

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

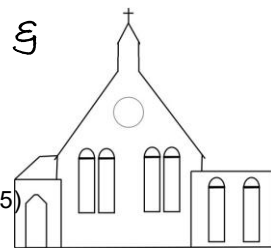
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Twenty Fourth Sunday: Weekly Bulletin 13th – 21st September 2025 CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

Alfreton

Saturday 13th September: 6.30pm Mass: Holy Souls

Sunday 14th September: 10.30am Mass:
Margaret Martin Ints

Monday 15th September: No Mass

Wednesday 17th September:
9am Adoration, 9.30 Eucharistic Service

Friday 19th September:
9am Adoration, 9.30am Eucharistic Service

Saturday 20th September: 6.30pm Mass: John Egan RIP

Sunday 21st September: 10.30am Mass: Legion of Mary Ints

Clay Cross

Sunday 14th September: 9am Mass: John Hughes RIP

Tuesday 16th September:
9.30am Adoration, 10am Eucharistic Service

Thursday 18th September:
9.30am Adoration, 10am Eucharistic Service

Sunday 21st September: 9am Mass: Simon Galt RIP

September 2025 Cleaners

Alfreton: Bridget W

Clay Cross: Mary Bentley/Mary Shelton

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 Graczyk, 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: Catherine Galloway/Francis O'Brien

This Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Juval/Nicole Grey

Next Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Alison Bailey/Moya Mellors

Sunday 10.30am: Barrie Meloy/Fiona Molumby

Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Rob Farrell/Amelia

Collection for 06th & 07th September 2025

Alfreton	£242.00
Clay Cross	£253.13
Standing Order	£237.00

Total Collection **£732.13**

Repository	£16.60
Candles CTK	£21.77
August Hall hire	£1000 + £400.00

Many thanks for your generosity

"The Cross is a mystery of love and of life. The Cross teaches us to love even when it is difficult to love, to forgive even when it seems impossible to forgive." Pope St. John Paul II

Christ the King Alfreton & SS Patrick & Brigid church Clay Cross:

Bank Details: Cheques payable to - **Christ the King Alfreton RCP, Account No: 03155671, Sort Code: 30-92-59**
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Second Collection: This Saturday/Sunday (13th & 14th September): **Catholic Education Service**

John Hughes RIP: We are saddened to hear of the recent passing of John Hughes, a previous valued member of the Clay Cross community. Please keep him in your prayers, asking the Lord to grant him eternal rest and peace. We also hold his family in our hearts and prayers at this time of mourning.

First Holy Communion 2026 – Information for Parents: Children aged 7 and above are eligible to register for the First Holy Communion Programme. **Registration forms will be distributed at the information meeting for parents and candidates, which will take place on Sunday, 14th September, immediately after the 10:30am Mass at Christ the King.** Please note: The First Holy Communion celebration will be held on Saturday, 6th June 2026. We look forward to welcoming all our new candidates and their families.

Celebrating 90 Years! This year, five members of our parish family are celebrating the wonderful milestone of their 90th birthdays: From Alfreton community: Anne Loughnane, Margaret Martin, Rae Morton, Joe Hancock, and Peter Babe. From Clay Cross community: Michael Joyce. We give thanks for the gift of their lives and the example of faith and dedication they have shown in our parish. A congratulations card has been placed in the porch for you to sign. Please take a moment to add your name and a short message of encouragement—it will mean so much to them. Let us surround them with our prayers, blessings, and warm wishes as they celebrate this special milestone.

Afternoon Tea at Clay Cross: Last Monday we enjoyed a lovely Afternoon Tea at 1pm in Clay Cross — and it was a great success! A special word of thanks to Mary Bentley and Rob Farrell for their wonderful help. We will continue to host Afternoon Tea every third Monday of the month in the Clay Cross church hall. It's a simple time to meet, chat, and care for one another. All are warmly welcome!

Bible Study Group at Clay Cross (Thanet House) - Join us in studying the weekly Sunday readings to get a deeper understanding using our bibles. The group will use the St. Paul Center's Word of the Lord by Dr. John Bergsma and Breaking the Bread by Dr. Scott Hahn and Dr. Ken Ogereck to guide our discussion. Bring your bible, a notebook, and a desire to share your thoughts on the weekly Sunday readings. All are welcome including non-parishioners and if you do not have a bible, this is OK, we will bring extras to use during our study and discussion. Questions? Contact Laura Morris LAURAQS@ME.COM or on WhatsApp 07747 837476. Meeting day/time is still up for discussion but for now our first meeting will take place on Saturday at 12 pm 04/10/2025.

A Mass to celebrate CAFOD's Harvest Family Fast Day is being celebrated in Christ the King Church, Alfreton, on Friday 3rd October at 6.30pm. All are welcome.

Talking Philosophy & Theology Combined: a Carmelite Perspective" Zoom meetings for the next three months are 1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings, from 8pm until 9.30pm, September 3rd & 17th, October 1st & 15th; November 5th & 19th, 2nd or 4th (not 5th Thursday afternoons, from 1pm until 3pm, September 11th or 25th, October 9th or 23rd, November 13th or 27th. For more information contact Deacon James Hunter OCS, james.hunter200@btinternet.com

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest Please donate to CAFOD's Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10 to make an offering.

It's time to re-think Baptism Preparation. Join The Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis for a Masterclass webinar on Infant Baptism Preparation on Tuesday 7th October at 7.30pm. The session will explore the Catechetical Institute's Infant Baptism Preparation resource with Dr Petroc Willey, Dr William J. Keimig, and Jacqueline and Michael van Hemert. The Masterclass will be perfect for priests, deacons, catechists and baptism preparation volunteers. Registration is £5, via www.aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/masterclass-infant-baptism-preparation

All Altar Servers are invited to the Diocesan Jubilee of Altar Servers, with Mass celebrated by Bishop Patrick in our Cathedral in Nottingham (Derby Road, NG1 5AE) on Saturday 27th September. Bring your alb / cassock and cotta, and arrive for 10.30am onwards, for Mass at 11.30am. Bring a packed lunch too, and enjoy a picnic in the Cathedral Hall and gardens. All are welcome!

To celebrate the amazing work of the wonderful Catechists who do so much in our diocese we will be having a Jubilee of Catechists Day. The day will include the celebration of Mass and a conference to help them in their ministry. There will be two keynote talks from Dr Mark Nash Director for the Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis, with workshops and time to mingle. The day will be held on Saturday 11th October at Saint Joseph's Church, Leicester, LE5 6SG; from 10am until 4pm, and will cost £10; please bring a packed lunch. More information can be found at <https://bit.ly/CatechistJubilee> or email formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk

The Diocese is seeking to recruit an Adult Formation Officer, based at Saint Thomas More parish, Knighton, to coordinate and support opportunities in the parishes for the faith formation of adults, through the sacramental preparation programmes and other avenues. The role is for 10 hours per week, and more details are at www.careers/adult-formation-officer Application forms are available at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers and should be sent by 9am on Friday 10th October to Christa Wardle office@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Mary's Mantle Consecration: are you interested in doing a 46-day retreat involving a daily rosary and guided reflection (sent on email), a little fasting, and a weekly online zoom meeting with our group (optional, recording available to watch later). The idea is to focus on prayer and meditate on various virtues whilst allowing the Holy Spirit to transform us through Our Mother Mary's intercession. Why 46 days? This number represents the 46 stars on Our Lady of Guadeloupe's Mantle (cloak) from the supernatural image. Starting August 23rd and ending on the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th. For more info or to sign up please contact Anita Day - starfly83@hotmail.com.