

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

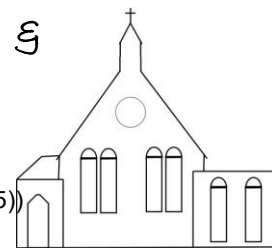
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**07<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter: Weekly Bulletin 31<sup>st</sup> May – 07<sup>th</sup> June 2025**  
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## Alfreton

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May** 6.30pm Mass: Brigit Forsyth RIP

**Sunday 01<sup>st</sup> June:** 10.30am Mass: Glynis McCallum RIP

**Monday 02<sup>nd</sup> June: No Mass**

**Wednesday 04<sup>th</sup> June:**

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Winnie Stenson Ints

**Friday 06<sup>th</sup> June: St Norbert**

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Anne Sprigg Ints

**Saturday 07<sup>th</sup> June:** 6.30pm Mass:

**Sunday 08<sup>th</sup> June:** 10.30am Mass:

## Clay Cross

**Sunday 01<sup>st</sup> June:** 9am Mass: Anita Molinari RIP

**Tuesday 03<sup>rd</sup> June: St Charles & Companions**

9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Lina Manfredi RIP

**Thursday 05<sup>th</sup> June: St Boniface**

9.30am Mass, 10am Mass: Noreen O'Donnell Ints

**Sunday 08<sup>th</sup> June:** 9am Mass:

## June 2025 Cleaners

**Alfreton:** Marta & York

**Clay Cross:** Veronica Grant & Jackie Makinson

## 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, Isobel Hopkins, Diana Davey and Pennie Burton.

**Please remember all in our parish who need our prayers.**

### This Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Alison Bailey/Veronica Grant

Sunday 10.30am: Natasha Erskine/Lilianna

### This Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: David Johnson/Rob Farrell

### Next Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Clare Smith/Maureen Fuller

Sunday 10.30am: Catherine Galloway/Tom McCallum

### Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Nicole Grey/Juval

## Collection for 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Alfreton	£289.02
Clay Cross	(not counted)
Standing Order	£243.75

**Total Collection** **£532.77**

Candles CTK	£26.40
Repository CTK	£13.46
Tea/Coffee CTK	£54.30
Pensioner's Lunch	£84.30
Raffle	£78.32

*Many thanks for your generosity*

**"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."** Henry Ford

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

Bank Details: Cheques payable to - **Christ the King Alfreton RCP, Account No: 03155671, Sort Code: 30-92-59**

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**Thank you to everyone who has helped keep our parish community alive and vibrant.** Your dedication, care, and presence continue to make a meaningful difference. May God bless you all abundantly.

**The Ascent is coming to the Nottingham Diocese** – the ASCENT is a three year discipleship process for Catholic young people in years 10-12 who want to embrace their faith in Jesus Christ at a whole new level and learn how to share it with others. At their heart they seek to disciple the few for the sake of the many so that the Gospel may reach the ends of the earth. Bookings are open now, visit [www.theascentuk.co.uk/](http://www.theascentuk.co.uk/)

**To mark the worldwide Jubilee of People with Disabilities**, Caritas Social Action Network is launching a Parish Guide to Accessibility to support more inclusive worship and community life. It takes place on Monday 9th June at 5.00pm; more details are on the poster.

**Warmer Welcome workshop, Monday 9 June at 7.00pm:** the next online gathering for volunteers with parish-based drop-ins, lunch clubs or community cafés is coming up. If you're thinking of starting one, come and find out how others do it! Visit [bit.ly/warmerwelcome](http://bit.ly/warmerwelcome) to book your place.

**The Diocese of Nottingham is looking to appoint a full-time Compliance and Support Property Officer**, based in Nottingham. More details are available at [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers) the deadline for applications is Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June.

**The World Union of Catholic Teachers** is committed to supporting Catholic educators worldwide, including those working in Catholic and non-denominational schools and universities. In preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025, this international survey aims to deepen an understanding of the identity of Catholic teachers. All Catholic teachers are invited to complete the questionnaire, before 4<sup>th</sup> July, at the following address: [https://uofg.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_7TyF0wIxiV7zJ6m](https://uofg.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7TyF0wIxiV7zJ6m)

**"That They May All Be One" – The Vision of Unity in Today's Church:** In a world often marked by division, polarization, and personal agendas, the words of Jesus echo with deep urgency: "I pray... that they may all be one, just as You, Father, are in Me and I in You." (John 17:21) Jesus did not found the Church to be a loose collection of individual opinions or isolated groups. He established it as a living Body—one in faith, one in mission, and one in love. His vision was never about power, control, or popularity. It was always about communion—a unity that mirrors the perfect love between Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Why Unity Matters Today:** Today, more than ever, the Church is called to witness something radically different from the world. Where the world builds walls, Jesus calls us to build bridges. Where society divides people into "us" and "them," the Church must become a home for all who seek truth, healing, and peace. This unity is not about everyone being the same. It is about diverse people, with different gifts and experiences, working together for the common good—united by a shared faith and a shared love for Christ.

#### **Signs of Real Unity in a Parish:**

Respect and charity: Speaking with love, even in disagreement.

Cooperation, not competition: Supporting each ministry and person's role.

Listening hearts: Seeking to understand before trying to be understood.

Forgiveness and humility: Letting go of pride to build peace.

Shared purpose: Remembering that we all belong to God's mission, not our own.

Unity is not just a theological ideal—it is a lived reality that the world is desperate to see. People today are searching not only for answers, but for authentic communities. If we, the Church, cannot model unity, how can we proclaim the Gospel of peace?

#### **A Call to Renewed Unity:**

Let us remember: The Church is not a business, a club, or a battlefield—it is a family rooted in Christ. Every action, every word, every attitude we bring to our parish life either builds that unity or breaks it down.

This week, reflect on Jesus' prayer. Ask yourself:

Am I helping to build unity, or creating division?

Do my words and actions reflect the love of Christ?

Am I willing to see the Church not as mine or theirs, but ours, united in Him?

In the end, unity is not optional. It is the heart of Christ's mission—so that the world may believe. Let's choose unity. Let's live it, protect it, and pray for it every day.