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Sunday 5th April 2026 – Easter Sunday.



Saturday 4th April – Sunday 12th April 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 (Fr. Jonathon Rollinson supplying in the parish from Wednesday, available on 01432 374737.)
Saturday, 4th April – Holy Saturday. 10.00am - 11.00am Confessions 8.00pm Easter Vigil Mass in OLSM Church Elsie & William Desmond RIP.
Sunday 5th April – Easter Sunday. (Clergy Offering Collection.) *9.00am Mass in Llanarth Church – Margaret Herbert RIP.. *11.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Chris Phelan RIP & Brigid Malnati RIP. 5.00pm Evening Prayer *6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church – Catherine Simons RIP.
Monday 6th April – Easter Octave. 10.00 Mass in OLSM Church – Phyllis & Joshua Lynch RIP. 2.00pm Syro-Malibar Rite Mass in OLSM Church. 5.00pm Evening Prayer
Tuesday, 7th April – Easter Octave. No Mass in OLSM Church. 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.
Wednesday 8th April - Easter Octave. 10.30am Mass in Llanarth Church – Margaret Thomas RIP. (10.30am-12noon Michael's Mates in Centre.)
Thursday 9th April – Easter Octave. (Fr. Jonathon Rollinson supplying in the parish, available on 01432 374737.) 12.00noon Mass in OLSM Church – Kitty Powell RIP. 1.00pm Lunch Club.
Friday, 10th April – Easter Octave. No services today.
Saturday, 11th April – Easter Octave. No morning service. 5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church – Margaret Herbert RIP.
Sunday 12th April – 2nd Sunday of Easter. DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY. *8.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Brigid Malnati RIP. *10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Sue Rance, Joseph & Marian Mulcahy & An's 18th Birthday. *6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church – Gino Berni, Giovanna Cavalli RIP.

Mass Reflection:

Jesus is nowhere visible. Yet today's Gospel tells us that Peter and John "saw and believed." What did they see? Burial shrouds lying on the floor of an empty tomb. Maybe that convinced them that He hadn't been carted off by grave robbers, who usually stole the expensive burial linens and left the corpses behind. But notice the repetition of the word "tomb"—seven times in nine verses. They saw the empty tomb and they believed what He had promised: that God would raise Him on the third day.

Chosen to be His "witnesses," today's First Reading tells us, the Apostles were "commissioned ... to preach ... and testify" to all that they had seen—from His anointing with the Holy Spirit at the Jordan to the empty tomb. More than their own experience, they were instructed in the mysteries of the divine economy, God's saving plan—to know how "all the prophets bear witness" to Him (see Luke 24:27, 44). Now they could "understand the Scripture," could teach us what He had told them—that He was "the Stone which the builders rejected," that today's Psalm prophesies His Resurrection and exaltation (see Luke 20:17; Matthew 21:42; Acts 4:11). We are the children of the apostolic witnesses.

That is why we still gather early in the morning on the first day of every week to celebrate this feast of the empty tomb, give thanks for "Christ our life," as today's Epistle calls Him. Baptized into His death and Resurrection, we live the heavenly life of the risen Christ, our lives "hidden with Christ in God." We are now His witnesses, too. But we testify to things we cannot see but only believe; we seek in earthly things what is above. We live in memory of the Apostles' witness, like them eating and drinking with the risen Lord at the altar. And we wait in hope for what the Apostles told us would come—the day when we too "will appear with Him in glory."

Collection totals for Sunday, 29 th March	
1 st Collection	£209.55
Gift Aid	£245.50
Easter Flowers Collection	£383.10
Automated credits (February 2025)	£4401.33
Contactless Card Reader	£130.00
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.	
EASTER SUNDAY COLLECTION – CLERGY OFFERING.	
DEANERY STATION MASS – Our parish will be holding the Deanery Station Mass, to be celebrated by Archbishop Mark on Thursday 16th April at 7pm.	

BIBLE GROUP - Next meeting Wednesday 15th 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 3rd-24th May, election from 14th-28th June.

PAC MINUTES – Minutes of the February PAC meeting on the website and on the notice board.

FINANCE COMMITTEE, meets Monday 18th May 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. 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. We are also repeating the Lenten Jam-Jar appeal this year to raise funds. For further information on SVP visit: <https://www.svp.org.uk> contact: presidentg050512@svp.org.uk, or Fr Matthew.

EVANGELISATION GROUP – Meets next on Tuesday 21st April beginning in Church with exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.30pm-parishioners are very welcome to join us for this time of prayer.

CONVERTS – Please keep in your prayers Ffion Lowri Ewers preparing for Baptism and Sophie Mulcahy preparing for reception into the Church this Easter. Ffion is being baptised during the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday. Sophie will be received into the Church on Sunday 19th April.

FR. MATTHEW AWAY – From this Wednesday 8th April, to Wednesday 15th April; as well as the usual Caribbean Cruise, he will be celebrating the wedding of his nephew-Harry, at Belmont Abbey. Fr. Matthew still available on his mobile 07402 979597. Fr. Jonathon from Belmont will be supplying in the parish, available on 01432 374737..

EASTER SEASON BOOKLETS – For adults and kids at back of Church. ALL FREE.

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 6th April at 2pm.

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 - Timetables have been sent to all those registered on the course, 11 Young people have been enrolled on the course. (11 young people attended the Archdiocese youth event at Belmont Abbey last Saturday.)

Retreats and Events at Belmont Abbey - Belmont are now organizing retreats and day events again. The retreats and events calendar can be found at www.belmontabbey.org.uk/event-listings and will be updated through the year.

MICHAEL'S MATES – Parent & Child Holiday Group, This Wednesday 8th April, 10.30-12noon, in St. Michaels Centre.

ARCHBISHOPS NEWSLETTER - This month's newsletter covers new appointments across the Archdiocese, vocations news, episcopal appointments from across England and Wales, the Chrism Mass, Lenten Alms, Emmaus youth and vocations events, the Heart Speaks to Heart study programme, and details of the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Italy in September. You can read the newsletter here: <https://rcadc.org/archbishop-marks-march-newsletter/> and on the parish facebook page.

FLOWERS COLLECTION – Thankyou for your generosity to the collection for flowers for Easter, nearly £400 was given.

THANKYOU – To everyone who helped prepare the Church for Easter – our church decorators and flower arrangers and cleaners and all those who took roles in our liturgies, our parish choir, readers, eucharistic ministers and stewards.

THANKS – For all the cards and gifts received by Fr. Matthew this Easter.

ST. ALBANS HIGH SCHOOL – PONTYPOOL. Latest newsletter available at <https://canva.link/l1360qwt2rhhpc>

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, Ann Green, Winnie and Stan Herbert. **Please also pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently – 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.**

1st HOLY COMMUNION COURSE – 7 Children have been enrolled on the course, next session Sunday 12th April 9am in the centre.

HARVINGTON HALL TRIP – SATURDAY 16th MAY, Adults £15, kids and young people free. Leave by coach 9am, returning for 5pm, Tours of Hall and Mass and free time. 1st Holy Communion children and Confirmation candidates are encouraged to come, along with their families. Sign up sheet at the back of Church.

CATHERINE SIMONS RIP- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Catherine Simons, the mother of Fr. Richard Simons, former Parish Priest, who died recently in Cumbria.

2nd COLLECTIONS.
Easter Sunday – Clergy Offering, which supports the Belmont Monastic Community.

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

The Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia sends a free monthly newsletter? Each month you'll find stories from across the Diocese – from over 150 people preparing to enter the Church this Easter, to young people discovering monastic life at Belmont Abbey- follow link on parish facebook page to download the newsletter.

TUESDAY MASS – No mass this Tuesday, Fr. Matthew attending a meeting at Belmont Abbey. With Fr. Matthew being away also no masses on Friday or Saturday mornings. Fr. Jonathon celebrated the Noon mass on Thursday.

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 arrangements TBA.