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

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Palm Sunday: Weekly Bulletin 12th – 20th April 2025 CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

Alfreton

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

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

Monday 14th: No Mass Wednesday 16th April:

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: People of Gaza Ints

Maundy Thursday 17th April: Victims of Myanmar earthquake 6.30pm Mass followed by Adoration till 8.30pm

Good Friday 18th April:

3pm Passion Reading & Station of the Cross

Holy Saturday 19th April:11am Food Blessing of Polish Community

6.30pm Easter Vigil Mass: Ints for Vocations

Easter Sunday 20th April:10.30am Mass:

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

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

Next Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Paul Fulle/Maureen Fuller Sunday 10.30am: Fungai Chingwenje/Barrie Meloy

Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross Sunday 9am: David Johnson/Laveena

Clay Cross

Palm Sunday 13th April: 9am Mass:

Departed soul of John Gerard Gannon & Family

Tuesday 15th April:

9.30am Adoration,10am Mass: Tom Waldron RIP

Good Friday 18th April:

3pm Passion Reading & Station of the Cross (Led by Mrs Veronica Grant)

Easter Sunday 20th April: 9am Mass: Bridie Joyce Wellbeing

April 2025 Cleaners

Alfreton: Maureen Walker

Clay Cross: Mary Bentley & Mary Shelton

Collection for 05th & 06th April 2025

Alfreton	£530.34
Clay Cross	£183.63
Standing Order	£243.75
Total Collection	£957.72
Repository CTK	£24.20
Candle CTK	£43.97
Hall Hire	£250.00
Tea/Coffee CC	£40.00
Bishop's Charitable purposes	£11.50
Praver Offering	£10.00

Many thanks for your generosity

"God proved His love on the Cross. When Christ hung, and bled, and died, it was God saying to the world, 'I love you." Billy Graham

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

Świecenie pokarmów odbędzie się w Wielka Sobotę o godzinie 11 am.

Clay Cross: As we approach Holy Week, we are preparing our church for this sacred time. A church cleaning has been arranged at Clay Cross on Monday 14th at 1:30pm. If you are able to help, please get in touch with Mary Bentley.

Holy Communion: Now that Easter is approaching, you may know a housebound parishioner who wishes to receive Holy Communion, please ask them to let any of the following Eucharistic Ministers know Fiona Molumby and Sheila Hall.

Good Friday Walk of Witness: Come and join other Christians in Alfreton on Friday 18th April in a Walk of Witness. We are meeting at St. Martin's church at 10.15 and walking to Severn Square for a short service at about 11am.

Divine Mercy Sunday: On Divine Mercy Sunday, this year the first time our parish community will hold a special Divine Mercy Celebration on Sunday, 27th 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 Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service (NDCYS) is running an open retreat, Search for the Light, during Easter weekend, Maundy Thursday 17th – Easter Sunday 20th 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: ndcys.com/events-and-opportunities/search/

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 25th 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 www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/ Please take a postcard from the porch and send to your MP.

Nottingham Cathedral has received a £1.69M grant from The National Lottery Heritage Fund to restore the breathtaking original vision of architect A W N Pugin. Restoring Pugin will revive the Cathedral's east end, and open up this heritage gem to over 20,000 people across our Cathedral city, and diocese. New tech, community activities, educational programmes, and even a video game (!) are all on the way. Read more on the diocesan website (www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news) and watch the announcement video on YouTube (www.youtube.com/@NottsDiocese). Please share this great news widely!

Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) has recently launched a lived experience survey to better understand the impact of the two-child benefit cap on Catholic families in England and Wales and to explore how parishes are supporting families in need. The responses will contribute to a short report, and insights will inform advocacy work to support families affected by the cap, as well as other financial hardship. To complete the survey, please follow this link: www.csan.org.uk/news/familysurvey/ before the end of April.

The Jubilee Pilgrimage to Walsingham with Bishop Patrick takes place on Saturday 14th 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!

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 26th 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 likeminded 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.

Holy Week Services

Wednesday 16th April: 11.30am Chrism Mass at St Barnabas Cathedral

Maundy Thursday 17th April: The Mass of the Lord's Supper and Washing of the feet: Christ the King Alfreton 6.30pm, followed by watching at the altar of repose till 8.30pm

Good Friday 18th April: Alfreton 3pm Passion of the Lord followed by Stations of the Cross

Clay Cross:3pm Passion of the Lord followed by Stations of the Cross (Led by Mrs Veronica Grant)

Holy Saturday 19th April: Food Blessing of Polish Community 11am, Easter Vigil Mass Saturday 19th April: Alfreton 6.30pm

Easter Mass Sunday 20th April: Clay Cross 9am, Alfreton 10.30am