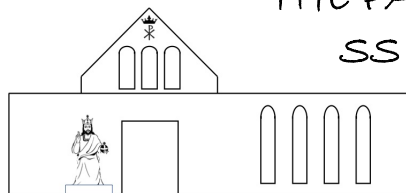


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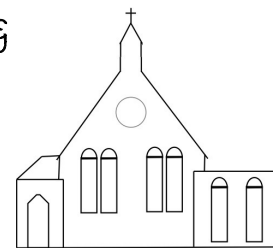
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Thirty Third Sunday: Weekly Bulletin 18th November – 26th November 2023
CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

Alfreton

Saturday 18th November: 6.30pm Mass:

Franciszek, Kazimiera, Helen, Jozef & Family of Miazga RIP

Sunday 19th November: 10.30am:

Deceased members of the Prynne family

Monday 20th November: **NO MASS**

Wednesday 22nd November: Memorial Mass

6.30pm Mass: Holy Souls

Friday 24th November: St Andrew & Companions

9 am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Deceased members of the Falzon family

Saturday 25th November:

6.30pm Mass: Geoffrey Leadbeater RIP

Sunday 26th November: 10.30am Mass

Clay Cross

Sunday 19th November: 9.00am Mass:

Bernard Cribbens RIP

Tuesday 21st November: The Presentation of BVM

9.30 am Adoration, 10am Mass: Deceased members of the Hall family

Thursday 23rd November:

9.30 am Adoration, 10am Mass: Deceased members of Oliver family

Sunday 26th November: 9am Mass: Anne Sheehan RIP

November 2023 Cleaners

Alfreton: RM Coyne

Clay Cross: Biju Thomas & Biji Biju

Sick & Housebound

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

This Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Peter Babe/Maureen Fuller

Sunday 10.30am: Clare Smith/Francis O'Brien

This Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am Wendy Tinsley/Katie Raina

Next Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Eugene Grant/Cecilia Fletcher

Sunday 10.30am: John Boxall/Rob Farrell

Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Francis Cassidy/Suzanne Smith

Collection for 11th – 12th November 2023

Alfreton	£310.57
Clay Cross	£199.18
Standing Order	£243.75
Total Collection	£753.50

Candles	£51.72
Repository	£29.20
CTK Tea & Coffee	£15.00
Clay Cross Tea & Coffee	£30.00
Raffle	£18.40
Pensioners Lunch	£102.00
Pie & Pea Supper	£194.00
Hall Hire	£200.00

Many thanks for your generosity

"Talent you have naturally. Skill is only developed by hours and hours of work."

Usain Bolt

CAFOD Special Gaza Appeal: CAFOD representatives are working with local partners in Gaza and Israel to provide urgent humanitarian aid to those in need. We are supporting families with cash vouchers, essential supplies and counselling. **There will be a Second Collection on this weekend 18th / 19th November for CAFOD.**

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

Walk With Me: A Journey of Prayer for Advent 2023 booklets are in the porch. Please take one for your advent reflection. Please make a donation of £1 for the booklet.

Congratulations: We welcome 5 of our new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Anita Day and June McCarthy-Boulton from Alfreton and Biji Biju, Seenia Bosko and Rob Farrell from Clay Cross who were commissioned this weekend in the Cathedral by Bishop Patrick. God bless them abundantly.

Parish Accountant: After reorganising the Parish's Financial System and moving it to the Dicesaon on-line application our Parish Accountant, Valerie Inja is retiring. Is there an Accountant in the parish who would be able to take on this role? This important role is an honorary position. Training will be provided. For further information please phone Francis O'Brien on 07592 386341.

Christmas Bazaar Preparations 2023: We express our gratitude to everyone who has and continues to participate in our Christmas Bazaar Donation Drive. We continue to welcome donations in the boxes located at the rear of the church. Thank you for your continued support. For further information, please contact Mary Shelton, or Mary Bentley [leomarybentley@hotmail.co.uk or 07436000773]

Christmas Raffle Tickets: Just a friendly nudge and a big thank you for turning in your sold Christmas Raffle ticket stubs and cash before the exciting draw at the Christmas Bazaar on December 2nd in the Parish Hall. Your support means a lot!

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls: One of the best gifts you can give someone is to have a Holy Mass said for their intentions or for the repose of their souls. During this month we pray especially for our departed friends and loved ones on the last great journey towards the eternal light of God. As Catholics we believe that although those who have died are separated from us physically, they remain connected to us as members of the Church. Holy Souls Envelopes: We continue the tradition of placing the names of your deceased family, friends and relatives by the altar during November. Holy Souls Envelopes/Mass offering envelopes will be available for you to take from church for this purpose. There will be a **special Memorial Holy Mass on 22nd Wednesday 6.30pm at Alfreton** where you will be able to light a candle in honour of the deceased members of your family during the Holy Mass.

Warm Welcome Space: Parishioners and friends are invited to consider becoming part of the dedicated volunteer team supporting this essential community initiative that operates from 10am to 3pm each Friday. A signup sheet is available at the rear of the church, where volunteers can select their preferred time slots.

First Holy Communion 2023/2024: Please note there will be an enrolment Mass at Christ the King Church on Sunday 26th November 10:30am which all First Holy Communion candidates must attend. Any queries please contact Mrs Garside at school: 01773 832919.

Holy Communion: Now that the poor winter weather is coming in some of our less able parishioners may find it difficult to get to Mass at the weekend. If you or someone you know is unable to attend Mass but still wishes to receive Holy Communion, please let any of the following Eucharistic Ministers know, Eleanor O'Donnell, Fiona Molumby, Sheila Hall or Bosco Joseph.

In recognition of our celebration of Interfaith Week this week, Bishop Patrick has produced the following video message: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishop-supports-inter-faith-week/> At this moment in time it is particularly important that people of faith join together in a spirit of friendship and respect. Let us do all we can during this year's Interfaith week to highlight the witness and effectiveness of working together to build greater harmony and cohesion in our society.

Vacancies. In response to the outcomes of our recent consultation the Diocese of Nottingham is pleased to announce two opportunities for individuals to assist in the mission of the diocese, though Young Adult Ministry and through Communication. These new roles will provide key practical support in fulfilling and expanding the objectives of our small but effective one-person departments of Formation for Mission, Communications, and Outreach (Caritas). To apply visit: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers

A reminder that the SVP will be serving bacon and sausage butties after Mass at Clay Cross and Alfreton on Sunday 26th November in order to raise funds to support their 'Operation St Nicholas' project. We do not have credit card facilities-only cash accepted. **Appeal from the SVP.** We need good clean children's clothes for a family that we are currently supporting. They are for a girl aged 2 years, a boy aged 4 years, and a boy aged 8 years. Please see any member of the SVP if you can help or ring us on 07874942840. Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

Parish Christmas Lunch: Keep the date - Monday 11th Dec 2023 starting at 1.00 pm. Watch out for details in next week's newsletter.

Headteacher vacancy: English Martyrs' Catholic Voluntary Academy, Oakham are seeking to appoint a new headteacher starting April 2024. Further details and an application form can be found at www.aquinas-cmat.org/careers/vacancies . Closing date 24 Nov 2023.

The World Day of the Poor, a fruitful sign of the Father's mercy, comes for the seventh time to support the journey of our communities. It is an appointment that the Church is progressively rooting in her pastoral, in order to discover more and more the central content of the Gospel. Every day we are committed to welcoming the poor, yet this is not enough. A river of poverty flows through our cities and gets bigger and bigger until it overflows; that river seems to overwhelm us, so much so that the cry of the brothers and sisters asking for help, support, and solidarity is growing louder and louder. For this, on the Sunday before the feast of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, we gather round his Canteen to receive again from him the gift and the commitment to live poverty and to serve the poor.

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

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