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Twenty Seventh Sunday: Weekly Bulletin **04**th **October – 12**th **October 2025**CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

<u>Alfreton</u>

Saturday 04th October: 6.30pm Mass:

Franciszek, Kazimiera, Helena Joseph Miazga RIP

Sunday 05th October: 10.30am Mass: Marjorie Culligan RIP

Monday 06th October: No Mass

Wednesday 08th October: 12noon Requiem Mass

Sean Cullen RIP

Friday 10th October:

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Thanksgiving Mary Uche

Saturday 11th October: 6.30pm Mass:

Harriet Hickey Ints

Sunday 12th October: 10.30am Mass: Tracy Connolly RIP

Sick & Housebound:

Please pray for – Shirley Oakes, lan 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: Joshua Chamberlain/Veronica Grant

Sunday 10.30am: John Boxall/Fungai Chingwenje

This Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: David Johnson/Kate Tippen

Next Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Maureen Fuller/Paul Fuller Sunday 10.30am: Fiona Molumby/Francis O'Brien

Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross Sunday 9am: Rita Topp/lan Patterson

Clay Cross

Sunday 05th October: 9am Mass: Niamh Cotter RIP

Tuesday 07th October: 12 noon Requiem Mass

John Hughes RIP

Thursday 09th October: The Holy Guardian Angels 9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Private Ints Ian Gracias

Sunday 12th October: 9am Mass:

September 2025 Cleaners

Alfreton: Marta/York Clay Cross: Rob Farrell

Collection for 27th & 28th September 2025

Alfreton	£317.63
Clay Cross	£298.35
Standing Order	£340.00

Total Collection £955.98

£2.50
£29.71
£49.40
£1225.00

Many thanks for your generosity

"Do not look forward in fear to the changes of life; rather, look to them with full hope that as they arise, God will sustain you." St. Francis de Sales

Second Collection: This Saturday/Sunday (05th & 06th October): CAFOD HARVEST FAMILY FAST. CAFOD's Family Fast Day was on Friday 3rd October. It's a day when we're asked to pray, eat simply and give generously. Our parish's support of CAFOD this Harvest is a way for us to offer new signs of hope this Jubilee year, by giving practical help to people affected by poverty, conflict and climate change in our world. Collect a CAFOD envelope as you leave to Gift Aid your donation, or give on the CAFOD website. Thank yo u.

Baptisms: We welcome Conlon Jack Golden - Clark into the Clay Cross parish community. Best wishes to him and his family.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): RCIA for those wishing to find out more about the Catholic faith. Monday 13th Oct 7pm at Christ the King

Requiem Mass: We pray for the repose of the soul of **John Hughes** who died recently. The funeral Mass will take place Tuesday 07th October at Clay Cross church at 12noon followed by burial at Danesmoor Cemetery, Clay Cross. Our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Sean Cullen** who died recently. The funeral Mass will take place Wednesday 08th October at Christ the King Alfreton at 12noon followed by burial at Alfreton Cemetery. Our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

Parish Bookkeeper – Paid Position: We are looking for someone to take on the role of Bookkeeper to help with the parish finance updates. This is a paid position (8 hours per month). The Diocese will provide full training and support for this role. If yo u are interested, please apply by Saturday 12th October. Contact: ctkchurchalfreton@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Marriage Statement: The Bishop's Statement on Marriage, which is published in parish Notice Board.

October is the month of the rosary: We will be praying a full rosary and looking for volunteers to lead at least one decade of the rosary before the Sunday morning masses during this month. There is a sign up sheet - see Laura at CC and Anita at CTK. Rosary start time is half hour before mass.

Parish Lunch, Monday 6th **October 2025 at 1pm.** The booking lists for the October Pensioners Lunch are now located at the back of both churches. If you would like to attend this lunch, it is very important that you book your place by adding your name by S unday, 28th September 2025 or by telephoning 07739896735 by Wednesday, 1st October 2025 (please leave a message if no one answers) so that we know how many people we need to cater for.

Mary's Mantle Consecration ends on the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on 7th October. Thanks to all those who took part praying and fasting for our intentions: For our Priests, our Parish as a whole, and peace in the world, families, and in our hearts. There will be a certificate for the consecration to collect.

Fundraising for Outreach: Tuesday 14th October at 7.00pm. The next 'Mission Lab' is all about fundraising for parish projects. If you have a project in mind for your parish, or if you'd simply like to pick up tips for the future, Kristen, the diocesan fundraising manager, will help you realise your dream. Register at bit.ly/mission-lab

The Mary Potter Heritage Centre, Nottingham, is seeking to appoint an Engagement and Admin Assistant (12 hours per week, Wednesday and Thursday with flexibility as required). The role will include supporting guided tours, assisting with outreach work to promote Mary Potter Heritage Centre and its vision, mission, and to provide high-quality administrative support to ensure the effective running of the Centre. For further details contact the Centre Manager: lcmheritage@gmail.com

This week, we are launching "The Rosary Challenge," All videos are freely available on our website and YouTube channel. Further information and access to the videos can be found on our website at www.themark10mission.co.uk and on our YouTube channel, @themark10mission.

In February 2025, four Diocesan Roadshows were held across the Diocese of Nottingham, bringing together clergy and parish representatives for prayer, presentations, and open dialogue about our shared future. Almost 300 questions and comments were submitted, covering a very wide range of often complex issues. Since then, the diocesan team and senior clergy have worked to compile, group, and respond to these contributions in a way that is honest, accurate, and accessible. What began as a simple summary has grown into a much larger piece of work than first anticipated. We are now pleased to share the full report, which gives a clear account of the roadshows, the issues raised, and the steps we are taking as we continue our journey towards becoming a more missionary, outward-looking Church.

Bible Study Group at Clay Cross (Thanet House) - Join us in studying the weekly Sunday readings to get a deeper understanding using our bibles. Contact Laura Morris LAURAQS@ME.COM or on WhatsApp 07747 837476.

Welcoming the Sacred Stranger: Saturday 1st November 11.45am – 3.45pm. The annual diocesan Justice and Peace Assembly will be held at Immaculate Conception and Saint Norbert's Church, Spalding PE11 2XX. Discover the people hidden in our midst: 11.45am Mass with Bishop Patrick McKinney; 1.00pm Lunch hosted by Project St Thomas; 1.45pm Hear stories of those touched by modern slavery and forced migration, and others unseen in both town and countryside - and help to shape action here in the diocese. Speakers from the Bishops' Conference, Santa Marta Group, Lincolnshire's agricultural chaplaincy and a new Caritas initiative to support vulnerable incomers to the county. All are welcome! Find out more at bit.ly/sacred-stranger or scan the QR Code.

In honour of the recent canonisation of Carlo Acutis and in recognition of his dedication to evangelising through digital media, the Diocesan Youth Service is pleased to offer a distinguished opportunity for a creative and motivated individual to join our team as a Volunteer Marketing Intern, as part of the inaugural Carlo Acutis Internship Program. Please encourage interested parties to read the job description and email marketing@saintsmeadow.com to apply.

Marriage Care is looking to appoint an Appointments Service Administrator (8 hours or more per week) and a Counselling Training Administrator (28 hours per week) in the Nottingham area. More information can be found at www.marriagecare.org.uk