# THE PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING ALFRETON &

## SS PATRICK AND BRIDGET CLAY CROSS

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Palm Sunday: Weekly Bulletin 02<sup>nd</sup> - 09<sup>th</sup> April 2023 CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

#### **Alfreton**

Saturday 01st April: 6.30pm Mass: Parish Ints

Palm Sunday 02<sup>nd</sup> April: 10.30am Mass

Maureen Cleave RIP

Monday 03rd April: No Mass

Wednesday 05th April: No Mass

(Chrism Mass at St Barnabas Cathedral)

Holy Thursday 06th April: 7pm Mass

**Good Friday 07<sup>th</sup> April**: 3pm Passion Reading and Veneration of the Cross & Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday 08th April: 6.30pm Mass

Easter Sunday 09th April: 10.30am Mass

#### Sick & Housebound

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

Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm Kate B Sunday10.30am Barrie Meloy

Clay Cross: Sunday 9am Kate Tippen

**Next Week's Readers: Alfreton** 

Saturday 6.30pm Maureen Fuller Sunday 10.30am Catherine Galloway

Clay Cross: Sunday 9am Seenia Bosko / D Johnson

#### Clay Cross

Palm Sunday 02<sup>nd</sup> April: 9.00am Mass: Maureen Parr RIP

Tuesday 04th April: Holy Souls

9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass

Good Friday 07th April: 3pm

Passion Reading and Veneration of the Cross

6.30pm Station of the Cross

Easter Sunday 09th April: 9am Mass

#### March 2023 Cleaners

Alfreton: Elsie & Polly

Clay Cross: Mary Bentley & Mary Shelton

#### Collection for 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Alfreton £288.86 Clay Cross £153.40

Standing Orders £203.00

Total Collection £645.26

2nd Collection CAFOD £85.00
Repository £1.42
Candles £20.17
Hall Hire £100.00

Many thanks for your generosity

"I hope Sunday is not the only day of the week you go to God, each Sunday is special but today more so...Happy Palm Sunday!".

**Easter Flower collection at Christ the King and Clay Cross:** Today there will be a collection. You don't have to give a lot if everybody give a little.

**Good Friday Walk of Witness:** Come and join other Christians in Alfreton on Friday 7th April in a Walk of Witness. We are meeting at St. Martin's church at 10.15am, and walking to Severn Square for a short service at about 11 am.

Blessing the food for Easter is the Polish tradition, information in Polish: Poświecenie pokarmów na stół wielkanocny jest polską tradycją. W naszym kościele to poświecenie będzie w Wielką Sobotę g. 11:30. Zapraszam.

**Doing something for Lent:** During Lent some people give things up, some people do something extra and some do both. We do this because we want to be a better Christian. Do a small extra thing during Lent 2023. **Lenten Journey & Action**: As a parish Lenten action, we ask all to donate one item per week: Week 6 Easter eggs. God is faithful. Faithful to forgive us when we repent over our sin. Faithful to cleanse us from our unrighteousness. Faithful to bring us into relationship with Him.

**Parish Lunch, Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023 at 1.00 pm**. Please put your name on the list at the back of the Church, if you would like to attend the next Parish Lunch for Pensioners. This will help us with catering. Look forward to seeing you there.

**Feast of the Divine Mercy Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup> 2023:** At Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, Booklyn Road, Bulwell, Notts. NG6 9ES. Celebration begins at 2.30pm and ends with benediction at 3.30pm. Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available.

**CTK Warm Space:** Volunteers are needed to help with Warm Space over the next few weeks. If you can help for a few hours, half a day, or a full day please sign up on the list at the back of the Church.

Come along to our Warm Space in the Church Hall from 9.00am to 4.00pm every Tuesday. Turn off your heating at home and join us for some good company, board games, jigsaw, bottomless teas and coffees, cakes, biscuits and lunch. There is a TV in the hall and free WI-FI. Hope to see you there until the end of April 2023.

**Following the success of the Saint Bernadette Relic Tour last October**, the Diocese has produced a Relic Tour Souvenir Book recalling the Visit, with many photographs of the two days, the texts of the homilies preached, and prayerful reflections. Priced at just £2.50, orders can be placed with your parish priest / parish office, for delivery before Easter. Orders received by 3rd April will also receive a Complimentary Lourdes Prayer card.

**Come to Lourdes! Bishop Patrick invites everyone in our diocese** to join him in coming to this beautiful Marian Shrine between Saturday 15th and Thursday 20th July. Travel will be by air from East Midlands Airport, and the five-night all-inclusive prices (full board) start at £709. See the poster at the back of church for more details, and to please use the booking form (available from the parish office), or visit <a href="https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/diocese-of-nottingham">https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/diocese-of-nottingham</a>

A message from Bishop Patrick: Our vision for the Diocese of Nottingham is to become a more outward-looking missionary Catholic community. We are currently reorganizing our parish and deanery structures, and to ensure we are supported in mission-focused initiatives the Diocese has launched a Mission Enabling Programme. We must also develop a financial plan, one that is well informed and meets our needs. Therefore after Easter we are commencing a consultative phase, with professional support, to gather opinions from parishioners about our funding strategies. If you are asked please consider giving your views, through a one-to-one conversation or an at-Mass survey. Please also pray for our mission and for this journey of discernment, that we can share the love and message of Christ more widely.

For the full message from Bishop Patrick, visit www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/consultation

**Defending the Fort** ~ The reaction of the Marian Bishops to the Elizabethan Religious Settlement 1558-1580. An illustrated talk by Michael Stokes takes place on Thursday 20th April in Cathedral Hall at 7pm. The title comes from the words of Saint John Fisher while detained in the Tower of London in 1534/5: The Fort is betrayed even of those who should have defended it. And therefore, seeing the matter is thus begun, and so faintly resisted on our parts, I fear that we be not the men that shall see the end of the misery. Tickets £10 (students £5), or book on Eventbrite. Refreshments included, and proceeds to the Friends of the Cathedral.

A Marriage Enrichment Retreat for couples to rediscover the beauty and significance of the marital covenant in today's world is being held between Friday 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May. Under the theme 'A Great Mystery: Man and Wife as an image of Christ and his Church' the weekend will be held in the Christian Heritage Centre, Lancashire, and includes full board and accommodation, as well as renowned speakers. More information is available from https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/a-great-mystery-marriage-enrichment/

### **Holy Week Services**

**Maundy Thursday 06**th **April:** The Mass of the Lord's Supper and Washing of the feet: Christ the King Alfreton 7pm followed by watching at the altar of repose till 9pm

**Good Friday 07<sup>th</sup> April:** Alfreton 3.00pm Passion of the Lord followed by Stations of the Cross

Clay Cross:3.00pm Passion of the Lord (Led by Fr Bernard Needham), 6.30pm Stations of the Cross

Easter Vigil Saturday 08th April: Alfreton 6.30pm, Easter Sunday 09th April: Clay Cross 9 am, Alfreton 10.30am