. 1.00pm Lunch Club. 5.00pm Evening Prayer
Friday, 5th June – St. Boniface. 10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Fr. Jason Jones RIP. . 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook. 6.00pm Faith Group
Saturday, 6th June – St. Norbert 9.30am Rosary for Life 10.00am Mass in OLSM Church –Tracy Shaw RIP. No confessions/exposition today. 5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church – Pat Harris RIP.
Sunday 7th June – Corpus Christi. * 8.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Tracy Shaw RIP . * 10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Amanda Jane Ponting 1st Holy Communion Mass. 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook. * 6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church – James Findlay.

Mass Reflection:

We often begin Mass with the prayer from today's Epistle: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you." We praise the God who has revealed Himself as a Trinity, a communion of persons. Communion with the Trinity is the goal of our worship—and the purpose of the salvation history that begins in the Bible and continues in the Eucharist and sacraments of the Church. We see the beginnings of God's self-revelation in today's First Reading, as He passes before Moses and cries out His holy name. Israel had sinned in worshipping the golden calf. But God does not condemn them to perish. Instead, He proclaims His mercy and faithfulness to His covenant. God loved Israel as His firstborn son among the nations Through Israel—heirs of His covenant with Abraham—God planned to reveal Himself as the Father of all nations. The memory of God's covenant testing of Abraham—and Abraham's faithful obedience—lies behind today's Gospel. In commanding Abraham to offer his only beloved son, God was preparing us for the fullest possible revelation of His love for the world. As Abraham was willing to offer Isaac, God did not spare His own Son but handed Him over for us all (see Romans 8:32). In this, He revealed what was only disclosed partially to Moses—that His kindness continues for a thousand generations, that He forgives our sin and takes us back as His very own people. Jesus humbled Himself to die in obedience to God's will. And for this, the Spirit of God raised Him from the dead and gave Him a name above every name). This is the name we glorify in today's Responsorial: see 1 John 4, 8, 16).

Collection totals for Sunday 24 th May	
1 st Collection	£165.90
Gift Aid	£134.50
Automated credits (April 2026)	£4685.83
Contactless Card Reader	£115.00
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.	
7 YEARS!! Last Tuesday, was the 7th anniversary of Fr. Matthew's appointment in the parish! Doesn't time go slowly!!	

BIBLE GROUP - Next meeting Wednesday 3rd 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 – 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!

PAT HARRIS RIP – Please pray for the repose of the soul of Pat Harris, of the Llanarth Parish who died last Monday. May she rest in peace.

TRACY SHAW RIP, Please for the repose of the soul of Tracy Shaw (daughter of Chris Shaw) who died recently.

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 Morrision, Swansea who died last Wednesday. May he rest in peace.

FR. MATTHEW AWAY From Monday 29th June till Thursday 9th July, attending the General Chapter of his Benedictine Order at Kylemore in Ireland!!

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 – Pat Harris, 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, Rehearal in Church, this Friday 5th June, 3.45pm, 1st Holy Communion Mass, next Sunday 7th June, 10am.

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

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

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.)

WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA - On 13 October 1917, God worked a spectacular miracle of the sun in Fatima, Portugal to prove that our Blessed Lady was appearing to the three little shepherd children, Jacinta, Francisco, and Lucia, with an important message for our time. This miracle was witnessed by some 70,000 people including government officials and newspaper reporters, all of whom testified that it happened.

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, as approved by the Archbishop of Cardiff Menevia. This beautiful statue of Our Lady of Fatima was blessed by Pope St Paul VI and given to our country by the Bishop of Fatima in 1968 to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of the apparitions and to make known the important message of Fatima. Pope St John Paul II said the Fatima message “is the true Gospel of Christ presented anew to our generation... Let us receive the light that comes from Fatima, let us be guided by Mary.” All are invited and encouraged to come and see this beautiful National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, with the Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco. For further information about the work of the World Apostolate of Fatima, go to: www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk