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Sunday 7th June 2026 – Solemnity of Corpus Christi.



Saturday 6th June – Sunday 14th 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, 6th June – St. Norbert 9.30am Rosary for Life 10.00am Mass in OLSM Church –Tracy Shaw RIP. Joseph Walmsley RIP. 10.45am Confessions, Exposition & Benediction. 5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church – Pat Harris RIP.
Sunday 7th June – Corpus Christi. * 8.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Chris Shaw, 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.
Monday 8th June – Mary, Mother of the Church. 10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Keith Taylor. 5pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.
Tuesday, 9th June. St. Columba 10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Tracy Shaw RIP. 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook.
Wednesday 10th June – 10.30am Mass in Llanarth Church – Pat Harris RIP. 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook. 5.30pm Bible Group.
Thursday 11th June – St. Barnabus. 12.00noon Mass in OLSM Church – Tracy Shaw RIP. 1.00pm Lunch Club. 5.00pm Evening Prayer
Friday, 12th June – Sacred Heart of Jesus. 10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Christopher & Angela Jones RIP. William Jonathon RIP. 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook. 6.00pm Faith Group
Saturday, 13th June – St. Anthony of Padua 9.30am Rosary for Life 10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – 10.45am Confessions, Exposition & Benediction. 5.00pm Mass in Llanarth Church – Pat Harris RIP.
Sunday 14th June – 11th Sunday of the Year. * 8.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Chris Shaw & Family. * 10.00am Mass in OLSM Church – Vincent McCarthy RIP Brigid Malnati RIP 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook. * 6.00pm Mass in OLSM Church – James Findlay.

Mass Reflection:

The Eucharist is given to us as a challenge and a promise. That's how Jesus presents it in today's Gospel. He doesn't make it easy for those who hear Him. They are repulsed and offended at His words. Even when they begin to quarrel, He insists on describing the eating and drinking of His flesh and blood in starkly literal terms. Four times in today's reading, Jesus uses a Greek word—trogein—that refers to a crude kind of eating, almost a gnawing or chewing. He is testing their faith in His Word, as today's First Reading describes God testing Israel in the desert. The heavenly manna was not given to satisfy the Israelites' hunger, as Moses explains. It was given to show them that man does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. In today's Psalm, too, we see a connection between God's Word and the bread of life. We sing of God filling us with "finest wheat" and proclaiming His Word to the world. In Jesus, "the living Father" has given us His Word come down from heaven, made flesh for the life of the world. Yet, as the Israelites grumbled in the desert, many in today's Gospel cannot accept that Word. Even many of Jesus' own followers abandon Him after this discourse.. But His words are Spirit and life, the words of eternal life. In the Eucharist we are made one flesh with Christ. We have His life in us and have our life because of Him. This is what Paul means in today's Epistle when he calls the Eucharist a "participation" in Christ's body and blood. We become in this sacrament partakers of the divine nature. This is the mystery of the faith that Jesus asks us believe. And He gives us His promise: that, sharing in His flesh and blood that was raised from the dead, we too will be raised up on the last day.

Collection totals for Sunday 31 st May	
1 st Collection	£135.95
Gift Aid	£220.50
Automated credits (April 2026)	£4685.83
Contactless Card Reader	£155.00
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. JOSEPH WALMSLEY RIP – Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joseph Walmsley, who died last week. Jo for many years was the caretaker of our parish school. "MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS." Copies of the Popes Encyclical are available on the piety Stall. On the value of the Human person in the time of Artificial Intelligence.	

BIBLE GROUP - Next meeting Wednesday 10th 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 – Nominations have now closed for the PAC, 7 nominations were received - **LOLITA PARMESA, JAMES MULCAHY, SALLY WAKEFIELD, RUSSELL WAYNE HATHAWAY, JITHIN JOHN, JONATHON RAJALINGAM, JULIANA ROZARIO**
All 7 are now appointed to the Council and there is no need for an election.

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.

A Arch-Diocesan Mission is taking place running in partnership with **Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO)** - a Canadian evangelisation team - from **19 June to 5 July**. You can find out more about CCO at cco.ca. There is a packed programme of events across the Diocese - for parishes, schools, and the wider community - here are some of the key dates for us in this part of the Archdiocese.

Friday 19 June - Nightfever, Cardiff Cathedral - an evening of Adoration, Benediction and Evangelisation in and around the Cathedral. All are welcome!

Monday 22nd June – Parish and School Evangelisation Day- Our Lady of the Angels, Cwmbran.

Wednesday 24 June - Behold the Lamb of God - a Day of Prayer and Adoration/Holy Hours across all parishes and schools of the Diocese, offered for the intention of the Mission.

Saturday 27 June - Learning to Pray, Belmont Abbey - a day of teaching on prayer led by CCO founder Andre Regnier. Open to all who wish to deepen their prayer life.

Saturday 4 July - Intentional Accompaniment Day East, Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Cwmbran - a day course introducing parishioners in the eastern half of the Diocese to evangelisation through Intentional Accompaniment. More info to follow.

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 events, Saturday 13th 10.30am and Sunday 14th June following the 10am Mass. Rehearsal 6pm , Friday 19th June, Confirmation Mass, Sunday 21st June.

Retreats and Events at Belmont Abbey - The retreats and events calendar can be found at www.belmontabbey.org.uk/event-listings

CHURCH ROOF REPAIRS – Repairs will be taking place to parts of the Church roof, that is above Our Lady’s altar and the font chapel at the back of Church. Scaffolding has been erected outside the Church, please take the greatest care when driving past the scaffolding as you enter the car park.

EVANGELISATION GROUP – Meets next Thursday 25th June from 6pm, beginning with exposition in Church at 5.30pm 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

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,

BAPTISM, Please pray for Oliver Orrock, son of James and Rachel who is being baptised on Saturday 13th June.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND OF

OUR PARISH: Keith Taylor, Vincent McCarthy, 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 – Vincent McCarthy, Joseph Walmsley, Pat Harris, Fr. Jason Jones, Tracy Shaw, Anne Greene, John Ricci, Michael James, Brigid Malnati and all those whose anniversaries occur at this**

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

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

PAT HARRIS RIP – Please pray for the repose of the soul of Pat Harris, of the Llanarth Parish who died last week. Funeral, Tuesday 16th June 2pm in Llanarth. May she rest in peace.

FR. MATTHEW AWAY From Monday 29th June till Thursday 9th July, attending the General Chapter of the English Benedictine order at Kylemore in Ireland, as the delegate/representative for Belmont Abbey!! Fr. Jonathon will be supplying from Belmont.