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Sunday 4th October – 27th Sunday of the Year.



Saturday 3rd October – Sunday 11th October 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
Month of the Rosary.

Saturday, 3rd October - 1st Saturday Fatima Devotions.
8.30am Rosary in Church.
9.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Kath Pritchard RIP.
9.30am Confessions, No Exposition & Benediction.
(Please note earlier times today.)
5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church - Michael Powell RIP..

Sunday 4th October – 27th Sunday of the Year
***8.00am Mass in OLSM Church –** Margaret Hargaden RIP.
***10.00am Mass in OLSM Church** Phyllis Lynch RIP.
Collection for CAFOD today. 5.00pm Even Prayer on Facebook. ***6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church** - Anne Green RIP.

Monday 5th October
10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Libby Smith – Sick.
5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.
5.00pm Syro-Malibar Rite Mass in OLSM Church.

Tuesday, 6th October – St. Bruno.
10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Joshua Lynch RIP.
(Year 4 class mass.)
5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.
6.00pm Evangelisation Group.

Wednesday 7th October – Our Lady of the Rosary.
10.30am Mass in Llanarth Church – Michael Powell RIP
5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook. 5.30pm Bible Group.

Thursday 8th October
12.00noon Mass in OLSM Church – Bernard Carney RIP & Ron Dew RIP.
1.00pm Lunch Club. 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook

Friday 9th October – St. John Henry Newman.
10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Angela& Chris Jones, William Jonathon RIP.
5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.
6.00pm Faith Group.

Saturday, 10th October – St. Paulinus of York.
9.30am Rosary in Church.
10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Anne Maria Prior RIP.
10.45am Confessions, Exposition & Benediction.
5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church - Michael Powell RIP..

Sunday 11th October – 28th Sunday of the Year
***8.00am Mass in OLSM Church –** Patricia Williams RIP.
***10.00am Mass in OLSM Church –** Chris Phelan RIP.
5.00pm Even Prayer on Facebook.
***6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church** - Anne Green RIP.

Mass Reflection: 27TH Sunday.

LIVING ON THE VINE - In today's Gospel Jesus returns to the Old Testament symbol of the vineyard to teach about Israel, the Church, and the kingdom of God. And the symbolism of today's First Reading and Psalm is readily understood. God is the owner, and the house of Israel is the vineyard. A cherished vine, Israel was plucked from Egypt and transplanted in a fertile land specially spaded and prepared by God, hedged about by the city walls of Jerusalem, and watched over by the towering Temple. But the vineyard produced no good grapes for the wine, a symbol for the holy lives God wanted for His people. So God allowed His vineyard to be overrun by foreign invaders, as Isaiah foresees in the First Reading. Jesus picks up the story where Isaiah leaves off, even using Isaiah's words to describe the vineyard's wine press, hedge, and watchtower. Israel's religious leaders, the tenants in His parable, have learned nothing from Isaiah or Israel's past. Instead of producing good fruits, they've killed the owner's servants, the prophets sent to gather the harvest of faithful souls. In a dark foreshadowing of His own crucifixion outside Jerusalem, Jesus says the tenants' final outrage will be to seize the owner's son and to kill him outside the vineyard walls. For this, the vineyard, which Jesus calls the kingdom of God, will be taken away and given to new tenants—the leaders of the Church, who will produce its fruit. We are each a vine in the Lord's vineyard, grafted onto the true vine of Christ (see John 15:1–8), called to bear fruits of the righteousness in Him (see Philippians 1:11) and to be the "first fruits" of a new creation (see James 1:18). We need to take care that we don't let ourselves be overgrown with the thorns and briars of worldly anxiety. As today's Epistle advises, we need to fill our hearts and minds with noble intentions and virtuous deeds, rejoicing always that the Lord is near.

Collection totals for Sunday 20th September	
1st Collection	£127.95
Gift Aid	£147.00
Automated credits (July 2026)	£3085.33
Contactless Card Reader	£.105.00

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

CAFOD – Retiring collection for CAFOD this Sunday, please make use of the envelopes distributed last week. Spare envelopes at the back of Church.

MONTH OF THE ROSARY – October is the month of the rosary, to be prayed before most masses this month.

BIBLE GROUP - Next meeting Wednesday 7th 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 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.

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

FAIRTRADE SERVICE – This Sunday 4th October, 4pm Salvation Army Hall. Poster at back of Church.

PATRICIA WILL IAMS RIP – Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia Williams of the Mardy who died recently, Funeral, Wednesday 14th October 11.30am.

CHARLIE BEAR RAFFLE - Charlie Bear, his name is Breeny from the 2013 collection now a retired bear worth between £75 - £100, raffle £1 a ticket.

1st HOLY COMMUNION COURSE – Begins shortkt for children in year 3 or above at school. Details and application forms at the back of Church, from Fr. Matthew or the OLSM school reception. Parents meetingafter the 10am mass on Sunday 11th October, 1st session on Sunday 18th, 9-10am, the 10am mass.

GREENER ABERGAVENNY FAIR 2026 – Abergavenny Market Hall, Sunday 18th October, 10.30am-4.00pm, with a program of evnets, discussions, talks and activities for all. Info at back of Church.

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 this Monday 5th October 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

EVANGELISATION GROUP – Meets next This Tuesday 6th October at 6.00pm. Exposition in Church from 5.30pm.

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

FATIMA – We will be continuing with the first 5 Saturdays Fatima devotions, continuing on Saturday 7th November. Holy mass, confession and rosary and meditation.

"CALLED TO LOVE" 'Who is my neighbour?' Pope Leo is calling everyone to take a fresh look at what it means to be human, especially in this age of AI. What are the implications for us as Christians? Come and find out more at the Caritas archdiocesan event at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Bridgend, CF31 3HS on Saturday 10th October, 9.30 – 3.30. Registration essential**.** For more information and how to register, see the poster in your church or email **caritas@cardiffmenevia.org.**

WORLD YOUTH DAY-Ffion Lowri Ewers will be attending World Youth Day next Year in South Korea, travelling with a Archdiocesan group of young people next July. She will be undertaking fundraising in the parish to raise the £2k needed. Next Sunday, Ffion will be speaking at the 10am mass about World Yuth Day and the fundraising she will be undertaking.

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 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.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest - Please donate to our *Family Fast Day* parish collection this Sunday 4th d October, envelopes will be distributed next Sunday. Put your faitinto action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens. , donate online at **cafod.org.uk/envelope** or call **0303 303 3030**.