

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

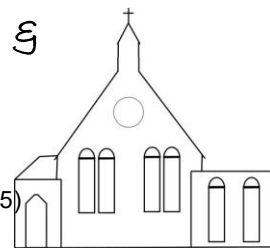
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## Nineteenth Sunday: Weekly Bulletin 09<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> August 2025 CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

### Alfreton

**Saturday 09<sup>th</sup> August** 6.30pm Mass: Alexei Nalvani RIP

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August:** 10.30am Mass: Elsie Stewart Wellbeing

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August: No Mass**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August:**

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Derek Underwood RIP

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August: Vigil Mass: *Holiday of obligation***

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:** 6.30pm Mass

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August:** 6.30pm Mass: Rea Morton Ints

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August:** 10.30am Mass: Bill Hough RIP

### Clay Cross

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August:** 9am Mass: Pray for the sick

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August:**

9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Melvin Ripley RIP

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August: *Holiday of obligation***

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass:

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August:** 9am Mass: Kathleen Webley RIP

### August 2025 Cleaners

**Alfreton:** Maureen Walker

**Clay Cross:** Roy K Andrews/Fly

### 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: Moya Mellors/Alison Bailey

Sunday 10.30am: Fiona Molumby/Catherine Galloway

### This Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Ted Bennett/Rita Topp

### Next Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Margaret Kerry/Veronica Grant

Sunday 10.30am: Francis O'Brien/Fungai Chingwenje

### Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Wendy Tinsley/Manna

### Collection for 02<sup>nd</sup> & 03<sup>rd</sup> August 2025

Alfreton	£432.57
Clay Cross	£252.91
Standing Order	£258.33

**Total Collection** **£943.81**

Candles CTK	£60.73
Repository CTK	£49.60
Tea/Coffee CTK	£40.40
Holy Mass offering	£85.00

*Many thanks for your generosity*

**“Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain.”** *unknown*

*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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**A Word of Thanksgiving to Deacon Michael Browne (01<sup>st</sup> November 2014 – 17<sup>th</sup> August 2025):** As we recently gave thanks for Fr Jim's sixty years of priestly service, we also pause with deep gratitude and joy to honour and thank you for your many years of faithful diaconate ministry among us. Since your ordination on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014, you have served both of our parish communities (Christ the King Alfreton & Ss Patrick and Brigid Clay Cross) with quiet dedication, humility, and a deep love for the Word of God and the Church. Your presence at the altar, your reverence in proclaiming the Gospel, and your kindness in service have touched many hearts. Your faithfulness, commitment, and pastoral care have been a true gift to us all. We are amazed and inspired by the steady grace with which you have carried out your ministry. As you now prepare to step back from active service, we pray that God will bless you with continued health, peace, and joy. May you enjoy this new season of life with the same grace that marked your ministry. From all of us: thank you, Deacon Michael, and all the very best for your graceful and well-deserved years ahead. You will always remain in our hearts and prayers. As a parish community, we come together to celebrate the grace-filled life and ministry of Deacon Michael Browne. To mark this special occasion and express our gratitude, we will have a BBQ on Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> August, following the 10:30am Holy Mass, in the presbytery garden. All are warmly invited to join us for this joyful gathering, as we give thanks for Deacon Michael's faithful service and enjoy a time of fellowship together.

**Lottery:** Winners for August are Mrs H Badams, Mr M Boulbee and Mrs M Lane. Some members subscribe with more than one number. That is why there are only three names this month but five prizes were distributed.

**CAFFOD:** An invitation to all Parishioners to attend a CAFOD meeting: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 1830 Christ the King Alfreton for us all to see how we can support the work of CAFOD in our Parish, School and Community. Many thanks, *Chris Gallagher, Community Participation Co-ordinator* – CAFOD Nottingham.

**The Diocese is looking to appoint a Clergy Health and Wellbeing Assistant** to provide a professional service supporting the health and wellbeing of clergy in the Diocese. If you have experience in nursing, social work, etc, where care and empathy are combined with skills and creativity, then consider applying for this role. The job is 22.5 hours per week over 3 days, and details are available at: [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers). The deadline for applications is 9am on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August, emailed to [office@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:office@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**What is God? Philosophical, Christian and Islamic Approaches, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> until Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August** this annual course in partnership with CEPHAS will look at the nature and knowledge of God from a pre-religious, philosophical understanding, before comparing the Islamic concept of God with the Christian, leaning on Saint Thomas Aquinas' elaboration of the Trinity and the Incarnation. For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/what-is-god/>

**The Diocese is looking to appoint an Administration Assistant – IT and GDPR based at the Diocesan Curia Office**, someone who can support the work of the IT and GDPR Department supporting staff in the curia and parishes, focusing on delivering solutions using 365 Microsoft Ecosystem Apps, ensuring data privacy and cybersecurity. More details are available at: [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers) Please send application forms to: Christa Wardle, HR Officer: [office@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:office@dioceseofnottingham.uk) by 9am on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August.

**A Jubilee of Hope Pilgrimage will be held at Mount Saint Bernard Abbey on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August**, starting with Mass at 2pm, together with a family picnic, Marian Procession, and Adoration. For more details email [jnoakes@englishmartyrs.org](mailto:jnoakes@englishmartyrs.org)

**On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September the annual UK March for Life 2025 will take place in London.** Join with thousands of others from all over the UK who believe that all life is sacred, as we march through the streets of London to the Houses of Parliament. The Walk is peaceful, legal and always spiritually uplifting. There will be a coach from Nottingham, picking up from Good Shepherd Arnold and Cathedral Derby Road, costing adults £30, unwaged including students £15, under 16s £10. To book on the coach or for more information contact Marie ([marielangford@live.co.uk](mailto:marielangford@live.co.uk), 07948 151264). "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

**The Martyr-Saints of the North-West, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> until Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September** is a weekend studying some of the Reformation-era martyrs of the North-West region. Part-retreat, part-biographical, the weekend will be led by Monsignor John Allen of Salford Diocese, who has recently published a history of the diocese with a foreword by Eamon Duffy. For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-martyr-saints-of-the-north-west/>

**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, 14<sup>th</sup> September, immediately after the 10:30am Mass at Christ the King. Please note: The First Holy Communion celebration will be held on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026. We look forward to welcoming all our new candidates and their families.

**Pilgrimage for 2026:** If you are looking to grow in your spiritual life why not consider going on a life-changing pilgrimage. The next pilgrimage proposed for 2026 is to Medjugorje. Please put your name and contact info down if you are looking for more information with no obligation. Depending on interest, arrangements will be made and cost confirmed in months to come. You can also express interest or ask questions to Anita Day - 07709445578.

**The Roman Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady is seeking a dedicated and organised Sacristan to join their team.** This vital role supports the daily liturgical life of the Shrine, ensuring the sacred spaces are well-prepared, reverent and welcoming for all pilgrims and visitors. For more details about this full time position, visit: [www.walsingham.org.uk/2025/07/22/job-advert-sacristan](http://www.walsingham.org.uk/2025/07/22/job-advert-sacristan)

**Join the diocese for a special Young Adults' Pilgrimage to Rome between Friday 5<sup>th</sup> and Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September for the Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati.** The Pilgrimage is open to anyone aged 18-35, costing £475 per person based on sharing a room, with financial help available. For more information and to book a place email: [vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk)