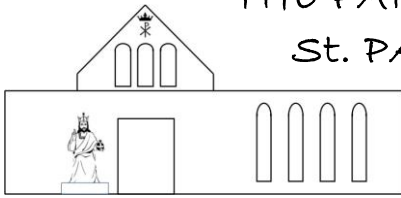
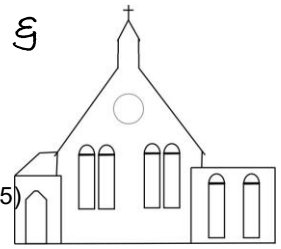


THE PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING, ALFRETON &  
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5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent: Weekly Bulletin 21<sup>st</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

**Alfreton**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March:** 6.30pm Mass: Timothy West RIP

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March:** 10.30am Mass: Fr Jim O'Hanlon Ints

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March:** **NO MASS**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March: The Annunciation of the Lord**

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Saint Benedict Year 11

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March:** York Hampson Ints

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass & Station of the Cross

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March:** 6.30pm Mass: Private Intention

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March:** 10.30am Mass: Emmett Egan Family Ints

**Clay Cross**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March:** 9am Mass: Fr Jim O'Hanlon Ints

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March:**

9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass:

Kathleen Smiths Wellbeing

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March: Stephen Brown RIP**

9.30 am Adoration, 10am Mass & Station of the Cross

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March:** 9am Mass: Terry Richards RIP

**March 2026 Cleaners**

**Alfreton:** Maureen Walker

**Clay Cross:** Mick & Marie Cassidy

**Sick & Housebound:**

***Please pray for*** – Shirley Oakes, Ian Martin, Val Kerlin, Mary Pfeffer, Hazel Titon, Martin Mullally, Elsie Stewart, Brian Bradford, Peter Egan, Ted Bennett, Jim Johnson, John Oliver, Karen Parker, Bridie Joyce, Mick Mullarkey, Kath McGrath, Mark McCallum, Roseanne Coyne, Cecilia Fletcher, Thomas Graczyk, Maureen Fuller, Paul Fuller, Isobel Hopkins, Diana Davey, Eugene Grant, Patrick Mackell, Margaret Marsh and Pennie Burton. ***Please remember all in our parish who need our prayers.***

**This Week's Readers: Alfreton**

Saturday 6.30pm: Eugene Grant/Veronica Grant

Sunday 10.30am: Fungai Chingwenje/Tom McCallum

**This Week's Readers: Clay Cross**

Sunday 9am: Rob Farrell/Amelia

**Next Week's Readers: Alfreton**

Saturday 6.30pm: Alison Bailey/Moya Mellors

Sunday 10.30am: Francis O'Brien/Barrie Meloy

**Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross**

Sunday 9am: Shawn/Bartosz

**Collection for 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Alfreton	£378.86
Clay Cross	£253.28
Standing Order	£282.00

**Total Collection** **£914.14**

Repository CTK	£31.37
Candles CTK	£34.50

*Many thanks for your generosity*

**“Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.”** *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

*Christ the King Alfreton & SS Patrick & Brigid church Clay Cross:*

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## Second Collection: Next Saturday/Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026: Easter Flowers

**Weekly Lenten commitments:** Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March: Chocolate and sweet treats. During this season of Lent, let us remember to live our faith through action. Please continue to fulfill your parish commitments and, if you can, be generous towards our Food Bank. Every small gift helps those in need and is a true act of love and charity.

**MISSIO BOXES:** Please bring in your boxes for emptying in March/ April 2026.

**Planned Giving Envelopes:** Your Planned Giving envelopes are available for collection from the back of the church. Please pick yours up. Any problems; ring Francis 075 92 38 63 41.

**Parish Five year plan:** As part of our Parish Five-Year Plan, I warmly invite each and every one of you to come together and share your thoughts about the future of our parish family. This is our parish—not Father's parish, nor just a small group's—but a community that belongs to all of us, and its future depends on each one of us. Please do join us on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 6:30pm at Christ the King, Alfreton, and kindly put it in your diary now before it slips your mind. This will be a simple and open gathering where we can reflect, listen, and share ideas about how we can grow spiritually, pastorally, and as a community over the next five years. Every suggestion matters—there are no "small" ideas, and sometimes the simplest thought can become the greatest blessing. Please don't be shy or think your idea is not important; it truly is, because you are important. Let us come together, listen to one another, and dream together about the future of our parish family. You are all most welcome, and I very much look forward to seeing you there.

**Good Friday Walk of Witness:** Come and join other Christians in Alfreton on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April in a Walk of Witness. We are meeting at St. Martin's church at 10.15am, and walking to Severn Square for a short service at about 11 am.

**Join us for the parish lunch on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2026, at 1 PM!** The booking lists for the April Pensioners Lunch are now available at the back of both churches. If you'd like to join us, please add your name to the list by Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> March, or call us on 07739896735 by Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026. (If no one answers, please leave a message!). We're looking forward to sharing a lovely meal together!

**All are welcome to an Ecumenical Act of Witness, joining Bishop Patrick**, Lord-Lieutenant Professor Veronica Pickering, and other Faith Leaders, on Good Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Pilgrims are invited to gather at Saint Barnabas Cathedral at 9.45am for a 10.00am start, processing from the Cathedral, stopping at the Old Market Square, and then continuing to Saint Mary's Church in the Lace Market, finishing by 12.00 noon. Do consider joining this Act of Witness to highlight Good Friday in our wider community.

**On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 4:30 pm, the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales will hold a Holy Hour to pray for the promotion of a culture of life in our lands.** Parishes and Catholic communities across England and Wales are asked to hold a Holy Hour on that day, and even at the same time if possible, so as to present a unified, prayerful front to offer this petition to Our Lord for the dignity of life from conception to natural end and to pray that assisted suicide will not become law.

**The Diocesan Education Service is hosting a Day looking at Gender and Faith:** Accompanying Young People Well on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at the Diocesan Centre, Mackworth DE22 4BD. Dr Julia Sadusky will lead the Day, between 11.30am and 2pm, which is open to all, especially those accompanying young people at the intersection of questions of embodiment and spirituality. The cost of the Day is £25, and bookings can be made by contacting [gill.burns@nottingham-des.org.uk](mailto:gill.burns@nottingham-des.org.uk)

**Called to Love is a retreat for singles, dating, and engaged young adults** who want to think more deeply about relationships and the call to marriage. A relaxed weekend with input, prayer, discussion and social, as well as the opportunity to meet like-minded others, the retreat will be held at the Christian Heritage Centre, Lancashire, on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. This year's retreat will have as its theme masculinity and femininity. To book, visit: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/called-to-love/>

**Sacrament of Confession:** The Sacrament of Confession is a beautiful and vital part of our Catholic faith, where we experience the mercy and forgiveness of our loving God. As always, Confession is available anytime upon request. During Lent, to help us prepare more deeply for Holy Mass, Confessions will be available every Saturday from 12 noon to 1pm at Christ the King Church, Alfreton. We warmly invite you to come and experience the grace, peace, and healing of God's love through this wonderful Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**The Abortion Recovery Care and Helpline (ARCH)** is starting a Post Abortion Women's Support Group from April in central Nottingham, for women affected by abortion. Run by a qualified therapist, the group offers a safe space to meet with other women in a supportive and helpful way, with confidentiality, no judgement, and free of charge. If it has been at least six months since your experience and you would like more information email [clare@archtrust.org.uk](mailto:clare@archtrust.org.uk) including a mobile number (ARCH and abortion will not be mentioned in any texts).

**After the 9 am Mass at Clay Cross and the 10:30am Mass at Alfreton, tea and coffee will be available in the hall.** Please take this opportunity to chat, catch up with old friends, and make new ones. Share your faith experiences and enjoy the fellowship of our parish community. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Holy Week Services:

**Alfreton:** Maundy Thursday 02<sup>nd</sup> April: 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper + Washing of the feet+ Adoration till 9pm

**Alfreton:** Good Friday 03<sup>rd</sup> April: 3pm Passion of the Lord followed by Station of the Cross

**Clay Cross:** Good Friday: 03<sup>rd</sup> April 3pm Passion of the Lord followed by Station of the Cross (guided by Mrs Veronica Grant)

**Alfreton:** Holy Saturday 04<sup>th</sup> April: 11.30am Polish Food blessing  
6.30pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday Masses: 9am **Clay Cross**, 10.30am **Alfreton**