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5th Week of Ordinary time: Weekly Bulletin 07th – 15th February 2026
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Alfreton	Clay Cross																
<p>Saturday 07th February: 6.30pm Mass: Irena Zygmund RIP</p> <p>Sunday 08th February: 10.30am Mass: Emilia Iwachow Wellbeir</p> <p>Monday 09th February: <u>NO MASS</u></p> <p>Wednesday 11th February: Our Lady of Lourdes 9am Adoration,9.30am Mass: David Guyler RIP</p> <p>Friday 13th February: 9am Adoration,9.30am Mass: David Guyler RIP</p> <p>Saturday 14th February: 6.30pm Mass: Ints of the Sick people in the parish</p> <p>Sunday 15th February:10.30am Mass: Ints for the Vocations</p>	<p>Sunday 08th February: 9am Mass: Reena Stanson Ints</p> <p>Tuesday 10th February: St Scholastica 9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Ian Gracias Private Ints</p> <p>Thursday 12th February: 9am Mass: John Molony 90th Bday</p> <p>Sunday 15th February: 9am Mass: George Hall RIP</p>																
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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sick & Housebound:</u></p> <p><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 and Pennie Burton. <i>Please remember all in our parish who need our prayers.</i></p>																	
<p><u>This Week's Readers: Alfreton</u> Saturday 6.30pm: Maureen Fuller/Paul Fuller Sunday 10.30am: Catherine Galloway/Francis O'Brien <u>This Week's Readers: Clay Cross</u> Sunday 9am: Ted Bennett/Rita Topp</p> <p><u>Next Week's Readers: Alfreton</u> Saturday 6.30pm: Clare Smith/Margaret Kerry Sunday 10.30am: Barrie Meloy/Fiona Molumby <u>Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross</u> Sunday 9am: Bartosz/Manna</p>																	

“Salt does not exist for itself; it exists to give flavour”

anonymous

The Bishop's Statement on Marriage has now been published. You can read it on the Notice Board.

Each year, 8th February (when not a Sunday) **is the memorial of Saint Josephine Bakhita, the patron saint of victims of human trafficking and modern slavery.** There are 50 million victims of human trafficking across the world and as many as 130,000 in the UK, hidden in plain sight in your neighborhood. Pope Francis described human trafficking as "blood money" and a "crime against humanity". We are all called to combat this evil trade. To find out more and what you can do, go to santamartagroup.org/resources.

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.

Bacon or sausage butty: Just a reminder from the SVP that bacon butties and sausage cobs will be sold after Mass at both churches this weekend on Sunday 8th February.

Health and Safety: A special thanks to Mark Boulton, who has kindly agreed to be the Health and Safety Responsible Person for the parish. We offer him our full support and prayers as he takes on this important responsibility.

Our next Afternoon Tea at Clay Cross will be held on Monday 16th February at 1pm. Everyone is warmly invited! Come along for a friendly chat, good company, and a little boost to your well-being. It's a lovely chance to relax, meet others, and enjoy the simple joy of being together. See you there!

Baptism Preparation: We will be offering a Baptism Preparation Course every three months, led by Fiona Molumby. The sessions will take place on the first Tuesday of March, May, July, and October. Parents who wish to have their child or children baptised are kindly asked to contact Fiona in good time (fmolumby@aol.com). As Baptism is the beginning of a life of faith, parents are also encouraged to practise the faith regularly together with the godparents (2), taking part in the life of the Church and Sunday Mass. We kindly ask all candidates and parents to please attend this important session as we continue our journey together in preparation for the Sacrament.

Sacrament of Confession: The Sacrament of Confession is a beautiful and vital part of our Catholic faith, where we experience the mercy and forgiveness of our loving God. As always, Confession is available anytime upon request. During Lent, to help us prepare more deeply for Holy Mass, Confessions will be available every Saturday from 12 noon to 1pm at Christ the King Church, Alferton, beginning Saturday, 21st February. We warmly invite you to come and experience the grace, peace, and healing of God's love through this wonderful Sacrament of Reconciliation.

CAFOD Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day collection: This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Collect a CAFOD envelope from the church porch to bless others with your support, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

Rite of Election 2026 Sunday 22nd 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>

A Pro-Life Renewal Day is being held on Saturday 14th February, from 10am until 4pm, at Good Shepherd Church, Arnold, and led by Father Bernard Murphy CFR. All are welcome to this day of spiritual renewal, focused on prayer for the sanctity of life at all stages. How do we as Christians keep fighting for the dignity of life, when so many around us do not value it? Father Bernard will help us renew our motivation by opening scripture and Church teaching. There is no charge for the day (donations welcomed); a light lunch and refreshments are provided. To book a place or for more information contact John: pro-life@dioceseofnottingham.uk

The Nottingham 40 Days for Life, Praying for an end to abortion, runs between Wednesday 18th February and Sunday 29th March. During these 40 days of Lent pro-lifers will be: praying for an end to abortion in our community near the main abortion clinic in Nottinghamshire; offering peaceful witness to God's love and the possibility of healing; offering practical, non-judgemental help to women who may want to consider an alternative to abortion, and offering support for post-abortive women. More information is at www.40daysforlife.com/nottingham or contact 40daysforlifennotts@gmail.com

Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 27th – 30th 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. More information can be found on their website, 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 or 07853068189.