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Sunday 6th September – 23rd Sunday of the Year.



Saturday 5th September – Sunday 13th September 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, 5th September – St. Teresa of Calcutta. VISIATION OF THE NATIONAL PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA AND THE RELICS OF ST'S JACINTA & FRANCISCO. 10.00am Mass in OLSM Church –. See separate timetable for the days devotions. 6.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church – Michael Powell RIP. (Later Mass time today.)
Sunday 6th September – 23rd Sunday of the Year *8.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Roy & Alan Ockenden RIP & Linda O'Connell . *10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Glynn & Mary Owen 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook. *6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church – Alessandro Malnati RIP.
Monday 7th September 10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Keith Taylor. 5.00pm Syro-Malabar Rite Mass.
Tuesday, 8th September – Birthday of the BVM. 9.30am Mass in OLSM Church –
Wednesday 9th September – St. Peter Claver. 9.30am Mass in Llanarth Church – Michael Powell RIP
Thursday 10th September – 9.30am Mass in OLSM Church – Kath Pritchard RIP. 1.00pm Lunch Club. 5.00pm Reception of Coffin into Church.
Friday, 11th September – St. Deinol. No morning mass today. 12noon Requiem Mass for Kath Pritchard 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook. 6.00pm Faith Group.
Saturday, 12th September - Holy Name of Mary. 9.30am Rosary in Church. 10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – 10.45am Confessions, exposition & Benediction. 5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church –Tracy Shaw RIP..
Sunday 13th September – 24th Sunday of the Year *8.00am Mass in OLSM Church – People of the Parish. *10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Des Fitzgerald RIP. 3.00pm Tintern Abbey Sung Vespers. 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook. *6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church - Alessandro & Brigid Malnatti

Mass Reflection: 23rd Sunday. As Ezekiel is appointed watchman over the house of Israel in today's first Reading, so Jesus in the Gospel today establishes His disciples as guardians of the new Israel of God, the Church (see Galatians 6:16). He also puts in place procedures for dealing with sin and breaches of the faith, building on rules of discipline prescribed by Moses for Israel. The heads of the new Israel, however, receive extraordinary powers—similar to those given to Peter. They have the power to bind and loose, to forgive sins, and to reconcile sinners in His name. But the powers He gives the Apostles and their successors depend on their communion with Him. As Ezekiel is only to teach what he hears God saying, so the disciples are to gather in His name and to pray and seek the will of our heavenly Father. But today's readings are more than a lesson in Church order. They also suggest how we're to deal with those who trespass against us, a theme that we'll hear in next week's readings as well. Notice that both the Gospel and the First Reading presume that believers have a duty to correct sinners in our midst. Ezekiel is even told that he will be held accountable for their souls if he fails to speak out and try to correct them. This is the love that Paul in today's Epistle says we owe to our neighbors. To love our neighbors as ourselves is to be vitally concerned for their salvation. We must make every effort, as Jesus says, to win our brothers and sisters back, to turn them from the false paths. We should never correct out of anger or a desire to punish. Instead, our message must be that of today's Psalm—urging the sinner to hear God's voice, not to harden their hearts, and to remember that He is the one who made us.

Collection totals for Sunday 30 th August	
1 st Collection	£119.73
Gift Aid	£165.00
Automated credits (July 2026)	£3591.83
Contactless Card Reader	£90.00
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 and events calendar can be found 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 LLANOVER HOUSE GARDEN – Open this Sunday 6th September 11-4 pm. £8 Entrance.	

BIBLE GROUP - Next meeting Wednesday 2nd September 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 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.

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, +Mark, Archbishop of Cardiff-Menevia.

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

Tintern Sung Vespers - An Ecumenical Service to mark the Feast of The Holy Cross. 3.00pm Sunday 13th September amongst the monastic ruins of this famous Cistercian monastery. Speaker FrBrendan Thomas OSB, Abbot of Belmont, singers The Monks of Belmont Abbey and Newport Cathedral Choir. Please bring a folding chair and umbrella. Entrance and parking.

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 7th September 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 Tuesday 22nd September at 6.00pm. Exposition in Church from 6pm.

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. We are delighted to share that **Monica has raised a fantastic total of £4,132 for the SVP through her Camino pilgrimage.** We extend our sincere thanks everyone who sponsored and supported her efforts. There will be a **collection point in the church porch this weekend** for the return of **SVP National raffle tickets and money.** Thank you for your continued generosity and support. Visit: <https://www.svp.org.uk> Contact: presidentg050512@svp.org.uk

ST. ALBANS HIGH SCHOOL IN PONTYPOOL - is seeking individuals from our parish community who may feel called to serve as Foundation or Parent Governors. Foundation and Parent Governors 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. . 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. If you are interested in exploring this opportunity further, please speak to Fr. Matthew

KATH PRITCHARD RIP – Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kath Pritchard who died recently. May she rest in peace. Requiem Mass this Friday 11th September 12noon.

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 – Kath Pritchard, Michael Powell RIP, Gilbert Rice, Jean O'Sullivan, Vincent McCarthy, Joseph Walmsley, Pat Harris, Fr. Jason Jones, Tracy Shaw, Anne Greene, and all those whose anniversaries**

DIOCESAN SEMINARIAN – We welcome **Ashley McNally** to the parish, **seminarian of the Archdiocese for a parish placement.** He will be with us until 18th September.

GLOBAL PRAYER WEEK – ABERGAVERNNY BAPTIST CHURCH –Praying Night and Day from 6th-13th September. To get involved ring Ang on 07854 267323. Poster at back of Church.

MONASTIC EXPERIENCE WEEKEND - At Belmont Abbey, for those interested in the religious life, 18th-20th September – contact Fr. Andrew on brandrew@belmontabbey.org.uk, also poster at back of Church.

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/>)

SHROUD OF TURIN EXHIBITION. Exhibition on the Shroud of Turin which starts on September 17th 2026 at St Mary's Church, Newport, NP20 1TP. This Exhibition has FREE admission, and all are welcome. Poster at the back of Church.

BELMONT RETREAT – The Belmont community is on its annual retreat this week, hence the changes in some of the daily mass times.