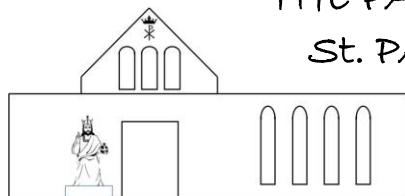


THE PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING, ALFRETON &
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03rd Sunday of Lent: Weekly Bulletin 02nd – 10th March 2024
CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

Alfreton

Saturday 02nd March: 6.30pm Mass: Winnie Stenson Wellbeing

Sunday 03rd March: 10.30am Mass: Leah Philbin

Monday 04th March: No Mass

Wednesday 06th March:
 9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Frank & Rita Sullivan RIP

Friday 08th March: Queen Elizabeth RIP
 9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass & Station of the Cross

Saturday 09th March: 6.30pm Mass: Frank & Rita Sullivan RIP

Sunday 10th March: 10.30am Mass: Pat Martyn RIP

Clay Cross

Sunday 03rd March: 9.00am Mass: Meg Bennett RIP

Tuesday 05th March:
 9.30 Adoration, 10am Mass: Margaret Kelly RIP

Thursday 07th March: Johnny Murphy RIP
 9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass & Station of the Cross

Sunday 10th March: 9am Mass: Larry Hickey RIP

March 2024 Cleaners

Alfreton: RM Coyne
Clay Cross: Mick & Marie Cassidy

Sick & Housebound

Please pray for – Sara Lane, Shirley Oakes, Ian Martin, Val Kerlin, Betty Deane, Mary Pfeffer, Hazel Titon, Martin Mullally, Elsie Stewart, Brian Bradford, Peter Egan. Ted Bennett, Jim Johnson, Rob Lane, John Oliver, Karen Parker, Bridie Joyce, Rae Morton and Maureen Fuller. **Please remember all in our parish who need our prayers.**

This Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Moya Mellors/Veronica Grant
 Sunday 10.30am: Barrie Meloy/John Boxall

This Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Nicole Grey/Francis Cassidy

Next Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Celia Fletcher/Paul Fuller
 Sunday 10.30am: Fiona Molumby/Catherine Galloway

Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Laveena/Feo

Collection for 24th & 25th February 2024

Alfreton	£301.07
Clay Cross	£176.27
Standing Order	£243.75
Total Collection	£721.09

Candles	£53.14
Repository	£2.50
Hall Hire	£100.00
CAFOD Collection	£303.00

Many thanks for your generosity

LENT: "God loves cleanliness. The environment must be kept clean." Lailah Gifty Akita

Christ the King Alfreton & SS Patrick & Brigid church Clay Cross, Bank Details: Cheques payable to **Christ King Alfreton RCP Account No: 03155671, Sort Code:30-92-59**

Second Collection this Saturday 02nd & Sunday 03rd March: Bishop's charitable purposes

Parish Lunch, Monday 4th March 2024 at 1pm. Looking forward to seeing you

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, Third Sunday of Lent: With hands outstretched to God, Moses makes of himself a kind of bridge between earth and heaven, pleading for the people when they are most in need. In this way he prefigures Jesus, our great intercessor and high priest. We Christians are also called to share in this type of prayer, interceding for those who need God's help, and for the redemption of the whole world. To read the full reflection and find more resources at dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer

Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal this Lent. Your generous donations, given in love, will support families around the world and help them with the resources to feed their families for good. You can still give online at cafod.org.uk

The annual mission appeal from Missionary sisters of St Peter Claver, Bromley, Kent: The Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver will be here (next week) on 9th & 10th March to appeal on behalf of the Sisters Missions Committee of England and Wales. They will tell us about their missionary Work and will be grateful for your support.

Abortion Decriminalisation Proposal An amendment has been put forward to the Criminal Justice Bill by pro-abortion MPs which, if successful, would decriminalise abortion. This means that it would be possible for women to induce their own abortion, using pills sent through the post, at any time and for any reason. In other words, it would be legal to abort an unborn child UP TO BIRTH, if induced by the woman herself. Such a change is not supported by public opinion. Polls suggest that 70% of women would like to see a REDUCTION in the present time limit for abortions (24 weeks) rather than removing all time limits. If passed into law, this radical amendment would increase the number of babies who are aborted. It would also increase the risks to women's health, since these late term abortions would not be carried out under medical supervision but in women's homes. This proposal will be debated in the House of Commons in early March. Please write now to your MP, asking them to oppose this extreme proposal. You can do this using SPUC's easy to use webtool, at www.spuc.org.uk/abortionamendments Please also pray for the defeat of this amendment, for protection of unborn babies, and help and comfort for mothers in need.

There are more than 40 retired priests in our Diocese. Some live in Ireland and some in England. We wish to express our gratitude to you for the ways you have helped us over the years especially by your love of Our Lord and His Church. With your love and prayers, support and example we have been encouraged to try to be the priests Jesus called us to be. You have also with great generosity supported the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund over many years and especially during the recent appeal. We will always be grateful to you and happily fulfil our responsibility to pray for you and your families. Your Retired Priests

The Nottingham Secular Carmelites are hosting a Carmelite Open Day on Saturday 16th March, between 10.00am and 4.00pm, at Saint John the Evangelist Church, Stapleford. Meeting monthly on Saturdays we pray together, study scripture, church teaching and writings from the Carmelite saints, and share reflections. Contact Heather Ward on 01773 599982 or heatherward67@yahoo.com or visit nottinghamcarmelites.uk

The Sisters of St Joseph of Peace invite you to a Day for Young People 15-18yrs, 9-12 noon, 19 -25yrs, 2-5pm and 25+, 6-8pm on Saturday 27th April at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Parish Hall, Nottingham, NG6 9ES, with time for prayer, reflection, discussion, fun and getting to know other young people in a relaxed and friendly environment. The Retreat will be led by the Verbum Dei Missionary Community. For more information contact maureenbrennancsjp@gmail.com

Calling all piano players: Are you a pianist looking to expand your music skills? Join us at Clay Cross, where Hilary, our talented organist, is eager to help you transition to the organ! Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to grow as a musician and serve our community. Come and chat with Hilary after Mass.

Year of Prayer Podcast – You can download or stream it from Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcasts and more or by visiting dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer

Called to Love is a new, retreat for singles, dating and engaged couples who want to think more deeply about relationships and the call to marriage. It will be a relaxed weekend with input, prayer, discussion and social, as well as the opportunity to meet like-minded others, and runs from Saturday 4th until Sunday 5th May, with the option of a night's stay on Friday 3rd. To book, visit: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/called-to-love/>

The Diocese of Nottingham is delighted to offer three retreats this Lent. As we celebrate the Year of Prayer and all of us look for ways to grow in our prayer life a retreat can be a fantastic way. The theme of all three retreats is the Year of Prayer and Deepening your Prayer Life. Each retreat day will run from 10am-4pm: Saturday 2nd March – Young Adults' Retreat (18-35) with Word on Fire – Holy Cross Leicester (Free); Saturday 9th March – Women's Retreat (18+) – Holy Trinity, Newark (£12); Saturday 23rd March – Men's Retreat (18+) – Mount Saint Bernard Abbey, Leicestershire (£12). visit dioceseofnottingham.uk/events or email adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk

All are welcome to join the Heart of England Walking Pilgrimage from Worcester to Peterborough, 10th to 25th August. To find out more and book your place, visit www.thepilgrims.org.uk/book