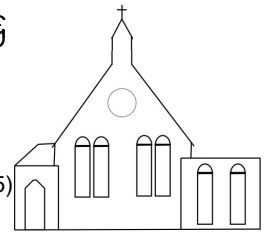


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Twentieth Sunday: Weekly Bulletin 15th & 23rd August 2026

Next 21st Saturday/Sunday (22nd & 23rd August) Holy Mass Readings: Isaiah 22:15, 19-23, Rom 11:33-36, Mt 16:13-20

<u>Alfreton</u> Saturday 15th August: 6.30pm Mass: Ints of Harris Family & Joe Allen RIP Sunday 16th August: 11am Mass: The Assumption of BV Mary Glady's McCallum RIP Monday 17th August: <u>NO MASS</u> Wednesday 19th August: 10am Funeral Mass of Mieczysław Mykita RIP Friday 21st August: St Pius X 9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Ints for Vocations Saturday 22nd August: 6.30pm Mass: Sr Ellen FCJ RIP Sunday 23rd August: 11am Mass: Liam O'Flynn RIP	<u>Clay Cross</u> Sunday 16th August: 9am Mass: The Assumption of BV Mary John Cassidy RIP Tuesday 18th August: 9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Ints for Vocations Thursday 20th August: St Bernard 9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Mrs Anne Coffey Ints Sunday 23rd August: 9am Mass: Richard Plantagenet RIP																
<u>Sick & Housebound:</u> <i>Please pray for</i> – 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, Isobel Hopkins, Diana Davey, Eugene Grant, Patrick Mackell, Margaret Marsh, Alice Ibbotson and Pennie Burton. <i>Please remember all in our parish who need our prayers.</i> <u>This Week's Readers: Alfreton</u> Saturday 6.30pm: Alison Bailey/Moya Mellors Sunday 11am: Tom McCallum/Fungai Chingwenje <u>This Week's Readers: Clay Cross</u> Sunday 9am: Ted Bennett/Manna <u>Next Week's Readers: Alfreton</u> Saturday 6.30pm: Maureen Fuller/Paul Fuller Sunday 11am: York Hampson – Lamb/Catherine Galloway <u>Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross</u> Sunday 9am: Bartosz/Francis Cassidy	<u>August 2026 Cleaners</u> Alfreton: Bridget W Clay Cross: James Eboreime <u>Collection for 08th & 09th August 2026</u> <table> <tr> <td>Alfreton</td><td>£295.88</td></tr> <tr> <td>Clay Cross</td><td>£241.35</td></tr> <tr> <td>Standing Order</td><td>£332.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total Collection</td><td>£869.23</td></tr> <tr> <td>Candles CTK</td><td>£19.23</td></tr> <tr> <td>Repository CTK</td><td>£66.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Pensioner's Lunch</td><td>£214.80</td></tr> <tr> <td>Mass Offerings</td><td>£125.00</td></tr> </table> <i>Many thanks for your generosity</i>	Alfreton	£295.88	Clay Cross	£241.35	Standing Order	£332.00	Total Collection	£869.23	Candles CTK	£19.23	Repository CTK	£66.00	Pensioner's Lunch	£214.80	Mass Offerings	£125.00
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“Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.”

Corrie ten Boom

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Mary Christine Sheldon RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Christine Sheldon, who died recently. The Reception of her Body into the Church will take place on Tuesday, 25th August, at 6pm. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, 26th August, at 12 noon at Christ the King Church, Alfreton, followed by the Committal Service at Amber Valley Crematorium. We extend our sincere condolences to Mary Christine's family and friends at this sad time. May the Lord comfort them with His peace and strengthen them in their grief.

Friday Morning Tea & Coffee Christ the King, Alfreton: We warmly invite everyone to join us for our Friday Morning Tea & Coffee after Holy Mass. Come along, meet one another, and enjoy some good company! Everyone is very welcome.

Clay Cross Afternoon tea/coffee: Afternoon Tea will take place in Thanet House meeting room at Clay Cross on Monday 17th August 1pm. All are welcome- where you can meet one another, enjoy a natter, have a laugh, and just be together.

Do you enjoy helping people? Do you have a clear and confident manner on the phone and good IT skills? Catholic Marriage Care is looking for an Appointments Service Administrator who is able to work a minimum of 8 hours per week, taking enquiries from people seeking relationship counselling or marriage preparation. For more information please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: karen@marriagecare.org.uk

Parish Pensioner's lunch: Join us for the parish lunch on Monday, 7th September 2026, at 1pm! The booking lists for the September Pensioners Lunch are now available at the back of both churches. If you'd like to join us, please be sure to reserve your spot by adding your name to the list by Sunday, 30th August, or give us a call at 07739896735 by Wednesday, 2nd September 2026. We're looking forward to sharing a lovely meal together! Thank you for your support.

The press release regarding the excellent A-level results at Saint Benedict in Derby: More than half of all A-level grades at Saint Benedict Catholic Voluntary Academy in Derby were A*-B this year. Fifty-four per cent of grades were A*-B, 24 per cent were A* or A and 80 per cent were A*-C – a five per cent improvement on 2025 results. The average points score was 35.48 which represents further improvement for the fourth successive year and the average A-level grade is now a B. Students studying vocational qualifications have enjoyed considerable success too. Across Applied Science, Applied Business and Sports Studies, every student achieved a qualification, with 87% of entries achieving the equivalent of a B grade or higher. The results also include some outstanding individual achievements, with students securing exceptional combinations of A and A* grades and progressing towards their chosen universities, apprenticeships, employment and further training.

Holy Mass & Sacrament of Reconciliation: Holy Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation are precious gifts at the heart of our Catholic faith. At Mass, we gather as God's family and receive Jesus truly present in the Holy Eucharist. Before receiving Holy Communion, we are invited to prepare our hearts through prayer, repentance and forgiveness. If we are conscious of mortal sin, the Church teaches that we should first receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession is not something to fear—it is a beautiful opportunity to experience God's mercy and begin again with a peaceful heart. As Jesus reminds us, "Do this in memory of me" (Lk 22:19). Let us never see Mass simply as an obligation, but as a joyful meeting with Jesus. Confession prepares our hearts; the Eucharist strengthens us to live and love as Christ taught us.

Communion with One Another in the Worshipping Community: The Church is not simply a building where we come to pray—it is a family gathered around Jesus. We may not always agree with one another, and we may have different personalities, opinions, backgrounds or even belong to different Christian communities. Yet Jesus calls us to "love one another as I have loved you" (Jn 13:34) and prays that we "may all be one" (Jn 17:21). Being united does not mean that we must agree on everything. We can disagree without becoming enemies, and we can be different without losing our love for one another. St Paul reminds us that we are "one Body and one Spirit" (Eph 4:4). When we come to Mass, let us welcome one another, especially those who may feel lonely or forgotten, forgive those who have hurt us, and build bridges rather than walls. Let us not ask, "Who agrees with me?" but rather, "How can I love this person as Christ loves me?" May our parish community be known not only for beautiful worship, but also for kindness, friendship, forgiveness and a warm welcome, so that everyone who enters our church can experience the love of Jesus.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): Our Parish welcomes all who wish to come into the fullness of the Catholic Church. If you or someone you know has been curious about joining the Catholic Church or wishes to complete their First Communion and/or Confirmation, we are pleased to announce that our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will resume this Fall on Saturdays. Catechism will be led for adults by Laura Morris on Saturdays from 9am - 10am at St Patrick's & St Brigid's parish hall (Thanet House). To learn more, please reach out to Laura at LAURAQS@ME.COM or on WhatsApp +44 7747 837476. Classes begin on Saturday, 5th September 2026. Application forms are available in the church porch.

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. Thank you, and we look forward to welcoming you and your family as we begin this important journey of faith together.

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 or to arrange the Baptism Preparation Sessions, please contact Fiona Molumby at fmolumby@aol.com. We look forward to welcoming your family as you prepare for this special step in your child's journey of faith.

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.