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Easter Sunday: Weekly Bulletin **30**th **March – 07**th **April 2024** CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST



Alfreton

Saturday 30th March: 6.30pm Easter Vigil Mass:

Margaret Martin Ints

Easter Sunday 31st March: 10.30am Mass: John Kilby RIP

Monday 01st April: No Mass

Wednesday 03rd April: No Mass

Friday 05th April:

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Fr James Early RIP

Saturday 06th April: 6.30pm Mass: Jacquline Mularkey RIP

Sunday 07th April:10.30am Mass:

Mary Murphy RIP & Bridie Browne RIP

Clay Cross

Easter Sunday31stMarch: 9.00amMass: Tony Davey RIP

Tuesday 02nd April: No Mass

Thursday 04th April:

9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Nora Hickman RIP

Sunday 07th April: 9am Mass:

April 2024 Cleaners

Alfreton: Maureen Walker

Clay Cross: Mary Bentley/Mary Shelton

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, Mick Mullarkey and Maureen Fuller. **Please remember all in our parish who need our prayers.**

This Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Jacob S & Paul Fuller Sunday 10.30am: Volunteer/Tom McCallum

<u>This Week's Readers</u>: Clay Cross Sunday 9am: Volunteer/Jiya Bosko

Next Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Eugene Grant/Maureen Fuller

Sunday 10.30am: Natan/Fiona Molumby Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Wendy Tinsley/Jessica Bosko

Collection for 23rd & 24th March 2024

 Alfreton
 £317.15

 Clay Cross
 £219.74

 Standing Order
 £243.75

 Total Collection
 £780.64

Candles: Alfreton £40.03, Clay Cross £94.00

Repository: Alfreton £3.00, Clay Cross £16.00

Hall Hire £75.00

Many thanks for your generosity

"Happy Easter to you and your family as we celebrate our Father's greatest sacrifice through his Son, Jesus Christ. Have a blessed Easter!"

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, Easter Day: Saint Luke tells us that of the ten lepers healed by Jesus, only one came back to thank the Lord. This passage reminds us of the importance of gratitude. It shows the great difference between hearts that are thankful and those that are not; between people who see everything as their entitlement and those who receive everything as grace. As Christians, our prayer of thanksgiving is inspired by gratitude for the love of God revealed in the coming of Jesus, his Son and our Saviour. To read the full reflection and find more resources at dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer

James William O'Malley RIP: We pray for the repose of the soul of James William O'Malley who died recently. The funeral service will take place Tuesday 16th April at Christ the King church Alfreton at 12 noon followed by Cremation at Amber Valley. Please pray for his soul and our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

From Mick Mullarkey: This Easter weekend it's 5 years since my beautiful wife Jacqui, once the parish secretary passed into the arms of God. Many will remember her and like me, miss her dearly. Little did I know that very soon after I was to lose my son Alex to cancer as well. The devastation I felt had come only after his three infant children Freya, Max and Peter also died. In the years since and as I and my family began to adjust to these tragic losses my first great granddaughter, Margot was still born. Not long after both my eldest son John 55 and I were diagnosed with prostrate cancer. I apologise for imposing on your good nature and hope you understand that the good natured Mick Mullarkey you always knew has not had much to smile about for a long time but I have learned one thing out of all this – Don't let tragedy consume you too much and believe me, don't ever doubt the existence of God. That is what has sustained me throughout the last six years. Don't take tomorrow for granted for tomorrow is granted to no one. Put your arms around your children, hold them tight and never miss the opportunity to say 'I love you'. Thank you and a Happy and Blessed Easter to all my parish friends.

Planned Giving Envelopes: Your Planned Giving envelopes are available for collection from the back of the church.. Please pick yours up.

Catechists: We are planning to have the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2025 in Christ the King church. Fr Paul would like to have some committed Catechists for that. If you wish to help out please talk to him.

Missio Boxes are due to be emptied again during March/April 2024. Please bring your boxes into both churches. If you have lost or mislaid your box and would like a replacement please let your collector know.

Parish Lunch, Monday 8th April 2024 at 1pm. The booking lists for the April Pensioners Lunch are now at the back of both churches. If you would like to attend this lunch it is very important that you book your place by Sunday 31st March so that we know how many people we need to cater for. Since Christmas, there have been two occasions where the number of diners has exceeded bookings by 10 or more people. This places the volunteers in a very difficult position as they need to set up extra tables and reduce portion sizes to cater to the extra diners attending. Reluctantly, we have decided that in future diners will need to be checked in against the bookings list, as they arrive at the door. Anyone who has not booked will be put on a waiting list and asked to wait until 1.10 pm when we will know whether we can accommodate additional diners. We will continue to do our best to accommodate all those who come for the lunch but sadly, there may be occasions where we are at full capacity for that lunch and not able to do so.

Warm Welcome Space: Can you help with Warm Welcome Space? We need 2 volunteers to help in the kitchen at WWS on Tuesday 26th March 2024 between 11.00 am and 2.00 pm. We also need a volunteer to supervise WWS on Tuesday 2nd April between 10.00 am and 3.00 pm as well as volunteers to help out in the kitchen for a few hours on the same day. If you can help with this please sign up on the rota at the back of Christ the King Church, indicating the times that you can be there. Many thanks in anticipation.

Are you a university student looking for something to do over the summer holidays? Why not join The Briars at Crich for their summer internship programme? Develop skills that will support you in your future career, whilst also growing spiritually in a wonderfully supportive environment. With live-in opportunities, and flexible start dates available, there's no better time to join us! To request more information, please contact michelle.thomas@ndcys.com

Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation providing marriage preparation and relationship counselling services across England, Wales and Gibraltar. They are looking for Trustees to strengthen their board and to help continue to provide vital relationship support services to the Catholic community and beyond. For more information visit www.marriagecare.org.uk or email volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

A number of job vacancies for parishes, and the central office, in the Nottingham Diocese are currently listed on the careers page of the diocesan website. The jobs are listed below; for more information, and to apply, visit: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers: Clergy Health and Wellbeing PA: Nottingham / Hybrid (Apply by 8th April), Mission Support Assistant: Nottingham / Hybrid (Apply by: 8th April), Assistant Communications Officer: Nottingham / Hybrid (Apply by: 8th April), Parish Secretary: Brigg, North Lincolnshire (Apply by: 8th April), Parish Administrator: Shepshed and East Leake (Apply by: 8th April), Parish Facilities Manager: East/North Nottingham (Apply by: 8th April)

The Nottingham SPUC Pro-Life Chain will be on Trent Bridge, West Bridgford, from 10am until midday on Saturday 20th April. please contact John on 07757 815 625 or email pro-life@dioceseofnottingham.uk.