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

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Thirty-Second Sunday: Weekly Bulletin 08th - 16th November 2025 CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

Alfreton

Saturday 08th November: 6.30pm Mass: Michelle Lemal RIP

Sunday 09th November: 10.30am Mass: Ursula Ragus RIP

Monday 10th November: NO MASS

Wednesday 12th November: St Josaphat

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Deceased members of Hough family

Friday 14th November:

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Desmond Hough RIP

Saturday 15th November: 6.30pm Mass:

Michael Stenson RIP & Mary Robertson RIP

Sunday 16th November: 10.30am Mass:

Virginia Guiffre Ints

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 Maureen Fuller, Paul Fuller, Isobel Hopkins, Diana Davey, Eugene Grant, Patrick Mackell and Pennie Burton. Please remember all in our parish who need our prayers.

This Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Maureen Fuller/Paul Fuller Sunday 10.30am: John Boxall/Catherine Galloway

This Week's Readers: Clay Cross Sunday 9am: Sheila Hall/Nicole Grey

**Next Week's Readers: Alfreton** 

Saturday 6.30pm: Alison Bailey/Moya Mellors

Sunday 10.30am: Llianna/John Boxall **Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross** Sunday 9am: Reena Gigi/Kate Tippen

Clay Cross

Sunday 09th November: 9am Mass:

Arsh Mathew Stanson Ints

Tuesday 11th November: St Martin of Tours

9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Saint Benedict CVA

Thursday 13th November:

9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Eamonn Glasheen RIP

Sunday 16th November: 9am Mass:

**November 2025 Cleaners** 

Alfreton: RM Coyne Clay Cross: Rob Farrell

Collection for 01st & 02nd November 2025

Alfreton £404.47 Clay Cross £247.59 Standing Order £263.33

**Total Collection** £915.39

Repository CC £2.85 Candles CC £39.19 Second Collection for Hospice £325.47 Hall Hire £437.50 + £1475.00

Many thanks for your generosity

"We shape our buildings; thereafter they shape us."

Winston Churchill

Lottery winners for November 2025 were Mr B Brown, Alison Bailey, Christian Bramley, Veronica Hough and Mandy Gregory.

MISSIO BOXES: Please bring in for counting during November 2025. Thank you.

**New Parish Bookkeeper Appointment -** We're pleased to announce that Liyamol Augustine, a parishioner at St Patrick & St Bridget, Clay Cross, has been appointed as our new Parish Bookkeeper. We're grateful to the Diocese for their guidance and support throughout the process, and for the training and assistance they'll continue to provide. We also thank everyone who expressed interest in the role, and offer our sincere thanks to Anita Day for her dedicated service in this position. We wish Liya every blessing as she begins her new responsibilities.

**Be Still and Know that I am God a three-days' retreat led by Father Roger Dawson SJ**, aiming to help participants find a greater attentiveness and disposition to God's presence in their lives through a disciplining of the mind and awareness of the present moment. The retreat will be held between Friday 14<sup>th</sup> and Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November, at the Christian Heritage Centre, Lancashire. More details can be found at: https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/be-still-and-know-that-i-am-god

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls: If you wish to bring a picture of your loved ones to place by in front of the altar during the Month of the Holy Souls, please feel free to do so. 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. Feel free to request a Holy Mass for your intentions and Holy Souls envelopes are available in the porch.

Christmas Bazaar 2025: It's that joyful time of year again! Preparations are underway for our Christmas Bazaar, and we'd love your help to make it a great success. If you'd like to be involved in planning, helping on the day, or contributing in any way, please contact: Mary Shelton or Mary Bentley (<a href="leomarybentley@hotmail.co.uk">leomarybentley@hotmail.co.uk</a> 07436 000773) Raffle Tickets: Raffle books are now available — just £1 per book. Please take a few (10 books for £10) and sell them to your friends and family. Donations: We're collecting items for the Bazaar, Hamper, and Raffle — please see the display in the church porch for ideas. A kind reminder: please do not bring old books. In previous years, we received large numbers of unwanted books that are still in storage. Let's focus on bringing good-quality, useful, or festive items to make this year's event a real success! Next Bazaar Meeting: Wednesday 19th November at 2pm CTK Alfreton Church — Liturgy Room. Your support, enthusiasm, and generosity make all the difference. Thank you for helping to bring our parish community together in the true spirit of Christmas!

Clay Cross Afternoon Tea on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 1pm: Everyone is warmly invited to join us for an afternoon of socializing and fun! Please put your name on the list provided before Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November to help us with preparations. All are welcome — come and enjoy good company, tea, and conversation!

School admissions to Catholic Primary Academies (Reception Year) - Children born between 01/09/2021 and 31/08/2022. The deadline for submitting an application for a school place is 15th January 2026. 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, ie a baptism certificate (photocopies are acceptable; contact the parish of baptism if you don't have a copy); 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.

As Advent approaches you are warmly invited to take some quiet time for reflection, prayer, and renewal with Father Chris Thomas, a priest of the Archdiocese of Liverpool, reflecting on the Figures of Advent: the prophets, Mary, Joseph, and John the Baptist, whose faith, courage, and hope prepared the way for Christ's coming. The Retreat is being held at the Presentation Sisters C onvent, Chesterfield Road, Matlock DE4 3FT on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November between 10.00am and 4.00pm. A suggestion donation is £10, bring a packed lunch. For more details email <a href="mailto:associates@pbymengland.co.uk">associates@pbymengland.co.uk</a>

The Jesuit Institute is offering an Advent Online Retreat between Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December, giving participants an opportunity to spend more time with God and listen to how God as at work in their lives in the lead up to Christmas. Details, and booking information, is at: <a href="www.jesuitinstitute.org/events/online-individually-guided-retreat---advent">www.jesuitinstitute.org/events/online-individually-guided-retreat---advent</a>

The African Catholic Community Choir, Nottingham, warmly invites you to its Christmas Carol service A Christmas Story: The Coming of the Lord on Friday 19th December at 7.00pm, in Saint Teresa's Catholic Church, Nottingham (NG8 3EP). Come and experience the beauty of the season through scripture, music, and reflection as we prepare our hearts for the birth of Christ. All are welcome to share in this evening of faith, song, and community spirit.

The Parish of All Saints, Nottingham (NG8 3EP) is seeking to appoint a part-time, permanent Parish Administrator working 10 hours per week (Mondays and Fridays), from a date to be agreed, and for £14.17 per hour (Band 4). The parish is looking for someone with proven experience in administration and finance, ideally within parish, school, or charity settings. The successful applicant will play a key role in supporting parish operations and financial processes. For an informal conversation about the role contact Canon Stanley Ofoegbu stanley.ofoegbu@dioceseofnottingham.uk or for an application form email office@dioceseofnottingham.uk The closing date is Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November.

Bishop Patrick has received a letter from Monsignor Ante Vidovic, Charge d'Affaires at the Apostolic Nunciature, thanking our Diocese for the contributions to the 2025 Peter's Pence collection, which amounted to £9,705.47. The Holy Father very much appreciates the generosity of parishioners throughout the Diocese of Nottingham, whose donations will help to fund and support the charitable activities of the Holy See.

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