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Seventeenth Sunday: Weekly Bulletin 25th July– 02nd August 2026

Next 18th Saturday/Sunday (1st & 2nd August) Holy Mass Readings: Isaiah 55/1-3, Romans 8/35, 37-39, Mt 14/13-21

<u>Alfreton</u>	<u>Clay Cross</u>														
Saturday 25th July: 6.30pm Mass: Winnie Stenson RIP Sunday 26th July: 11am Mass: Nancy Hynes Ints Monday 27th July: <u>NO MASS</u> Wednesday 29th July: St Martha, Mary & Lazarus 9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Peter Babe RIP Friday 31st July: St Ignatius of Loyola 9am Mass: Denis O'Sullivan RIP Saturday 01st August: 6.30pm Mass: St Benedict CVA Ints Sunday 02nd August: 11am Mass: Linda Noone RIP	Sunday 26th July: 9am Mass: Jim Noone & Family Tuesday 28th July: 9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Margaret Kilkey 90th Bday Ints Thursday 30th July: 9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: St Benedict CVA Ints Sunday 02nd August: 9am Mass: Clem Burke RIP														
<u>Sick & Housebound:</u>	<u>July 2026 Cleaners</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>	Alfreton: Ann Harris Clay Cross: James Eboreime														
<u>This Week's Readers: Alfreton</u>	<u>Collection for 18th & 19th July 2026</u>														
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"To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him, the greatest adventure; to find Him, the greatest human achievement." St. Augustine

Christmas Bazaar 2026: Time is flying, and it's never too early to start thinking about our Christmas Bazaar 2026! We are looking for sponsors for our Grand Raffle Prizes: 1st Prize: £150, 2nd Prize: £100 and 3rd Prize: £75 If you would like to donate or sponsor one of these prizes, please speak to Fr Paul after Holy Mass. Your generosity, kindness, and support make a huge difference and help make our Christmas Bazaar a great success.

Parish Lottery: As from 1st August, 2026 the lottery prizes will be paid into your bank account via BACS. If your details aren't to hand, a member of the lottery team (Margaret or Marie) will contact you to obtain these details. As you will appreciate, this has come about because of the problems in cashing cheques with the absence of banks on our high streets. The winners will still be published in the newsletter. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Clay Cross Summer BBQ: Our Summer BBQ was a great success and very well attended. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who came and helped make it such a wonderful afternoon of friendship, fun, and fellowship. A special word of thanks to Rob Farrell, Emma and Richard Whitaker their children Juliette and Crispin Whitaker, Veronica Grant, Laura Morris, for taking the lead in organising the event, and to everyone who helped in any way before, during, and afterwards. Through gatherings like these, we strengthen our friendship, celebrate our unity in Christ, and continue to build a welcoming parish family.

Parish Pensioner's Lunch: Join us for an enjoyable parish lunch on Monday, 3rd August 2026, at 1pm! The booking lists for the August Pensioners Lunch are now available at the back of both churches. Don't miss out - reserve your spot today by adding your name to the list by this Sunday, 26th July 2026, or call us at 07739896735 by Wednesday, 29th July 2026. (If no one answers, please leave a message!) We can't wait to share a delicious meal and wonderful company with you!

CTK Coffee Morning: Our first Christ the King Coffee Morning was a great success! We will continue to meet every Friday after the 9.30am Holy Mass, so please do come along if you are free. Everyone is warmly welcome for a cup of tea or coffee, a chat, and fellowship. Thank you to all who supported the event by baking, serving, and attending.

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.

End of Life Bill: Ahead of the Second Reading and vote in the House of Commons for the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life Bill) on Friday 11th September, the Bishops' Conference has produced resources encouraging parishioners to write to their MPs. Either scan the QR code on the poster, or visit www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/ Please consider writing to your MP, showing the support of the Catholic Community in opposition to this proposed change to the law.

All are invited to a Family Mass and Picnic at Mount Saint Bernard Abbey on Sunday 13th September. Bring a chair or picnic blanket, and arrive for Mass at 2pm, with a Marian Procession and Adoration too. More details from jnoakes@englishmartyrs.com

Holy Mass: The Holy Mass is the greatest gift Christ has given to His Church. In every Mass, we encounter the living Lord, receive His Word, and are nourished by His Body and Blood. The final blessing is not the end of our worship but the beginning of taking Christ into our daily lives. A few moments of quiet prayer after Holy Communion or after Mass allow us to thank God for the priceless gift we have received, to listen to His gentle voice, and to open our hearts more fully to His grace. These moments of silence help purify our minds and hearts, deepen our relationship with Christ, and strengthen us to live as His disciples. As the prophet Elijah discovered, God often speaks not in the wind or the earthquake, but in "a gentle whisper" (1 Kings 19:12). We kindly ask everyone to respect those who wish to remain in prayer by keeping conversation until you have left the church or reached the parish hall. This simple act of consideration helps preserve the sacred atmosphere of the church and allows each person to encounter the Lord in peace and silence. As St. Mother Teresa beautifully said, "God is the friend of silence. See how nature—trees, flowers, grass—grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun move in silence. We need silence to be able to touch souls." Thank you for helping to keep our church a place of prayer, reverence, and peace. May every Holy Mass renew our hearts and draw us ever closer to Christ.

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.