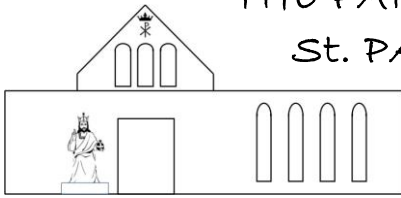
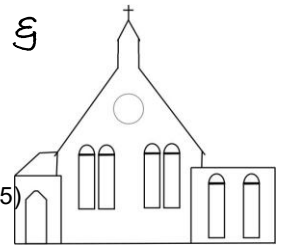


THE PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING, ALFRETON &
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Seventh Sunday of Easter: Weekly Bulletin 16th – 24th May 2026
CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

Alfreton

Saturday 16th May: 6.30pm Mass: Winnie Stenson & Family Ints

Sunday 17th May: 11am Mass: Glynis McCallum RIP

Monday 18th May: **NO MASS**

Wednesday 20th May:

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Sherley Oaks Ints

Friday 22nd May:

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Mary Hickey Ints

Saturday 23rd May: Mass 6.30pm: William & Teresa McGrath RIP

Sunday 24th May: 11am Mass: Glynis McCallum RIP

Clay Cross

Divine Sunday 17th May: 9am Mass: Philip Fitzpatrick RIP

Tuesday 19th May:

9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Mary & Joseph RIP

Thursday 21st May:

9am Mass: Holy Souls in purgatory

Sunday 24th May: 9am Mass:

Annakutty Abraham & Thomas Mathew RIP

May 2026 Cleaners

Alfreton: Bridget W

Clay Cross: Rob Farrell

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, Margaret Marsh, Peter Babe, Alice Ibbotson and Pennie Burton.
Please remember all in our parish who need our prayers.

This Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Moya Mellors/Alison Bailey

Sunday 10.30am: Barrie Meloy/Fiona Molumby

This Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Reena Gigi/Kate Tippen

Next Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Eugene Grant/Veronica Grant

Sunday 10.30am: Natasha Erskine/Tom McCallum

Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Laveena/Feo

Collection for 09th & 10th May 2026

Alfreton	£359.52
Clay Cross	£291.00
Standing Order	£358.00

Total Collection **£1008.52**

Repository CTK	£26.79
CC	£100.00
Candle CTK	£26.65
CC	£121.72
Pensioner's lunch	£120.36

Many thanks for your generosity

“Where there is unity, there is strength, even if it is a small community.”

Traditional proverb

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

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Second Collection: This Saturday/Sunday 16th & 17th May: Catholic Communications

Baptisms: We welcome Oliver Reece & Athena Reece - Thorpe into the parish community of Christ the King, Alfreton. Best wishes to them and their family.

Clay Cross Afternoon tea: Our monthly Afternoon Tea will take place on Monday, 18th May at 1pm at Clay Cross. Everyone is most welcome to join us. Please do come along to share your joy and faith, enjoy a cup of tea, and catch up with friends for a lovely chat. We look forward to seeing you.

Thank you and follow up meeting: A big thank you to everyone who has shared ideas and suggestions for the 5-year plan for the future of our parish. Your thoughts are really helping us to shape a hopeful and vibrant vision for the years ahead. Our next meeting with members of the PPC, Finance Committee, and elected representatives from the Mission Group will take place on Tuesday 9th 2026 at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall. Please do come along with confidence, prayerful reflection, and your ideas for discussion. Every voice matters, and your presence and contribution are deeply valued as we continue to plan together for the future of our parish. Thank you once again for your ongoing support and commitment.

CTK Choir: Our Christ the King Parish community is looking for more members to join the choir and help make our liturgy even more beautiful. Music truly makes a great difference in our worship. As St. Augustine beautifully said, "To sing is to pray twice." If you enjoy singing and would like to be part of the choir, we warmly invite you to join us. Please contact Mercy Uche for more details.

Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage 2026 — 12 to 19 July: Are you 16 or over? Join the Nottingham Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes this summer. Travelling overland by coach with four nights in Lourdes and a stop in Paris on the way home, you'll serve assisted pilgrims, share in the life of the Sanctuary, and follow a programme of prayer, talks and time together. £1,050 all-in; bursaries available in confidence for any young person who needs one. To find out more or to register interest, email director@ndcys.com.

Faith Communities Building Resilience, Monday 18th May from 5.30pm at Trent Bridge Cricket Ground, West Bridgford. Join Caritas and local agencies to explore how parishes in Nottinghamshire can help their neighbourhoods respond to, and prepare for, emergencies.

Join us for the parish lunch on Monday, 1st June 2026, at 1pm! The booking lists for the June Pensioners Lunch are now available at the back of both churches. If you'd like to join us, please reserve your spot by adding your name to the list by Sunday, 24th May, or call us on 07739896735 by Wednesday, 27th May 2026. (If no one answers, please leave a message!) We're looking forward to sharing a lovely meal together!

Young adults aged 18–35 are invited to join a special overnight Pilgrimage to Walsingham (Saturday 20th to Sunday 21st June), taking place alongside the annual diocesan pilgrimage, with dedicated time, space and community for young adults. Staying at Elmham House (half board) pilgrims will share in the wider celebrations while also enjoying moments specifically for the young adult community and encounter. For any questions, contact Charles Archer, Young Adult Ministry Lead charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk. Bookings at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/walsingham-2026

The Diocesan Walsingham Pilgrimage is taking place on Saturday 20th June led by Bishop Patrick. Arrivals are from 11.30am, with Mass at the Catholic Shrine at 3.45pm.

All Young Adults are warmly invited to join the Diocese of Nottingham and Pope Leo in Seoul, South Korea, for World Youth Day 2027: a week of Encounter and Discipleship with 100,000s of other Young Catholics ready to hear the Lord speak into their lives. Please contact charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk for more information! As numbers are limited please do this by 31st Jul y 2026.

The Briars Catholic Youth Retreat Centre in Crich is recruiting a part-time Cook to join its catering team. The role is 18 hours per week, term-time only plus two additional weeks, paying £12.60 – £14.00 per hour. The successful candidate will cook for retreat groups of up to 60+ guests in a friendly, supportive setting. To apply, or for more information please email recruitment@ndcys.com

Between the Ascension and Pentecost, the disciples were in a very strange situation. Jesus had gone up to heaven, and the Holy Spirit had not yet come down. They were probably standing there looking at one another and wondering, "Now what do we do?" It was a bit like waiting for the internet router to restart — no signal, no direction, everybody confused, and hoping something powerful would happen soon! And perhaps that is often how our spiritual life feels too. There are moments when we are stuck in the "waiting period" of life — waiting for answers, waiting for healing, waiting for peace, waiting for God to open a door or show us the next step. We pray and ask, "Lord, how long will this take?" And God gently replies, "Be patient, my child." But we live in a world where we become impatient if the microwave takes longer than thirty seconds! Yet the disciples teach us something beautiful. They did not panic. They did not abandon one another. They did not start arguing about whose fault it was that Jesus had ascended! Instead, they stayed together, prayed together, and trusted together. That waiting time became a time of preparation. God was shaping their hearts before sending them out into mission. And perhaps God works the same way with us. Sometimes the waiting room is part of the blessing. Before Pentecost comes powerfully into our lives, God first teaches us patience, trust, humility, and prayer. A seed must remain hidden in the soil before it grows. Bread dough must rest before it rises. Even tea needs time to brew properly — although some parishioners seem to believe instant coffee is one of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit! Pentecost reminds us that God is never late. The Holy Spirit came at exactly the right moment. And in our own lives too, God knows the right moment to act, to heal, to guide, and to renew us. Our task is not to lose hope while waiting. Our task is to keep praying, keep trusting, and keep staying close to Jesus. Because when the Holy Spirit finally moves, He can change fearful disciples into courageous saints — and sometimes even tired parishioners into enthusiastic volunteers!

After the 9 am 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. Share your faith experiences and enjoy the fellowship of our parish community. We look forward to seeing you there.