



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

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Sixteenth Sunday: Weekly Bulletin 18th – 26th July 2026

Next 17th Saturday/Sunday (25th & 26th July) Holy Mass Readings: 1 Kings 3:5-6a, 7-12, Romans 8/28-30, Mt 13/44-52

Alfreton

Saturday 18th July: 6.30pm Mass: Roma Shacklock RIP

Sunday 19th July: 11am Mass: John Boyle RIP

Monday 20th July: **NO MASS**

Tuesday 21st July: 11am Funeral Mass of Peter Babe RIP

Wednesday 22nd July: St Mary Magdalene

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Jean Marsh RIP

Friday 24th July:

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Peter Babe RIP

Saturday 25th July: 6.30pm Mass: Winnie Stenson RIP

Sunday 26th July: 11am Mass: Nancy Hynes Ints

Clay Cross

Sunday 19th July: 9am Mass: Winnie Stenson RIP

Tuesday 21st July: **NO MASS**

Thursday 23rd July: St Bridget of Sweden

9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Martin Hynes Ints

Sunday 26th July: 9am Mass: Jim Noone & Family

July 2026 Cleaners

Alfreton: Ann Harris

Clay Cross: Biji Biju

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 Mullarkey, Kath McGrath, Mark McCallum, Roseanne Coyne, Cecilia Fletcher, Thomas Graczyk, Maureen Fuller, Paul Fuller, Isobel Hopkins, Diana Davey, Eugene Grant, Patrick Mackell, Margaret Marsh, Alice Ibbotson and Pennie Burton. **Please remember all in our parish who need our prayers.**

This Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Moya Mellors /Alison Bailey

Sunday 11am: Theresa Mundandi/Natasha Erskine

This Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Shawn/Amelia

Next Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Maureen Fuller/Paul Fuller

Sunday 11am: Clare Meloy/Barrie Meloy

Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Hanna/Nicole Grey

Collection for 11th & 12th July 2026

Alfreton	£301.71
Clay Cross	£228.50
Standing Order	£303.00

Total Collection **£833.21**

Candles CTK	£24.90
Repository CTK	£7.06
Second Collection: Stella Maris	£186.41

Many thanks for your generosity

“We may not choose the field we grow in, but we can choose the fruit we bear.”

Unknown

Baptism: We welcome Viola Rose into the parish community of Christ the King Alfreton. Best wishes to her and her family

Parish Lottery: As from 1st August, 2026 the lottery prizes will be paid into your bank account via BACS. If your details aren't to hand, a member of the lottery team (Margaret or Marie) will contact you to obtain these details. As you will appreciate, this has come about because of the problems in cashing cheques with the absence of banks on our high streets. The winners will still be published in the newsletter. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Clay Cross Summer BBQ: Everyone is warmly invited to our Summer BBQ on Sunday, 19th July, immediately after the 10am Holy Mass. Come along and enjoy good food, great company, and a wonderful opportunity to spend time together as a parish family. All are very welcome!

Afternoon Tea at Clay Cross Monday 20th July: All are welcome

CTK Coffee Morning: Our first Christ the King Coffee Morning was a great success! We will continue to meet every Friday after the 9.30am Holy Mass, so please do come along if you are free. Everyone is warmly welcome for a cup of tea or coffee, a chat, and fellowship. Thank you to all who supported the event by baking, serving, and attending. Your kindness and generosity helped make it such a welcoming and enjoyable gathering.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): Our Parish welcomes all who wish to come into the fullness of the Catholic Church. If you or someone you know has been curious about joining the Catholic Church or wishes to complete their First Communion and/or Confirmation, we are pleased to announce that our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will resume this Fall on Saturdays. Catechism will be led for adults by Laura Morris on Saturdays from 9am - 10am at St Patrick's & St Brigid's parish hall (Thanet House). To learn more, please reach out to Laura at LAURAQS@ME.COM or on WhatsApp +44 7747 837476. Classes begin on Saturday, 5th September 2026. Application forms are available in the church porch.

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 in the church porch. 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, 20th September 2026. Our first meeting for parents and children will take place on Sunday, 11th October, immediately after the 11am Mass at Christ the King, Alfreton. The Enrolment Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, 18th October, during the 11am Mass at Christ the King, Alfreton. Thank you, and we look forward to welcoming you and your family as we begin this important journey of faith together.

A Plainchant Workshop in Glossop, Saturday 12th September, 2pm to 3.45pm, free event, donations welcome. Plainchant, or plainsong, is an ancient and beautiful form of singing. In this practical workshop, we will explore how it differs from modern singing styles and discover the basic rubrics for singing chant. We will also look at some of the ways in which we use plainchant in the churches in Glossop. Please bring a pen or a pencil, and water to drink: there will be plenty of opportunities to sing! Find details and book a place at tinyurl.com/plainchant-glossop

The Government's Great British Summer Savings Scheme takes place between 25th June and 1st September, with a temporary reduction on VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts, exhibitions and a wide range of other attractions. In addition, there is to be free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England. Full details can be found at: <https://summersavings.gov.uk>

All are invited to a Family Mass and Picnic at Mount Saint Bernard Abbey on Sunday 13th September. Bring a chair or picnic blanket, and arrive for Mass at 2pm, with a Marian Procession and Adoration too. More details from jnoakes@englishmartyrs.com

A Joyful Christian: A joyful Catholic doesn't simply come to Holy Mass and go home. A joyful Catholic becomes part of the life of the parish by sharing their time, talents, and love in the service of Christ and His Church. In the Gospel, Jesus reminds us that the wheat grows alongside the weeds. Rather than focusing on the weeds, let us strive to be good wheat, bearing the fruits of faith, hope, and love. We cannot change the whole world overnight, but we can change someone's day with a smile, a kind word, a helping hand, or a faithful heart. As St Teresa of Calcutta said, "Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love." Every act of kindness, every helping hand, every prayer, and every hour given to the parish helps to build God's Kingdom. Remember the words of Jesus: "With God all things are possible." (Matthew 19:26) Never underestimate what God can do through a willing heart. When each of us offers our gifts, no matter how small they may seem, our parish becomes stronger, more welcoming, and more alive. Pope Francis reminds us, "Joy is the sign of a heart that has encountered Jesus." Our faith is not just for Sundays—it is a way of life that should bring hope to our families, our neighbours, and our parish community every day. Let us be joyful Christians who don't just attend church but help build the Church. Let us pray together, serve together, and grow together. With God's grace, we can make our parish a welcoming home where faith grows, hope is renewed, love is shared, and Christ's light shines brightly through each one of us.

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 or to arrange the Baptism Preparation Sessions, please contact Fiona Molumby at fmolumby@aol.com. We look forward to welcoming your family as you prepare for this special step in your child's journey of faith.

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.