THE PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING, ALFRETON §   SS PATRICK AND BRIDGET, CLAY CROSS   104 Nottingham Road, ALFRETON, DE55 7GL   Church email: ctkchurchalfreton@gmail.com @ 01773 833174   Parish Hall email: ctkchurchhall@gmail.com @ Manu John 07588719588   Parish Hall email: ctkchurchhall@gmail.com @ Manu John 07588719588   Parish Priest: Rev. Paul Nellikulam Pius   St Clare's Convent Clay Cross @ 01246 862621   St Clare's Convent Clay Cross @ 01246 862621   Safeguarding Rep: Veronica Grant @ 07513 725538	
Christ the King Sunday: Weekly Bulletin <b>25<sup>th</sup> November– 03<sup>rd</sup> December 2023</b> CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST	
Alfreton	Clay Cross
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> November: 6.30pm Mass: Geoffrey Leadbeater RIP	<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November</b> :9.00am Mass: Ann Sheehan RIP
Sunday 26th November: 10.30am: Parish Ints	<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November:</b> 9.30 am Adoration, 10am Mass: Deceased members of
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November: <u>NO MASS</u>	John & Eileen Brooks & Graham families.
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November:</b> 9 am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Trish McGregar RIP	<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November: St Andrew</b> 9am Mass: Mary & Jim Henley RIP
<b>Friday 01<sup>st</sup> December</b> : 9 am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Loughnane, Murphy, Martin RIP	Sunday 03 <sup>rd</sup> December: 9am Mass:
Saturday 02 <sup>nd</sup> December: 6.30pm Mass: Deceased members of Thomas & Kathleen Mulrooney & and Dunleavy families Sunday 03 <sup>rd</sup> December:10.30am Mass Flo Mabbott RIP	November 2023 Cleaners Alfreton: RM Coyne Clay Cross: Biju Thomas & Biji Biju
Sick & Housebound	Collection for 18 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
<i>Please pray for</i> – 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 Diane Davey. <i>Please remember all in our</i> <i>parish who need our prayers.</i>	Alfreton£230.16Clay Cross£193.68Standing Order£243.75Total Collection£667.59
	Candles £61.99
This Week's Readers: AlfretonSaturday 6.30pm: Eugene Grant/Cecilia FletcherSunday 10.30am: John Boxall/Natasha ErskineThis Week's Readers: Clay CrossSunday 9am Francis Cassidy/Suzanne SmithNext Week's Readers: AlfretonSaturday 6.30pm: Maureen Fuller/Paul Fuller	Repository£22.10CTK Tea & Coffee£27.95Raffle£23.00Hall Hire£380.00CAFOD Second Collection£301.48Knit & Natter£9.00
Saturday 6.30pm: Maureen Fuller/Paul Fuller Sunday 10.30am: Natasha Erskine/Catherine Galloway <u>Next Week's Readers</u> : Clay Cross Sunday 9am: Ted Bennett/Seenia Bosko	Many thanks for your generosity

"Every man is a king so long as he has someone to look down on." Sinclair Lewis

**Missio boxes** - there is still some time left for any outstanding boxes to be brought in to church for counting, our annual return due end of December. If you have not already done so, you may care to bring in your boxes so the monies therein can be counted and banked.

Baptism: We welcome Alfie William Bowers into the parish community of Christ the King Alfreton. Best wishes to him and his family.

Walk With Me: A Journey of Prayer for Advent 2023 booklets are in the porch. Please take one for your advent reflection. A donation of £1 please.

**Bacon and Sausage Butties after Sunday morning Mass at Clay Cross and Alfreton on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023.** We have managed to get set up to take payment by credit card so that you can still enjoy a butty even if you have joined the 'cashless society'! **Appeal from the SVP.** We need good clean children's clothes for a family that we are currently supporting. They are for a girl aged 2 years, a boy aged 4 years, and a boy aged 8 years. Please see any member of the SVP if you can help or ring us on 07874942840. Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

**RCIA** Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church? Would you like to become a full member of the Church? See Fiona for details.

**First Holy Communion:** Our sessions start this week Tuesday in the Church at 5pm to 5.45pm. Next session 12th December. See Fiona for details.

**Parish Accountant:** After reorganising the Parish's Financial System and moving it to the Diocesan on-line application our Parish Accountant, Valerie Inja is retiring. Is there an Accountant in the parish who would be able to take on this role? This important role is an honorary position. Training will be provided. For further information please phone Francis O'Brien on 07592 386341.

**Christmas Bazaar:** Join us for festive fun at the Parish's Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 2nd, starting at 12pm! Explore delightful stalls filled with treasures. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who generously donated. Your support makes this event truly special. See you there!

**Christmas Raffle Tickets**: Just a friendly nudge and a big thank you for turning in your sold Christmas Raffle ticket stubs and cash before the exciting draw at the Christmas Bazaar on December 2nd in the Parish Hall. Your support means a lot!

**Warm Welcome Space:** Parishioners and friends are invited to consider becoming part of the dedicated volunteer team supporting this essential community initiative that operates from 10am to 3pm each Friday. A signup sheet is available at the rear of the church, where volunteers can select their preferred time slots.

**Warmer Welcome Workshop**: Monday 4th December at 7.00pm. As we head into winter Caritas is offering an online workshop for those interested in opening a hospitality and outreach project in the parish, or already running one. Join fellow volunteers from around the diocese for an informal and friendly opportunity to find support, ask questions and gather ideas. This session will focus on publicity available from the diocese, training that might be useful, and help with fundraising. To book visit bit.ly/WarmerWelcome.

**'Synod and synodality' on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December**. Caritas Leicester and Leicestershire invite all who are interested to Saint Wilfrid of York in Coalville (LE67 3JB) for an evening of reflection and discussion on the Synod and Synodality. Facilitated by Father Jonathan Cotton, it's a chance to talk about the Synod on Synodality and what it means for us. The evening will last from 7pm until 9.pm.

The latest edition of the Diocesan e-Magazine was published last week on the Feast of Saint Hugh of Lincoln. Read and subscribe to receive it directly via email here: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news.

**For photographs of recent diocesan events**, such as Mass in Honour of Saint Hugh, and Mass with the Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, visit the diocesan flickr account (photographs website) at: www.flickr.com/photos/dioceseofnottingham/albums.

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Holy Communion: If you or someone you know is unable to attend Mass but still wishes to receive Holy Communion, please let any of the following Eucharistic Ministers know, Eleanor O'Donnell, Fiona Molumby, Sheila Hall or Bosco Joseph.

**Vacancies.** In response to the outcomes of our recent consultation the Diocese of Nottingham is pleased to announce two opportunities for individuals to assist in the mission of the diocese, though Young Adult Ministry and through Communication. These new roles will provide key practical support in fulfilling and expanding the objectives of our small but effective one-person departments of Formation for Mission, Communications, and Outreach (Caritas). To apply visit: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers

Christmas Dinner and Party Monday 11th December 2023 at 1.00pm Please put your name on the list at the back of the Church by Sunday 3rd December 2023 if you would like to attend the Parish Christmas Dinner and Party. This is essential so that we can make sure that we cater for the correct number of people.

Join us for a fantastic Christmas get-together and feast with carols from the children of CTK School and our very own resident MC, comedian, and crooner extraordinaire, Gerry Molumby. Not to mention the Just Three Musketeers! Sing-along, Bingo, Raffle and Dancing'! Looking forward to seeing you there.

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