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First Sunday of Lent

Weekly Bulletin 25th February – 05th March 2023 CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

Alfreton

Saturday 25th February: 6.30pm Mass: Parish Ints

Sunday 26th February: 10.30am Mass

Rita Sullivan RIP

Monday 27th February: No Mass

Wednesday 01st March: Holy Souls

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass

Friday 03rd March: Holy Souls

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

Saturday 04th March: 6.30pm Mass

Helena Szulc Wellbeing

Sunday 05th March: 10.30pm Mass

Sick & Housebound

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

Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm Peter Babe Sunday10.30am Francis O'Brien

Clay Cross: Sunday 9am Sheila Hall

Next Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm Hillary B Sunday 10.30am John Boxall

Clay Cross: Sunday 9am Patricia Byrnes

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Sunday 26th February: 9.00am Mass: George Hall RIP

Tuesday 28th February: No Mass

Thursday 02nd March: Helen Robinson RIP

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

Sunday 05th March: 9am Mass: Meg Bennett RIP

February 2023 Cleaners

Alfreton: R M Coyne

Clay Cross: Mick & Marie Cassidy

Collection for 18th-19th February 2023

Alfreton

Collection: £289.97

2ndcollection - £10.00

Hall Hire - £100.00

Repository - £7.40

Candles – 18.56

Clay Cross- 327.40 (2 weeks collection)

Many thanks for your generosity

"You don't know how to pray? Put yourself in the presence of God, and as soon as you have said, 'Lord, I don't know how to pray!' you can be sure you've already begun" St. Josemarie Escriva **Doing something for Lent:** During Lent some people give things up, some people do something extra and some do both. We do this because we want to be a better Christian. Do a small extra thing during Lent 2023. **Lenten Journey & Action**: As a parish Lenten action, we ask all to donate one item per week (brought up as part of offertory) Week 1 tinned vegetables & tinned fruit, Week 2 squash/ tea/ coffee, Week 3 cleaning items: washing up liquid/ washing powder, Week 4 Personal hygiene: shampoo/ deodorant/soap, Week 5 tinned meat and fish, Week 6 Easter eggs.

Parish Lunch, Monday 6th March 2023 at 1.00 p.m. Please put your name on the list at the back of the Church by Sunday 26th February 2023 if you would like to attend the next Parish Lunch. This will help us with catering. Look forward to seeing you there.

MISSIO BOXES are due to be emptied again during March 2023. Please bring in your boxes in to both churches. If you have mislaid your Missio box and would like a replacement box, please let us know and we can arrange to obtain a new one for you.

CTK Warm Space: Come along to our Warm Space in the Church Hall from 9.00am to 4.00pm every Tuesday. Turn off your heating at home and join us for some good company, board games, jigsaw, bottomless teas and coffees, cakes, biscuits and lunch. There is a TV in the hall and free WI-FI. Hope to see you there on the 22nd February 2023, thereafter until the end of April 2023. We need volunteers to help staff this so if you can spare a morning or afternoon to help make and serve refreshments and lunch as well as welcome visitors to the Warm Space, please sign up on the list at the back of the church, many thanks

St Patrick's Day Celebration at Christ the King church Alfreton: We are celebrating St Patrick's day on 17th March at Christ The king church Alfreton. Mass at 6.30 pm followed by a party at Parish Hall at 7.30 pm. There will be food and cultural events in the Parish Hall. Volunteers are welcome to help with the preparations. For more information please contact Mary Bentley, Rob Farrell, Valeri Inja and Manu John.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal: For Sunday 26th February and Sunday 5th March: This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give today using the envelope or at cafod.org.uk/give and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world.

For Sunday 12th March: Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal this Lent. Your generous donations, rooted in love, will support families around the world grow in strength to fight the climate crisis. You can still give online at cafod.org.uk/lent. Consider also advertising CAFOD's Facebook Pages / Social Media about the Lent appeal: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ULTqHsawCZU

Everyday Miracles of Lourdes in Conversation with Marlene Watkins. When you feeling like you're drowning in the day to day life, overwhelmed by memories and hurt, miracles are happening, and can happen to you. Come and hear Marlene Watkins speak about her new book 'Everyday Miracles of Lourdes' and learn how God still heals his people today through the intercession of the Lady in the Grotto. Nottingham Cathedral Hall's Ellis Room (NG1 5AW) on Thursday 2nd March, 7.30pm – 9.00pm. More details can be found at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-dTMdioFC7I

Young Adults' Retreat with Jack Valero: A day retreat in Lent for Young Adults in the Diocese of Nottingham. Saturday 11th March at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Mickleover, Derby. The day will be absolutely free and include lunch.

Men's Retreat with Fr Julian Green: After the great success of last year's Men's Lenten retreat and autumn walking pilgrimage we are delighted to offer again a retreat for men in the Diocese of Nottingham on Saturday 18th March at the Rosmini House of Prayer. The retreat will be lead by Fr Julian Green from the Archdiocese of Birmingham.

Women's Retreat with Sr Ann Swailes OP: After the great success of last year's Lent retreat and autumn gathering we are delighted to offer again a retreat day for women in the Diocese of Nottingham. Join women from across the diocese on Saturday 25th March in prayer and reflection at the Rosmini House of Prayer. The retreat day will be led by Sr Ann Swailes OP, with times of reflection, prayer, socialising, and we will be joined by Fr Colin Patey for confession and the celebration of Mass. Sr Ann is a Dominican Sister based in Cambridge and is the Assistant Chaplain at the University of Cambridge. She is an experienced retreat leader and speaker. As the retreat takes place on the feast of the Annunciation we will be reflecting on how we can come to know and accept God's will for us. The cost of the day will be £20 which includes lunch and refreshments. The day will beginning at 9:30AM and will finish at 4:00PM.

Retreats in the Diocese of Nottingham this Lent – After the great success last year, The Diocese of Nottingham is again offering day retreats to help you grow closer to God this Lent through talks, discussion, prayer, Mass, confession and social time. The Men's Retreat on Saturday 18th March given by Father Julian Green (Birmingham Priest) will be focused on men of scripture and what we can learn from them; the Women's Retreat given by Sister Ann Swailes on Saturday 25th March will follow the theme 'Here I am Lord I Come to do your Will' – How can we know and accept God's will for our lives? The Retreats will be held at the Rosmini House of Prayer (LE7 4SJ) and cost £20, including lunch and a light breakfast. To book visit: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events, email adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham or call 0115 953 9841.