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

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Alfreton

Easter Vigil Saturday 19th April: 6.30pm Mass: Ints for Vocations

Easter Sunday 20th April: 10.30am Mass: Parish Ints

Safeguarding Rep: Veronica Grant @ 07513 725538

Monday 21st April: No Mass

Wednesday 23rd April:

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Michelle Lemal RIP

Friday 25th April:

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Sick people of the parish

Saturday 26th April: 6.30pm: Michelle Lemal RIP

Divine Mercy Sunday 27th April:10.30am Mass:

2pm Confession, Adoration, 3pm Divine Mercy Devotion

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 Graczky, Peter Babe and Pennie Burton. Please remember all in our parish who need our prayers.

This Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Paul Fulle/Maureen Fuller Sunday 10.30am: Fungai Chingwenje/Barrie Meloy

<u>This Week's Readers</u>: Clay Cross Sunday 9am: David Johnson/Laveena

Next Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Margaret Kerry/Peter Babe

Sunday 10.30am: Nicole Grey/Juval Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Catherine Galloway/Francis O'Brien

Clay Cross

Easter Sunday 20th April: 9am Mass:

Bridie Joyce Wellbeing

Tuesday 22nd April:

9.30am Adoration,10am Mass: Ints for Vocations

Thursday 24th April

9.30am Adoration,10am Mass: Holy Souls

Divine Mercy Sunday 27th April: 9am Mass:

April 2025 Cleaners

Alfreton: Maureen Walker

Clay Cross: Mary Bentley & Mary Shelton

Collection for 12th & 13th April 2025

Clay Cross	£298.79
Standing Order	£243.75
Total Collection	£862.06

Candle CTK £41.61 Hall Hire £50.00

Many thanks for your generosity

"The very first Easter taught us this: that life never ends and love never dies." Kate McGahan

I wish all our parishioners a peaceful, joyful, and hope-filled Easter.

Lottery Winners for April were Tom McCallum, Mark Boultbee, Veronica Roberts, Sue Jepson and Mrs M Shinfield. Congratulations to all.

Divine Mercy Sunday: On Divine Mercy Sunday, this year the first time our parish community will hold a special Divine Mercy Celebration on Sunday, 27th April, at 2pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together in prayer and receive the grace of God's Mercy. Please check the poster on the noticeboard for more details and invite your friends to join us. Let us spread the word that Christ the King Parish is hosting this beautiful devotion on Divine Mercy Sunday.

Parish Lunch, Monday 5th May 2025 at 1pm. The booking lists for the April Pensioners Lunch are now at the back of both churches. If you would like to attend this lunch. It is very important that you book your place by adding your name by Sunday, 27th April 2025 or by telephoning 07739896735 by Wednesday, 30th April 2025 (please leave a message if no one answers) so that we know how many people we need to cater for.

Called to Love: Masculine and Feminine, Friday 9th – Sunday 11th May. A weekend for young adults, whether single, dating or engaged, exploring the nature of masculinity and femininity. The retreat, at the Christian Heritage Centre, Lancashire, will consider the contemporary challenges to being a man and a woman and the Church's wisdom for this, drawing particular inspiration from Saint John Paul II. For more information and to book visit https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/called-to-love/

The Nottingham Diocesan Missio Mass in thanksgiving for all Missio's volunteers and supporters will be celebrated at Saint Winefride's Church, Charnwood Road, Shepshed LE12 9QF on Saturday 10th May at 3.00pm. Bishop Patrick will celebrate the Mass, joined by Father Anthony Chantry (Missio National Director) and Father Patrick Bassey (Diocesan Director for Missio). All are warmly welcome, and to stay for the refreshments after the Mass also.

The Lester family will be hosting a Jubilee Art Exhibition fundraiser over the weekend of 10th and 11th May in the church hall at Saint Pius X, Narborough. This will be a significant event for the two local parishes as many non-parishioners are expected. Opening times are 10.30am until 3.30pm on Saturday 10th and 10.30am until 4.30pm on Sunday 11th.

The Health Team who support the Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage is in need of some additional experienced team members for this year's pilgrimage. If you, or someone you know, is a currently Registered Nurses or trained and experienced Care Worker, who may be interested and can commit to being available for this year's Jubilee Pilgrimage between Monday 14th and Friday 18th July, as well as for a couple of training days on Sunday 15th and Saturday 28th June, please contact Deacon David Knight (david@sthughslincoln.org.uk) for more details.

The Society of Saint Gregory is hosting a Summer School between Wednesday 30th July and Saturday 2nd August with the theme of Jubilee and Hope reflected in the liturgies and music, providing an opportunity to reflect on how to take the message of hope back to our parish communities. Further details from summerschool@ssg.org.uk

Could you be a Briars Ambassador for 12 months? The Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service (NDCYS) has a wonderful group of volunteers who support The Briars Catholic Youth Retreat Centre through practical support, prayer and fundraising. The Friends of The Briars is hosting an Ambassadors' Day for those interested in becoming a Briars Ambassador, on Saturday 7th June between 10.00am and 3.00pm at The Briars, DE4 5BW. See the poster in church or visit ndcys.com/friends-of-the-briars/ for more.

CAFOD is hiring. Could you inspire Catholics to participate in the Church's mission, working to overcome poverty and injustice? Do you want to work for CAFOD and encourage support and partnership within the Church? CAFOD is looking for a Community Participation Coordinator to work in the Diocese of Nottingham. Follow the link for more details and please pass on to any friends or relatives who might be interested. The closing date is Sunday 27th April. See cafod.org.uk/work-with-us for more information.

The Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service (NDCYS) is running an open retreat, Search for the Light, during Easter weekend, Maundy Thursday 17th – Easter Sunday 20th April, at The Briars Catholic Youth Retreat Centre. Join the mission team as they walk with young people in Years 10 - Year 13 through the Easter Triduum. To book visit: ndcys.com/events-and-opportunities/search/

The important vote for all MPs on the assisted suicide legislation, known as the Terminally III Adults (End of Life) Bill, is likely to take place on Friday 25th April. The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to allow people to contact their Member of Parliament and it only takes a few moments to submit a message to ask an MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law. It can be accessed at https://righttolife.org.uk/asvote Right to Life is also distributing postcards to parishes for the lay faithful to send to their MPs on this subject. A range of further resources on opposing assisted suicide is available at www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/ Please take a postcard from the porch and send to your MP.

Nottingham Cathedral has received a £1.69M grant from The National Lottery Heritage Fund to restore the breathtaking original vision of architect A W N Pugin. Restoring Pugin will revive the Cathedral's east end, and open up this heritage gem to over 20,000 people across our Cathedral city, and diocese. New tech, community activities, educational programmes, and even a video game (!) are all on the way. Read more on the diocesan website (www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news) and watch the announcement video on YouTube (www.youtube.com/@NottsDiocese). Please share this great news widely!

The Jubilee Pilgrimage to Walsingham with Bishop Patrick takes place on Saturday 14th June, gathering at the Anglican Shrine with procession to Catholic Shrine starting at 1pm. Mass will be celebrated at 4pm followed by departures. Fiona Molumby has kindly offered a minibus for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham. She can take 15 passengers, and the cost is £10 per person. If you are interested, please contact Fiona Molumby to reserve your seat. A wonderful opportunity to make this pilgrimage together!