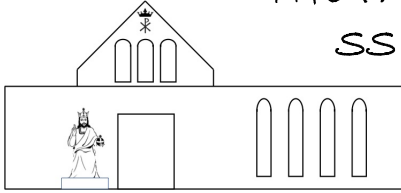
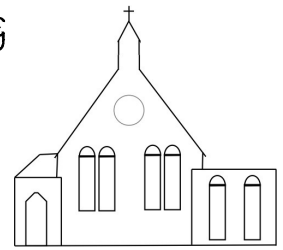


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**Thirty First Sunday: Weekly Bulletin 04<sup>th</sup> November– 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023**  
CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

**Alfreton**

**Saturday 04<sup>th</sup> November:** 6.30pm Mass:  
Krystyna & Wieslaw & Kazimierzau RIP  
**Sunday 05<sup>th</sup> November:** 10.30am:  
Peter Hacon RIP  
**Monday 06<sup>th</sup> November:** **NO MASS**  
**Wednesday 08<sup>th</sup> November:**  
10.30am Mass: William & Patricia Ints  
**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November: St Leo the Great**  
9 am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Holy Souls  
**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November:** 6.30pm Mass  
Ted & Margaret Hemsley RIP  
**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November:** 10.30am Mass

**Clay Cross**

**Sunday 05<sup>th</sup> November:** 9.00am Mass: David Wragg RIP  
**Tuesday 07<sup>th</sup> November:**  
9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Elizabeth & Walter Wisher & Kitty RIP  
**Thursday 09<sup>th</sup> November: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**  
9.30 am Adoration, 10am Mass: David Johnson Wellbeing  
**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November:** 9am Mass:

**November 2023 Cleaners**

**Alfreton:** RM Coyne  
**Clay Cross:** Biju Thomas & Biji Biju

**Sick & Housebound**

***Please pray for*** – 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. ***Please remember all in our parish who need our prayers.***

**This Week's Readers: Alfreton**

Saturday 6.30pm: Polly Welby/Moya Mellors  
Sunday 10.30am: Barrie Meloy/Catherine Galloway

**This Week's Readers: Clay Cross**

Sunday 9am Laveena/Susan Smith

**Next Week's Readers: Alfreton**

Saturday 6.30pm: Jacob S/ Veronica Grant  
Sunday 10.30am: Fiona Molumby/Natasha Erskine

**Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross**

Sunday 9am: David Johnson/Bruce Johnson

**Collection for 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Alfreton	£237.53
Clay Cross	£223.55
Standing Order	£243.75
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>£704.83</b>

Candles	£38.13
Repository	£22.80
Hall Hire	£92.20
CTK Tea & Coffee	£24.74
Mass Offerings	£290.00

*Many thanks for your generosity*

**"If you are humble nothing will touch you, neither praise nor disgrace, because you know what you are."** *Mother Teresa*

**First Holy Communion 2023/2024:** If your child is in Year 3 or above and you wish for them to make their First Holy Communion this year then we invite you to attend an initial meeting on Thursday 9th November at 4:15pm at Christ the King CVA School. At the meeting we will explain the significance of your role in your child's preparation, share key dates and to give you information in regards to the preparation classes for the children. Application forms for First Holy Communion are available from the back of church or from school. Please return all completed forms at the parent's meeting on the 9th November. Please note there will be an enrolment Mass at Christ the King Church on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 10:30am which all First Holy Communion candidates must attend. Any queries please contact Mrs Garside at school: 01773 832919.

**The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls:** One of the best gifts you can give someone is to have a Holy Mass said for their intentions or for the repose of their souls. During this month we pray especially for our departed friends and loved ones on the last great journey towards the eternal light of God. As Catholics we believe that although those who have died are separated from us physically, they remain connected to us as members of the Church. **Holy Souls Envelopes:** We continue the tradition of placing the names of your deceased family, friends and relatives by the altar during November. Holy Souls Envelopes/Mass offering envelopes will be available for you to take from church for this purpose. If you are not currently able to get Mass, please feel free to email your list to the parish, stating clearly which church (*Alfreton or Clay Cross*) you wish the lists to be placed in. There will be a special Holy Mass on 14<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 6.30pm at Clay Cross and 22<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 6.30pm at Alfreton where you will be able to light a candle in honour of the deceased members of your family during the Holy Mass.

**Holy Communion:** Now that the poor winter weather is coming in some of our less able parishioners may find it difficult to get to Mass at the weekend. 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.

**Parish Monthly lunch:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 1pm. Please put your name on the list at the back of Church by Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023 if you would like to attend the next Parish Lunch for Pensioners. This will help us with catering. Look forward to seeing you there. A special thanks to Nina who organised and worked so hard to make the October lunch such a success.

**Pie & Pea Supper (with Beetle Drive)** - Saturday 11th November 7.30 PM: Join us for an evening of casual dining with a traditional, hearty, and comforting meal, including entertainment and games with prizes to be won. Availability is limited and for catering purposes, please book in advance by adding your name to the list at the back of the church and purchasing your ticket. Adults: £6, Children (under 11 years): £3. Please see <https://www.christthekingalfreton.org/events> for more info or speak to Rob F or Barrie M.

**Musical Instruments:** Does anybody play flute, Clarinet or Violin in fact any melody instrument to play the hymn tunes now and then with Martin on Sunday mornings. It helps people sing especially unfamiliar hymns. If you can play "morning has broken" you're good enough. Please see Martin, our Guitarist.

**Christmas Cards:** Please find a wide variety of Christmas cards now available to purchase in the church porch.

**Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succor:** Every Friday 2pm to 3pm at Clay Cross church. Everyone invited

**The Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace** are thrilled to announce that applications are now open to their twice-yearly grant scheme, offering support to local projects and initiatives that align with their mission of fostering peace and justice. The submission deadline for applications is 31st December 2023. The Application Form and Guidelines may be found here: <https://www.christthekingalfreton.org/csfp>

**Catechist Formation and Training:** Are you a Catechist? Or is God calling you to be one? It is such a rewarding ministry and the Diocese of Nottingham has put together a number of course for you to explore or grow further in this vocation. You will find something for you in these courses, from getting standard as a catechist, increasing your knowledge or taking your catechesis beyond sacramental preparation! All sessions are delivered online with the first course starting this November, for more information please speak to your parish priest or email: [adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**Publish 1st November – 15th January School admissions to Catholic Primary Academies (Reception Year)** - Children born between 01/09/2019 and 31/08/2020 The deadline for submitting your application for a school place is 15th January 2024. Application forms are available on your 'home' Local Authority website. For every Catholic school you apply for if you wish your child to be considered and ranked under a faith criterion you should also complete a supplementary information form, and return this form to the school by the deadline, (forms are available from the LA and the school). You MUST also include the supporting evidence\* as required with this form, eg baptism certificate (photocopies acceptable). Failure to supply the required supporting evidence will mean your child is ranked in a lower criterion which may affect your chance of a place. \*If you do not have the required evidence please contact the parish where your child was baptised for a copy certificate in good time.

**Handel's Messiah by Candlelight will be performed by Nottingham Cathedral Choir**, orchestra, and special guests on Saturday 16th December at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Woodthorpe NG5 4HT, as part of the church's diamond jubilee celebrations. The performance will begin at 7.00pm, with tickets (£5-£20) available from the parish office 0115 926 8288 or [goodshepherd@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:goodshepherd@dioceseofnottingham.uk) or via Eventbrite: Handel's Messiah by Candlelight Tickets, Sat 16 Dec 2023 at 19:00 | Eventbrite

**Christ the King Catholic Voluntary Academy, Arnold** is looking to recruit a number of support roles such as School Counsellor and Office Manager. Details of these roles and others available can be found on the Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi-Academy Trust vacancies page <https://www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk/work-with-us/> If you wish to have an informal discussion about any of the roles and the school please contact the school office on 0115 9155762

**The Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst is offering two events:** 1) A Pre-Advent retreat Why God Became Man between Friday 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November. This weekend retreat just before Advent will be preached by Father Armand de Malleray FSSP. Information and registration is available at [www.ChristianHeritageCentre.com/events/why-God-became-man](http://www.ChristianHeritageCentre.com/events/why-God-became-man). 2) The Christian Leadership Formation programme uniquely offers a combination of stimulating and high-quality intellectual content, spiritual nourishment, and more, with expert academics and professionals. It is open to any student who is motivated by their faith and their studies, with bursaries available. More information is available at [www.christianleadershipformation.com](http://www.christianleadershipformation.com)