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**05<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent: Weekly Bulletin 16<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024**  
**CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST**

**Alfreton**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March:** 6.30pm Mass: Nancy Wellbeing

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March:** 10.30am Mass: Thomas Bernard McCallum RIP

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March:** **No Mass**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March:**

9am Adoration, 9.30am **Eucharistic Service**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March:** Sister Mary Michael Wellbeing

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

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March:** 6.30pm Mass: John Murphy RIP

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March:** 10.30am Mass: Alexei Navalny RIP

**Clay Cross**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March:** 9.00am Mass: Thomas Kerlin RIP

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March:**

9.30 Adoration, 10am Mass: Nora Hickman RIP

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March:** Sheila Murphy Wellbeing

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

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March:** 9am Mass: Raymond Marsh RIP

**March 2024 Cleaners**

**Alfreton:** RM Coyne

**Clay Cross:** Mick & Marie Cassidy

**Sick & Housebound**

**Please pray for** – Sara Lane, Shirley Oakes, Ian Martin, Val Kerlin, Betty Deane, Mary Pfeffer, Hazel Titon, Martin Mullally, Elsie Stewart, Brian Bradford, Peter Egan. Ted Bennett, Jim Johnson, Rob Lane, John Oliver, Karen Parker, Bridie Joyce, Rae Morton and Maureen Fuller. **Please remember all in our parish who need our prayers.**

**This Week's Readers: Alfreton**

Saturday 6.30pm: Eugene Grant & Moya Mellors

Sunday 10.30am: Natasha Erskine / Volunteer

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

Sunday 9am: Jiya Bosko / Volunteer

**Next Week's Readers: Alfreton**

Saturday 6.30pm: Volunteer/Rob Farrell

Sunday 10.30am: Catherine Galloway/Francis O'Brien

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

Sunday 9am: Tintu Mathew/Manna

**Collection for 09<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Alfreton	£268.79
Clay Cross	£230.67
Standing Order	£243.75
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>£743.21</b>

Candles	£38.85
Repository	£5.90
Second Collection for Mission Sisters	£483.55
Alfreton: Tea & Coffee	£27.31
Pensioners Lunch	£121.00

*Many thanks for your generosity*

**Lent: "Be mindful. Be grateful. Be positive. Be true. Be kind."**

*Roy T. Bennett*

**Christ the King Alfreton & SS Patrick & Brigid church Clay Cross, Bank Details: Cheques payable to Christ King Alfreton RCP Account No: 03155671, Sort Code:30-92-59**

## **Easter Flower Collection this weekend: Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March/Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

**A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, Fifth Sunday of Lent:** Prayer is not always easy; often it demands of us a struggle with God and a recognition of our weakness and frailty before him and his will. Yet it is precisely in that struggle and in our woundedness that we experience the healing power of grace and grow in faith. Let us pray for the gift always to be open to this encounter with God, to the conversion of our hearts, and to the many blessings the Lord wishes to pour upon us. To read the full reflection and find more resources at [dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer](http://dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer)

**The latest episode of the Diocese's podcast encounter prayer is now available.** The focus this month is on the Our Father. We speak to Father Jan Nowotnik of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, and Rebecca Durham of Playing and Praying: both have recently been involved in creating resources to explore the Our Father. Download or stream it from all major podcast providers or on the diocesan website: [dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer](http://dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer)

**Annual Parish appeal from Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver, Bromley, Kent:** Thank you for your generous support. We raised for the nuns mission £483.55

**Catechists:** We are planning to have the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2025 in Christ the King church. Fr Paul would like to have some committed Catechists for that. If you wish to help out please talk to him.

**Missio Boxes** are due to be emptied again during March/April 2024. Please bring your boxes into both churches. If you have lost or mislaid your box and would like a replacement please let your collector know.

**Appeal for Wools:** Our parish Knit & Natter group are appealing for donations of white and pale pastels wool. We are knitting little blankets for very premature babies for our wonderful NHS.

**Adoration for Year of prayer:** During the Holy Week on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March after the morning Mass I will expose the Blessed Sacrament, and it will remain exposed until 5pm led by JESUS YOUTH (an International Catholic Movement) at Clay Cross church. Please make an extra effort to come and spent sometimes in silence before the Blessed Sacrament.

**Parish Lunch, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 1pm.** The booking lists for the April Pensioners Lunch are now at the back of both churches. If you would like to attend this lunch it is very important that you book your place by Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March so that we know how many people we need to cater for. Since Christmas, there have been two occasions where the number of diners has exceeded bookings by 10 or more people. This places the volunteers in a very difficult position as they need to set up extra tables and reduce portion sizes to cater to the extra diners attending. Reluctantly, we have decided that in future diners will need to be checked in against the bookings list, as they arrive at the door. Anyone who has not booked will be put on a waiting list and asked to wait until 1.10 pm when we will know whether we can accommodate additional diners. We will continue to do our best to accommodate all those who come for the lunch but sadly, there may be occasions where we are at full capacity for that lunch and not able to do so.

**Warm Welcome Space:** Can you help with Warm Welcome Space? We need 2 volunteers to help in the kitchen at WWS on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024 between 11.00 am and 2.00 pm. We also need a volunteer to supervise WWS on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April between 10.00 am and 3.00 pm as well as volunteers to help out in the kitchen for a few hours on the same day. If you can help with this please sign up on the rota at the back of Christ the King Church, indicating the times that you can be there. Many thanks in anticipation.

**Inter Care, a Leicestershire-based charity of which Bishop Patrick is Patron,** is celebrating 50 years of providing medical aid for Africa. The Inter Care team has created a short film highlighting their journey, the expansion of their work over the years, and how they have successfully donated £8.7 million worth of aid since 1974, sending medicines for up to 76,400 patient treatments last year alone. To see the film, follow this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Fj1-gf-bMQ> and consider whether you can support Inter Care with your prayers, and in practical and financial ways.

**Join people from around the Diocese of Nottingham for the annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham.** Gather together with Bishop Patrick on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham as we seek Our Lady of Walsingham's intercession for an increase in Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life in our Diocese. For more information see the poster at the back of church, or contact Father Neil Peoples 01283 564814 or [vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk) or Deacon Seamus O'Looskan 0116 251 1437 or [seamus.olooskan@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:seamus.olooskan@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**The Diocese of Nottingham is looking to appoint a part-time Choral Director** to work in the Diocesan Music Department and to facilitate the development of the Schools' Singing Project in some of the St Ralph Sherwin schools in South Derbyshire. For more information email [gregory.treloar@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:gregory.treloar@dioceseofnottingham.uk) or visit [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers)

**There are more than 40 retired priests in our Diocese.** Some live in Ireland and some in England. We wish to express our gratitude to you for the ways you have helped us over the years especially by your love of Our Lord and His Church. With your love and prayers, support and example we have been encouraged to try to be the priests Jesus called us to be. You have also with great generosity supported the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund over many years and especially during the recent appeal. We will always be grateful to you and happily fulfil our responsibility to pray for you and your families. Your Retired Priests