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Twenty Fourth Sunday: Weekly Bulletin 12th & 20th September 2026

Next 25th Saturday/Sunday (19th & 20th September) Holy Mass Readings: Isa 55:6-9, Phil 1:20c-24,27a, Mt 20:1-16

Sacrament of Confession is available at any time

<u>Alfreton</u>	<u>Clay Cross</u>
Saturday 12th September: 6.30pm Mass: John Egan RIP	Sunday 13th September: 9am Mass: Raymond Marsh RIP
Sunday 13th September: 11am Mass: Paul O'Donnell RIP	Tuesday 15th September: Our Lady of Sorrows 9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Aleyamma Thomas RIP
Monday 14th September: <u>NO MASS</u>	Thursday 17th September: 9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Robert Byrne RIP
Wednesday 16th September: Ss Cornelius & Cyprian 9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Mary Burke Ints	Sunday 20th September: 9am Mass: Justin Lloyd-Williams RIP
Friday 18th September: 9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Mary Hickey Ints	
Saturday 19th September: 6.30pm Mass: Wellbeing of Pat Whelpdale	
Sunday 20th September: 11am Mass: Special Ints	
<u>Sick & Housebound:</u>	<u>September 2026 Cleaners</u>
<i>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, Anne Loughnane, Eugene Grant, Patrick Mackell, Margaret Marsh, Alice Ibbotson and Pennie Burton. Please remember all in our parish who need our prayers.</i>	Alfreton: Bridget W Clay Cross: Mary Bentley & Mary Shelton
<u>This Week's Readers: Alfreton</u>	<u>Collection for 05th & 06th September 2026</u>
Saturday 6.30pm: Moya Mellors/Alison Bailey Sunday 11am: York Hampson-Lamb/Fiona Molumby	Alfreton £379.64 Clay Cross £261.01 Standing Order £241.00
<u>This Week's Readers: Clay Cross</u>	Total Collection £881.65
Sunday 9am: Laveena/Feo	Candles CTK £29.00
<u>Next Week's Readers: Alfreton</u>	<i>Many thanks for your generosity</i>
Saturday 6.30pm: Margaret Kerry/Clare Smith Sunday 11am: Francis O'Brien/Natasha Erskine	
<u>Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross</u>	
Sunday 9am: Sheila Hall/Amelia	

"The greatest proof that we love God is not what we say in church, but how we treat the person who has hurt us." *unknown*

Second Collection. This Saturday/Sunday 12th & 13th September: Catholic Education Service.

Next Saturday/Sunday 19th & 20th September: Home Mission Sunday

Beetle Drive and Pie & Pea Supper: Roll the Dice, Share the Pie, Join the Fun! Join us after Mass on Saturday 19th September 2026 at Christ the King Parish Hall for Parish Beetle Drive followed by a Pie and Pea Supper. Tickets are £6.00 for adults and £3.00 for children, with children receiving half a pie. It promises to be an exciting parish evening of laughter, food and good company, so please bring family and friends along. Tickets are on sale after Mass from Rob Farrell, Veronica Grant and Barrie Meloy.

On Sunday 20th September we will celebrate Home Mission Sunday, a day for us as the Catholic community in England and Wales to celebrate our faith in these lands, and our shared commitment to communicate the beauty and the joy of knowing Jesus Christ. Celebrating the Holy Father's first encyclical, the theme for this year is "Magnifica Humanitas" as the heart of mission. We can celebrate together the call the Holy Father has placed before us to live out our authentic humanity which finds its fullness in Christ. The Second Collection supports the work carried out by the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate, supporting our Church in a wide field of service and mission here in England and Wales. Please hold this important work in your prayers and give as generously as you can. Thank you.

Afternoon Tea at Clay Cross will take place on September 21st at 1pm. Please sign down on the list in the Church porch by Sunday 13th September. All are welcome- where you can meet one another, enjoy a chat, have a laugh, and just be together.

Lasting Power of Attorney: Despite Martin Lewis on TV regularly advising on the importance of having these legal documents, many people remain unsure of their relevance and the process. One of our parishioners, Anne Marie Wilson, is offering free advice to anyone in our community who is interested in knowing more about Lasting Power of Attorney. Anne Marie is a retired legal professional and can be contacted by phone on 07528 665238 or by email on annemarie.wilson-geps@sky.com

Missio: All are welcome to join Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries, on Saturday 19th September, for a special Mass to celebrate 90 years of the Red Box: that has helped in gathering prayers and spare coins in Catholic homes across England and Wales to support vulnerable global communities. Bishop Patrick will celebrate Mass at 12 noon in Saint Teresa's Church, Aspley (NG8 3EP), and refreshments will be available in the parish hall after Mass.

The Little Company of Mary & Mary Potter Heritage Centre are delighted to share the exciting news that on Monday 14th September they will be joining Radio Maria UK for an hour from 10am, for a special programme celebrating the life and legacy of Venerable Mary Potter. To tune in and join, visit: <https://radiomaria.uk/>

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day is being held on Friday 2nd October. CAFOD is the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, the official overseas aid charity of the Catholic Church in England and Wales, and part of Caritas International. More details next week.

The Diocesan Education Service is piloting a brand-new podcast resource to support staff, parents and families across the Diocese. This new podcast, Nun the Wiser, focuses on the Diocesan 'Word of the Week' and helps to unpack what it means within a practical, living faith context. A new episode will be released each Friday looking ahead to the following week, and will help listeners engage with different scripture and ways of living out our faith in the world. Sister Liz Dodd CSJP will bring a fresh perspective and pastoral voice to the discussions: do join each week! Spotify: Listen on Spotify, YouTube: Watch on YouTube

The Marriage Resource Centre is conducting a global study into the experience of married Catholics. If you married in the last 10 years and one or both spouses are Catholic, please consider completing this short survey. All answers are anonymous and confidential, and the survey is open until the end of September, at: <https://thepmrc.org/survey>

A Parish Pilgrimage to Rome – May 2027 Next year, as part of our Parish Centenary celebrations, we are hoping to organise a one-week parish pilgrimage to Rome, probably during the first or second week of May 2027. I would love this to be more than simply a holiday—it would be a wonderful opportunity for us, as a parish family, to pray together, celebrate our faith, visit the great churches and holy places of Rome, and strengthen our friendship and community. At this stage, nothing has been booked or decided. I would first like to find out how many people might be interested in joining us. Depending on the number of people who would like to come, we can then look for the best possible package and price, including flights, accommodation, transfers and breakfast. So, if you have ever thought, "I would love to go to Rome with our parish," this could be your opportunity! There is no commitment or payment at this stage. I am simply asking you to let me know if you would be interested in being part of the group, so that we can explore the possibilities together. It would be lovely to celebrate 100 years of our parish not only by looking back with gratitude, but also by making a pilgrimage together as a parish family and creating some wonderful new memories. If you are interested, please let me know your name and, if possible, the number of people who might like to travel. Once we have an idea of the numbers, I will explore the best options and keep everyone informed. Let us hope that, with God's help, our Centenary pilgrimage to Rome will become a beautiful and memorable part of our parish celebrations. Please contact: Laura at LAURAQS@ME.COM or on WhatsApp +44 7747 837476

First Holy Communion Programme 2026–2027: Before we head off for the summer holidays, here is a friendly reminder about our 2026–2027 First Holy Communion Programme. Application forms are now available and ready for collection from the Priest or Catechists. If your child is eligible to receive their First Holy Communion, please take an application form before you leave for the summer holidays and return it by Sunday, 20th September 2026. Our first meeting for parents and children will take place on Sunday, 11th October, immediately after the 11am Mass at Christ the King, Alfreton. The Enrolment Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, 18th October, during the 11am Mass at Christ the King, Alfreton.

Baptism: We warmly welcome all parents who are planning to have their child baptised in our parish. As part of the preparation for this joyful celebration, we kindly ask families to attend Holy Mass regularly for at least three months and to take part in the Baptism Preparation Sessions led by Fiona Molumby. Please note that of the two Godparents, at least one must be a practising Catholic who regularly attends Holy Mass and is able to support the child in growing in the Catholic faith. For more information please contact Fiona Molumby at fmolumby@aol.com.

After the 9am Mass at Clay Cross and the 11am 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. We look forward to seeing you there.