## THE PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING, ALFRETON & St. PATRICK AND St. BRIDGET, CLAY CROSS

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# 05th Sunday of Lent: Weekly Bulletin 05th – 13th April 2025 CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

#### **Alfreton**

Saturday 05th April: 6.30pm Mass: Pat Coote Wellbeing

Sunday 06th April:10.30am Mass: Michelle Lemal RIP

Monday 07th: No Mass

Wednesday 09th April:

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Michelle Lemal RIP

Friday 11th April: Geraint Morgan RIP

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

Saturday 12th April: 6.30pm Mass: Michelle Lemal RIP

Sunday 13th April:10.30am Mass: Glynis McCallum RIP

#### 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 Graczky and Pennie Burton. Please remember all in our parish who need our prayers.

This Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Veronica Grant/Clare Smith

Sunday 10.30am: Barrie Meloy/Lilianna This Week's Readers: Clay Cross Sunday 9am: Rita Topp/Francis Cassidy

Next Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Alison Bailey/Cecilia Fletcher Sunday 10.30am: John Boxall/Tom McCallum

**Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross** Sunday 9am: Kate Tippen/Jessica

#### Clay Cross

Sunday 06th April: 9am Mass: Angela Walker RIP

Tuesday 08th April:

9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Neil Harrison RIP

Thursday 10th April: Mary Bentley Ints

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

Sunday 13th April: 9am Mass:

Departed soul of John Gerard Gannon & Family

#### April 2025 Cleaners

Alfreton: Maureen Walker

Clay Cross: Mary Bentley & Mary Shelton

### Collection for 29th & 30th March 2025

Alfreton	£330.89
Clay Cross	£228.20
Standing Order	£243.75
Total Collection	£802.84
Repository CTK	£19.10
CC	£64.90
Candle CTK	£28.63
CC	£22.85
Tea Coffee CTK	£66.61
Second Collection: Bishop's charitable Purpose £206.75	
Mass Offerings	£120.00
Hall Hire	£75.00
Warm Spaces	£327.97

Many thanks for your generosity

"The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only one page."

St. Augustine

Second Collection: Next Saturday/Sunday 12th & 13th April 2025: Easter Flowers

Parish Lunch, Monday 7th April 2025 at 1pm.

**Easter Cards:** Please see in the porch a selection of Easter cards handmade by the Year 2 class of Christ the King School. A special thanks to the children and the school for their beautiful work and thoughtful effort.

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** On Divine Mercy Sunday, this year the first time our parish community will hold a special Divine Mercy Celebration on Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> April, at 2pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together in prayer and receive the grace of God's Mercy. Please check the poster on the noticeboard for more details and invite your friends to join us. Let us spread the word that Christ the King Parish is hosting this beautiful devotion on Divine Mercy Sunday.

The important vote for all MPs on the assisted suicide legislation, known as the Terminally III Adults (End of Life) Bill, is likely to take place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April. The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to allow people to contact their Member of Parliament and it only takes a few moments to submit a message to ask an MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law. It can be accessed at https://righttolife.org.uk/asvote Right to Life is also distributing postcards to parishes for the lay faithful to send to their MPs on this subject. A range of further resources on opposing assisted suicide is available at <a href="https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/">www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/</a> Please take a postcard from the porch and send to your MP.

The Jubilee Pilgrimage to Walsingham with Bishop Patrick takes place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June, gathering at the Anglican Shrine with procession to Catholic Shrine starting at 1pm. Mass will be celebrated at 4pm followed by departures. Fiona Molumby has kindly offered a minibus for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham. She can take 15 passengers, and the cost is £10 per person. If you are interested, please contact Fiona Molumby to reserve your seat. A wonderful opportunity to make this pilgrimage together!

**Parish Action for Lent:** Lent is about almsgiving and as a parish we are asking parishioners to bring in items for the Foodbank each week as our charitable contribution. The items can be placed at the box at the back of the church each week. We will remind each week in the newsletter. Week 5, 13<sup>th</sup> April: Easter eggs/ chocolate / sweets. Thank you

Annual Pro-Life Chain. Each year, close to the anniversary of the implementation of the Abortion Act, SPUC holds public acts of witness around the UK to remind people of the reality and injustice of abortion. The witness is in the form of a chain of pro-lifers, standing by a road, and holding posters which indicate the reasons why we believe abortion to be unjust. The witness is silent, peaceful and legal. This year's Nottingham chain will be on Gregory Boulevard, Forest Fields, on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April from 10am until midday. Please join us if you are able to. For more information contact spucnottingham@gmail.com or call 07757 815 625. Unborn children are without a voice. Let's stand up and be a voice for them.

**Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service (NDCYS)** invites young people aged 16-18 in full time education, who are unable to join the Diocesan Jubilee Lourdes Pilgrimage as part of a school or parish group, to join them in taking part in the Pilgrimage. Meet like-minded young people from across the diocese, be encouraged in your faith and serve others. You will be accompanied by our experienced staff and join with the youth contingent of the Lourdes pilgrimage with young people from across the diocese. For more information contact events@ndcys.com Bookings close on 1st May.

LACY Walk for Cancer Research UK is taking place on Sunday (6<sup>th</sup> April). All Young People, families and friends are warmly invited to join LACY (Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth) in this walk, raising funds for Cancer Research UK. The walk will commence from Saint Mary's Church, South Wigston - walking as much as you can! At the same time share in a nature hunt with collected items to be placed at the foot of the cross as we come back to the Church and "Make a Journey with Jesus" in the Youth Stations of the Cross. Light refreshments will be available. More details on the poster.

Celebrate the Jubilee at WeBelieve, a festival of Catholic Life gathering the Church to share the hope that we have in Christ. From Friday 25th – Monday 28th July, join us for four days of music, keynotes, conversation and worship at Saint Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham. Featuring Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of Saint Gianna Molla), Father Paul Murray, Monsignor Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari, Father Toby Lees OP and many more. Early Bird Tickets are available now at www.webelievefestival.com

The NDCYS is also organising a Lourdes Reunion on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July at Saint Mary's Church, Derby DE1 3AU. Young people are invited from 1am, with Mass at 3pm, followed by refreshments for all pilgrims. For more information and to register visit ndcys.com/events-and-opportunities

**Take part in the Jubilee 2025 Youth Week in Rome and Assisi**, with the Kenelm Youth Trust, led by Bishop Timothy Menezes between Thursday 31st July and Wednesday 6th August. For more information visit: www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/RM0973/

**The Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service (NDCYS)** is running an open retreat, Search for the Light, during Easter weekend, Maundy Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April, at The Briars Catholic Youth Retreat Centre. Join the mission team as they walk with young people in Years 10 - Year 13 through the Easter Triduum. To book visit: <a href="mailto:ndcys.com/events-and-opportunities/search/">ndcys.com/events-and-opportunities/search/</a>