



# THE PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING, ALFRETON & ST. PATRICK AND ST. BRIGID, CLAY CROSS

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## Twenty Third Sunday: Weekly Bulletin 05<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> September 2026

Next 24<sup>th</sup> Saturday/Sunday (12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> September) Holy Mass Readings: Sira 27:30-28:7, Rom 14:7-9, Mt 18:21-35

**Sacrament of Confession is available at any time**

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| <p><b><u>Alfreton</u></b></p> <p><b>Saturday 05<sup>th</sup> September:</b> 6.30pm Mass: Marion Barnes RIP</p> <p><b>Sunday 06<sup>th</sup> September:</b>11am Mass: Catenian Association Ints</p> <p><b>Monday 07<sup>th</sup> September:</b> <b><u>NO MASS</u></b></p> <p><b>Wednesday 09<sup>th</sup> September:</b><br/>9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Pawel Twardowski RIP</p> <p><b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September:</b><br/>9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Richard Naylor RIP</p> <p><b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September:</b> 6.30pm Mass: John Egan RIP</p> <p><b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September:</b>11am Mass: Paul O'Donnell RIP</p> | <p><b><u>Clay Cross</u></b></p> <p><b>Sunday 06<sup>th</sup> September:</b> 9am Mass: Mary Bentley Ints</p> <p><b>Tuesday 08<sup>th</sup> September: Nativity of the BV Mary</b><br/>9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Bernadette Boyle RIP</p> <p><b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September:</b><br/>9.30am Adoration,10am Mass: The people of Nepal &amp; Tibet</p> <p><b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September:</b> 9am Mass: Raymond Marsh RIP</p>                                                             |          |         |            |         |                |         |                         |                |             |        |                |        |                |         |
| <p><b><u>Sick &amp; Housebound:</u></b></p> <p><i><b>Please pray for</b></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, Anne Loughnane, Eugene Grant, Patrick Mackell, Margaret Marsh, Alice Ibbotson and Pennie Burton. <i><b>Please remember all in our parish who need our prayers.</b></i></p>                                                        | <p><b><u>September 2026 Cleaners</u></b></p> <p><b>Alfreton:</b> Bridget W<br/><b>Clay Cross:</b> Mary Bentley &amp; Mary Shelton</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |          |         |            |         |                |         |                         |                |             |        |                |        |                |         |
| <p><b><u>This Week's Readers: Alfreton</u></b><br/>Saturday 6.30pm: Eugene Grant/ Veronica Grant<br/>Sunday 11am: Clare Meloy/Barrie Meloy<br/><b><u>This Week's Readers: Clay Cross</u></b><br/>Sunday 9am: Reena Giji/Laura Morris</p> <p><b><u>Next Week's Readers: Alfreton</u></b><br/>Saturday 6.30pm: Moya Mellors/Alison Bailey<br/>Sunday 11am: York Hampson-Lamb/Fiona Molumby<br/><b><u>Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross</u></b><br/>Sunday 9am: Laveena/Feo</p>                                                                                                                                                                    | <p><b><u>Collection for 29<sup>th</sup> &amp; 30<sup>th</sup> August 2026</u></b></p> <table><tr><td>Alfreton</td><td>£329.59</td></tr><tr><td>Clay Cross</td><td>£294.21</td></tr><tr><td>Standing Order</td><td>£261.33</td></tr><tr><td><b>Total Collection</b></td><td><b>£885.13</b></td></tr><tr><td>Candles CTK</td><td>£28.80</td></tr><tr><td>Tea/Coffee CTK</td><td>£36.02</td></tr><tr><td>Mass Offerings</td><td>£155.00</td></tr></table> <p><i>Many thanks for your generosity</i></p> | Alfreton | £329.59 | Clay Cross | £294.21 | Standing Order | £261.33 | <b>Total Collection</b> | <b>£885.13</b> | Candles CTK | £28.80 | Tea/Coffee CTK | £36.02 | Mass Offerings | £155.00 |
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**"If you cannot find Christ in the beggar at the church door, you will not find Him in the chalice."** St John Chrysostom

**Second Collection. Next Saturday/Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> September: Catholic Education Service.** Education Sunday takes place each year on the second Sunday of September, and this year is observed on Sunday 13th September. Established by the Bishops in 1848, it is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in the liturgical calendar of England and Wales.

**Parish Pensioner's lunch:** Join us for the parish lunch on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> September 2026, at 1pm! We're looking forward to sharing a lovely meal together! Thank you for your support.

**Knit & Natter:** Next Knit and Natter meeting will be at 1.00pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Hope to see you there.

**Beetle Drive and Pie & Pea Supper:** Roll the Dice, Share the Pie, Join the Fun! Join us after Mass on Saturday 19th September 2026 at Christ the King Parish Hall for Parish Beetle Drive followed by a Pie and Pea Supper. Tickets are £6.00 for adults and £3.00 for children, with children receiving half a pie. It promises to be an exciting parish evening of laughter, food and good company, so please bring family and friends along. Tickets are on sale after Mass from Rob Farrell, Veronica Grant and Barrie Meloy.

**Afternoon Tea at Clay Cross** will take place on September 21<sup>st</sup> at 1pm. Please sign down on the list in the Church porch by Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September. All are welcome- where you can meet one another, enjoy a chat, have a laugh, and just be together.

**Missio:** All are welcome to join Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries, on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September, for a special Mass to celebrate 90 years of the Red Box: that has helped in gathering prayers and spare coins in Catholic homes across England and Wales to support vulnerable global communities. Bishop Patrick will celebrate Mass at 12 noon in Saint Teresa's Church, Aspley (NG8 3EP), and refreshments will be available in the parish hall after Mass.

**Mission Together, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2026:** Join the 'Workshop for everyone' at Holy Cross Priory in Leicester. Pope Leo and Pope Francis ask all the baptised to build new relationships in the church through 'synodality' (walking together). Led by Dr Austen Ivereigh, Pope Francis' biographer and an invited expert at the synod on synodality, the workshop runs 10am - 3pm and will explore practical ways to listen and connect for mission. Caritas Leicester & Leicestershire suggest a donation to cover costs. The event is open to all parishes in the diocese. Holy Cross Priory (Frassati Centre), 45 Wellington Street, Leicester LE1 6HW. Book at [bit.ly/synodalityleics](https://bit.ly/synodalityleics)

**The Little Company of Mary & Mary Potter Heritage Centre** are delighted to share the exciting news that on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September they will be joining Radio Maria UK for an hour from 10am, for a special programme celebrating the life and legacy of Venerable Mary Potter. To tune in and join, visit: <https://radiomaria.uk/>

**On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September we will celebrate Home Mission Sunday,** a day for us as the Catholic community in England and Wales to celebrate our faith in these lands, and our shared commitment to communicate the beauty and the joy of knowing Jesus Christ. Celebrating the Holy Father's first encyclical, the theme for this year is "Magnifica Humanitas" as the heart of mission. We can celebrate together the call the Holy Father has placed before us to live out our authentic humanity which finds its fullness in Christ. The Second Collection supports the work carried out by the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate, supporting our Church in a wide field of service and mission here in England and Wales. Please hold this important work in your prayers and give as generously as you can. Thank you.

**CAFOD Harvest Fast Day is being held on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.** CAFOD is the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, the official overseas aid charity of the Catholic Church in England and Wales, and part of Caritas International. More details next week.

**Year 6 Parents:** Don't Miss the Secondary School Application Deadline. If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016 he or she will be starting Year 7 in September 2027. You must apply for a secondary school place through your home Local Authority by Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

**A Parish Pilgrimage to Rome – May 2027** Next year, as part of our Parish Centenary celebrations, we are hoping to organise a one-week parish pilgrimage to Rome, probably during the first or second week of May 2027. I would love this to be more than simply a holiday—it would be a wonderful opportunity for us, as a parish family, to pray together, celebrate our faith, visit the great churches and holy places of Rome, and strengthen our friendship and community. At this stage, nothing has been booked or decided. I would first like to find out how many people might be interested in joining us. Depending on the number of people who would like to come, we can then look for the best possible package and price, including flights, accommodation, transfers and breakfast. So, if you have ever thought, "I would love to go to Rome with our parish," this could be your opportunity! There is no commitment or payment at this stage. I am simply asking you to let me know if you would be interested in being part of the group, so that we can explore the possibilities together. It would be lovely to celebrate 100 years of our parish not only by looking back with gratitude, but also by making a pilgrimage together as a parish family and creating some wonderful new memories. If you are interested, please let me know your name and, if possible, the number of people who might like to travel. Once we have an idea of the numbers, I will explore the best options and keep everyone informed. Let us hope that, with God's help, our Centenary pilgrimage to Rome will become a beautiful and memorable part of our parish celebrations. Please contact: Laura at [LAURAQS@ME.COM](mailto:LAURAQS@ME.COM) or on WhatsApp +44 7747 837476

**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, 20<sup>th</sup> September 2026. Our first meeting for parents and children will take place on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> October, immediately after the 11am Mass at Christ the King, Alfreton. The Enrolment Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> October, during the 11am Mass at Christ the King, Alfreton.

**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 please contact Fiona Molumby at [fmolumby@aol.com](mailto:fmolumby@aol.com).

**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.