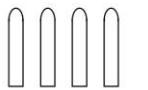
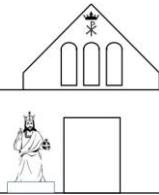
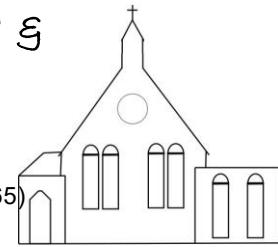


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3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Ordinary time: Weekly Bulletin 24<sup>th</sup> January- 01<sup>st</sup> February 2026  
CONFESIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

Alfreton

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January:** 6.30pm Mass:  
Amanda Michelle Brown RIP

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January:** 10.30am Mass: Elsie Stewarts Ints

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January:** NO MASS

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January:** St Thomas Aquinas  
9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Kathleen Hull RIP

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January:**  
9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: James Earl Jones RIP

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January:** 6.30pm Mass: Peter Egan RIP

**Sunday 01<sup>st</sup> February:** 10.30am Mass: Elsie Stewarts Ints

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 Mularkey, 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: Eugene Grant/Veronica Grant  
Sunday 10.30am: John Boxall/Tom McCallum

This Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Ian Patterson/Nicole Grey

Next Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Alison Bailey/Moya Mellors  
Sunday 10.30am: Fungai Chingwenje/ Natasha Erskine

Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Adrian Goodall/Kate Tippen

Clay Cross

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January:** 9am Mass: Eileen Wragg RIP

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January:**  
9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Eileen Wragg RIP

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January:**  
9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Rita & Maurice Gracias RIP

**Sunday 01<sup>st</sup> February:** 9am Mass: Anne Marie Fletcher RIP

January 2026 Cleaners

**Alfreton:** Bridget W

**Clay Cross:** Maggie Smith

Collection for 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Alfreton	£431.89
Clay Cross	£240.90
Standing Order	£289.00

<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>£961.79</b>
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Repository	£24.30
Candles CTK	£33.24
Pensioner's Lunch	£88.16
Second Collection: Retired & Sick Priests:	£234.13

*Many thanks for your generosity*

**"Follow the leader—but make sure the leader is worth following."**

*Unknown*

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

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**Eileen Wragg RIP:** We pray for the repose of the soul of Eileen Wragg, who died recently. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, 5th February at 12:45 pm at Clay Cross, followed by the Committal at Chesterfield. We extend our sincere condolences to her family and friends at this sad time. May the Lord grant her eternal rest and comfort all who mourn. In accordance with Eileen's wishes and those of her family, this will be a celebration of her life. There will be no formal mourning, and parishioners are kindly asked to wear colourful clothing rather than black.

**Old Palm Crosses:** Please bring your old palm crosses to the church and leave them in the porch. They will be used to prepare the ashes for Ash Wednesday. Thank you for your help and cooperation.

**Parish Lunch, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026 at 1pm.** The booking lists for the February 2026 Pensioners Lunch are now at the back of both churches. If you would like to attend this lunch, please book your place by Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026, so we can confirm the number of people to cater for. Why not come along and enjoy a good meal, great company and fantastic entertainment? You may even win some cash at the cash bingo or a raffle prize. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Rite of Election 2026 Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 3pm St Barnabas Cathedral**, Derby Road, Nottingham. This year we are delighted that representatives from the Loughborough Deanery will be helping to plan and animate the liturgy. The celebration is significant as it marks the 40th anniversary of the first Rite of Election in the diocese. To commemorate this, we hope to gather at least 40 testimonies from people who previously attended the Rite of Election as catechumens or candidates, sharing how their faith has grown since that time. If there is a member of your parish who you think would like to contribute please let me know. **Registration:** Please register using the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/PL3gYnQ3uJ?origin=lprLink>

**Pilgrimage to Lourdes 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2026:** Flying from Stansted Airport Cost £674. This includes return flights, transfers from Tarbes/Lourdes Airport and Full Board at the Hotel Irlande and a full programme in Lourdes. This hotel is only a 5 minute walk to the Domain and Grotto. The pilgrimage is being booked through All Saints Travel. More information can be found on their website, [www.AllSaintstravel.co.uk](http://www>AllSaintstravel.co.uk). Bookings are being taken on that website too. For more information please contact Fr. John McCay on [john.mccay@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:john.mccay@dioceseofnottingham.uk) or 07853068189

**Faith & Footprint: Caring for Creation on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm.** Join the next online diocesan workshop to help you turn your faith into environmental action in the home and parish. We'll explore opportunities to help your church become carbon neutral, and connect with other faith initiatives to Care for Creation. Email [caritas@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:caritas@dioceseofnottingham.uk) for the Zoom link.

**Parish Life and Our Commitments:** Parish life is much more than attending Mass on Sundays. It is about being part of a living community, a family of faith, where each of us contributes our time, talents, and prayerful presence. Every member, young and old, has a role to play — whether it is helping at Mass, participating in parish activities, teaching, visiting the sick, or simply praying for one another. "Faith is not something to keep to ourselves; it is a flame meant to be shared." Being part of parish life is also a call to commitment. Commitment does not mean perfection; it means consistency, generosity of heart, and willingness to serve. When we commit to something in the parish — a ministry, a prayer group, a charitable initiative — we are participating in God's work and building His Kingdom here on earth. The commitments we make are not burdens. They are opportunities — opportunities to grow in faith, to witness to Christ's love, and to deepen our relationship with Him. As Mother Teresa beautifully said: "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." Small acts of service, when offered with love, can transform our parish community. A warm greeting to a newcomer, helping to tidy the church, assisting at parish events, or simply offering a prayer for a neighbour — these acts, though small, are powerful expressions of Christ's love. Commitment to parish life also challenges us to place others first. Jesus reminds us that the heart of faith is love: love for God and love for one another. "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13). While we may not be called to heroic acts, even small sacrifices of our time and energy show that love is alive in our parish. Moreover, parish life is a journey of mutual support. It is not just about what we give; it is also about what we receive — encouragement, friendship, and the grace of God that flows through a community of believers. Together, we become witnesses to the Gospel, a living sign that God is present in our midst. Let us also remember that no one is indispensable, but everyone is valuable. If we cannot fulfil a ministry, it is important to communicate this so others may step in, and so the parish mission continues smoothly. Commitment is about honesty, responsibility, and a desire to see the parish flourish. Finally, as we reflect on our own participation in parish life, let us ask ourselves: Are we active only when convenient, or do we seek ways to serve out of love and gratitude for God's gifts? "Do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger people" (John F. Kennedy). True commitment sometimes requires effort, but it is in this effort that we grow in faith, hope, and charity. May we all embrace parish life with open hearts, generous spirits, and a willingness to serve. May our faith shine through our actions, and may we inspire one another to live fully as children of God, committed to His Church and His people.