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**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter.**



<b>Saturday 2nd May – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026.</b> <b>All Church services live streamed at</b> <a href="http://www.olsm-abergavenny.co.uk">www.olsm-abergavenny.co.uk</a> <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> <b>Evening Prayer at 5pm most days on</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/OurLadyandStMichaelChurch">www.facebook.com/OurLadyandStMichaelChurch</a>
<b>Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May – St. Athanasius.</b> 9.30am Rosary for Life. <b>10.00am Mass in OLSM Church</b> – Michael James RIP. 10.45am Exposition, confessions & Benediction. <b>5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church</b> – Nicolas Murphy – Recovery
<b>Sunday 3rd May – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter.</b> *8.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Michael James RIP. *10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Beryl & Jim Watts, Marie Bowkett RIP. *6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church – Con Phillips, Giovanna Cavalli RIP & Sarah Stanley RIP.
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May – The English Martyrs.</b> 10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Christine Shaw . 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook. <b>5.00pm Syro-Malibar Rite Mass.</b>
<b>Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> May –</b> <b>10.00am Mass in OLSM Church</b> – Sick of the Parish. (Year 4 mass.) 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook. <b>7.00pm Day of Prayer Service for Survivors of Abuse.</b>
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May –</b> <b>10.30am Mass in Llanarth Church</b> – Brigid Malnati RIP 5.00pm Evening Prayer <b>9.00pm Belmont Abbey Torchlight Procession.</b>
<b>Thursday 7th May –</b> <b>12.00noon Mass in OLSM Church</b> – Chris Shaw int 1.00pm Lunch Club. 5.00pm Evening Prayer
<b>Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> May –</b> <b>10.00am Mass in OLSM Church</b> – People of the Parish. 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook. 6.00pm Faith Group.
<b>Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> May –</b> 9.30am Rosary for Life. <b>10.00am Mass in OLSM Church</b> – Michael James RIP. 10.45am Exposition, confessions & Benediction. <b>5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church</b> – Nicolas Murphy – Recovery
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter.</b> *8.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Michael James RIP. *10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Brendan Toon; Beryl & Jim Watts, Marie Bowkett RIP. *6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church – Anne Greene RIP.

**Mass Reflection:**

By His death, Resurrection, and Ascension, Jesus has gone ahead to prepare a place for us in His Father's house. His Father's house is no longer a temple made by human hands. It is the spiritual house of the Church, built on the living stone of Christ's body. As Peter interprets the Scriptures in today's Epistle, Jesus is the "stone" destined to be rejected by men but made the precious cornerstone of God's dwelling on earth (see Psalm 118:22; Isaiah 8:14; 28:16). Each of us is called to be a living stone in God's building (see 1 Corinthians 3:9, 16). In this edifice of the Spirit, we are to be "holy priests" offering up "spiritual sacrifices"—all our prayer, work, and intentions—to God. This is our lofty calling as Christians. This is why Christ led us out of the darkness of sin and death as Moses led the Israelites from bondage in Egypt. God's covenant with Israel made them a royal and priestly people who were to announce His praises (see Exodus 19:6). By our faith in Christ's new covenant, we have been made heirs of this chosen race, called to glorify the Father in the temple of our bodies (see 1 Corinthians 6:19–20; Romans 12:1). In today's First Reading, we see the spiritual house of the Church being built up as the Apostles consecrate seven deacons so they can devote themselves more fully to the "ministry of the Word." The Lord's Word is upright and all His works trustworthy, we sing in today's Psalm. So we can trust Jesus when He tells us never to be troubled but to believe that His Word and works come from the Father. His Word continues its work in the world through the Church. We see its beginnings today in Jerusalem. It is destined to spread with influence and power (see Acts 19:20) and to become the imperishable seed by which every heart is born anew (see 1 Peter 1:23).

Collection totals for Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> April.	
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	£144.80
Gift Aid	£138.50
Priest Training Fund Collection	£490.47
Automated credits (March 2026)	£3241.33
Contactless Card Reader	£173.00
<b>OFFERTORY ENVELOPES – If you would like to a set of Offertory Envelopes, let Fr. Matthew or Colin Prosser know.</b> <b>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 &amp; St. Michael's No. 1 Account no. 60708778 Bank Sort Code: 53-50-41.</b>	
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
<b>Christian Meditation Group – The meditation group continues to meet, info from Deirdre on 07789 404041.</b>	
<b>BELMONT ABBEY - All services livestreamed from Belmont Abbey <a href="http://belmontabbey.org.uk/online-streaming">belmontabbey.org.uk/online-streaming</a></b>	
<b>ARTS &amp; 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.</b>	
<b>BELMONT ABBEY – MAY TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 9pm. Refreshments from 6pm..</b>	
<b>NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May, Service in OLSM 7pm, also Llanfair Kilgeddin Church Hall at 3pm.. A simple and inclusive and ecumenical service of prayer, open to all</b>	

**BIBLE GROUP - Next meeting Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 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 from this Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May, elections from 14<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> June.

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 Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 6m in the Presbytery.

**PRAVERS 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. President Monica Chidgey is walking 100km of the Camino in April to raise visit [https://www.justgiving.com/page/monica-chidgey-5?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/monica-chidgey-5?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL). visit: <https://www.svp.org.uk> contact: presidentg050512@svp.org.uk,

**CAFOD: Stand with Sudan.** On the third anniversary of the war in Sudan, Kayode Akintola, CAFOD's Head of Region for Africa, asks for your help: "So many of our sisters and brothers in Sudan are facing increasing violence, hunger, and disease. That is why today, I'm asking you to consider setting up a monthly gift to support families who are fleeing the violence – with food, safe water and other vital support. Monthly gifts are an act of steady love for our neighbours, a way of saying: we will not abandon you, we will stand with you until peace is restored." Donate at [cafod.org.uk/StandWithSudan](http://cafod.org.uk/StandWithSudan)

**MISSIO-APF RED BOXES** – Could those who have the Red Boxes from Missio please bring them to Church so that the £ within can be collected and banked. Ta.

**CALVARY STATUE PROJECT** – Our plans to renovate the Calvary statue are proceeding; if but slowly. Quotes for the works are being received and a contractor should be appointed by Mid May.

**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](mailto: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 4th May 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

**CONFIRMATION COURSE** - Next session of preparation, this Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, following the 10am mass in the centre.

**Retreats and Events at Belmont Abbey** - The retreats and events calendar can be found at [www.belmontabbey.org.uk/event-listings](http://www.belmontabbey.org.uk/event-listings)

**ARCHBISHOPS NEWSLETTER** - You can read the newsletter here: <https://rcadc.org/archbishop-marks-march-newsletter/> and on the parish facebook page.

**ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH SUMMER CAMP** – 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:youth@cardiffmenevia.org)

**ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH SERVICE, Day pilgrimage to Our Lady of the Taper in Cardigan, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May, for those in Years 8 - 13. £15. Poster at back of Church and on the parish Facebook page.** [youth@cardiffmenevia.org](mailto:youth@cardiffmenevia.org)

**EVANGELISATION GROUP** – Meets next on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm beginning in Church with exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament from 6pm-parishioners are very welcome to join us for this time of prayer.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at 11.15am. Oblate Master-Fr. Jonathon-[Jonathon@belmontabbey.org.uk](mailto:Jonathon@belmontabbey.org.uk) Poster atback of Church.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND OF OUR PARISH:** 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 and Tracy 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 – Anne Greene, John Ricci, Michael James, Brigid Malnati, Margaret Herbert, Bernard Hayward, Robert Charles Duggan, Eileen Nuttall, Gaynor Fitzpatrick, Michael Hargreaves, Elizabeth Coopey, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.**

**1<sup>st</sup> HOLY COMMUNION COURSE** – 7 Children have been enrolled on the course, next session Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 9am in the centre.

**HARVINGTON HALL TRIP – SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MAY**, Adults £15, kids and young people free. Leave by coach 9am, returning for 5pm, Coach now full.

**CATENIAN ASSOCIATION** If you are interested in joining us contact Jim Cronin 01873 854498 or [jimcronin1@hotmail.com](mailto:jimcronin1@hotmail.com)

**Welsh National Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Taper, Cardigan** Led by Rt Rev Peter Brignall – Bishop of Wrexham. **Sunday 17 May 1.30 – 5.45** Event includes Confessions, Rosary Procession, Mass, Benediction and Blessing of the Sick. For further information contact Canon Pius Augustine on 01239 612 615. Poster at back of Church.

**BRIGID MALNATI RIP** – Please pray for the repose of the soul of Brigid Malnati, who died last Wednesday. Brigid was for many years the parish housekeeper. Funeral Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 12noon.

**MISSIO –APF** The Popes charity for Missions have written to thank us for donations made in the past year, including parishioners who have the Missio Red Boxes, totalling £2300.

**ARCHDIOCESAN - MASS OF THANKSGIVING**, For safeguarding reps, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 11am, All Hallows, Miskin

**BELMONT ABBEY – MAY PROCESSION**, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 9pm. Refreshments from 6pm.

**ANNE GREENE RIP** – Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anne Greene, who died last week in her nursing home in Monmouth. Funeral details TBA.