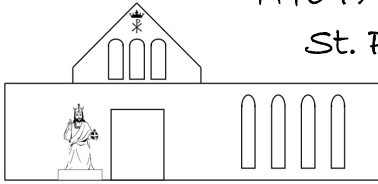
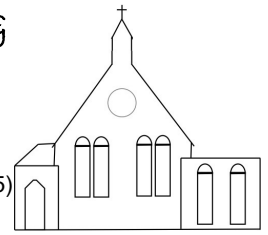


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**Palm Sunday: Weekly Bulletin 28<sup>th</sup> March – 05<sup>th</sup> April 2026**  
**CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST**

<u>Alfreton</u>	<u>Clay Cross</u>												
<p><b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March:</b> 6.30pm Mass: Private Intention</p> <p><b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March:</b> 10.30am Mass: Emmett Egan Family Ints</p> <p><b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March:</b> <b><u>NO MASS</u></b></p> <p><b>Wednesday 01<sup>st</sup> April: Eucharistic Service</b> 9am Adoration, 9.30am Service</p> <p><b>Holy Thursday 02<sup>nd</sup> April: 7pm Mass</b> of the lord's Supper + Washing of the feet+ Adoration till 9pm</p> <p><b>Good Friday 03<sup>rd</sup> April: 3pm</b> Passion of the Lord followed by Station of the Cross</p> <p><b>Holy Saturday 04<sup>th</sup> April:</b> 11.30am Polish Food Blessing Easter Vigil Mass 6.30pm</p> <p><b>Easter Sunday 05<sup>th</sup> April:</b>10.30am Mass: Miecja RIP</p>	<p><b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March:</b> 9am Mass Terry Richards RIP</p> <p><b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March:</b> 9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Polly &amp; Pat Welby Ints</p> <p><b>Good Friday 03<sup>rd</sup> April: 3pm</b> Passion of the Lord followed by Station of the Cross</p> <p><b>Easter Sunday 05<sup>th</sup> April:</b> 9am Mass: Patrick Navin RIP</p>												
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**“Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering.”** *Helen Keller*

**Second Collection: This Saturday/Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026: Easter Flowers**

**Good Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April Collection: Holy Places of Palestine**

**Chrism Mass:** The Chrism Mass will be celebrated with Bishop Patrick and the Clergy, Religious and people of the Diocese at the Cathedral on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 11.30am. All are welcome.

**MISSIO BOXES:** Please bring in your boxes for emptying in March/ April 2026.

**Thank you:** Thank you to everyone who attended our Parish Five-Year Plan meeting on Tuesday evening, 24<sup>th</sup> March. Your presence and your ideas are truly valuable in helping us build a strong and faithful community in Christ. Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> April at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Please do come and be part of the meeting, bringing your valued contributions. Thank you once again, and we look forward to seeing you all.

**Reminder:** Following the consultation and voting, from Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April onwards, the Sunday Mass at Christ the King, Alfreton will be celebrated at 11:00 am (instead of 10:30 am). Please do kindly inform your friends and fellow parishioners about this new Mass time. Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation.

**Parish Pensioner's Monthly lunch on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2026, at 1pm!** The booking lists for the April Pensioners Lunch are now available at the back of both churches. If you'd like to join us, please add your name to the list by Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> March, or call us on 07739896735 by Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026. (If no one answers, please leave a message!). We're looking forward to sharing a lovely meal together!

**Divine Mercy Sunday 2026:** On Divine Mercy Sunday, this year the second time our parish community will hold a special Divine Mercy Celebration on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Good Friday Walk of Witness:** Come and join other Christians in Alfreton on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**All are welcome to an Ecumenical Act of Witness, joining Bishop Patrick,** Lord-Lieutenant Professor Veronica Pickering, and other Faith Leaders, on Good Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Pilgrims are invited to gather at Saint Barnabas Cathedral at 9.45am for a 10.00am start, processing from the Cathedral, stopping at the Old Market Square, and then continuing to Saint Mary's Church in the Lace Market, finishing by 12.00 noon. Do consider joining this Act of Witness to highlight Good Friday in our wider community.

**On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 4:30 pm, the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales will hold a Holy Hour to pray for the promotion of a culture of life in our lands.** Parishes and Catholic communities across England and Wales are asked to hold a Holy Hour on that day, and even at the same time if possible, so as to present a unified, prayerful front to offer this petition to Our Lord for the dignity of life from conception to natural end and to pray that assisted suicide will not become law.

**The Diocesan Education Service is hosting a Day looking at Gender and Faith:** Accompanying Young People Well on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at the Diocesan Centre, Mackworth DE22 4BD. Dr Julia Sadusky will lead the Day, between 11.30am and 2pm, which is open to all, especially those accompanying young people at the intersection of questions of embodiment and spirituality. The cost of the Day is £25, and bookings can be made by contacting [gill.burns@nottingham-des.org.uk](mailto:gill.burns@nottingham-des.org.uk)

**Called to Love is a retreat for singles, dating, and engaged young adults** who want to think more deeply about relationships and the call to marriage. A relaxed weekend with input, prayer, discussion and social, as well as the opportunity to meet like-minded others, the retreat will be held at the Christian Heritage Centre, Lancashire, on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. This year's retreat will have as its theme masculinity and femininity. To book, visit: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/called-to-love/>

**Could you be our next Archives Volunteer?** The Archives Department is hosting an Open Day at the McGuinness Centre, Brooklyn Road, Nottingham NG6 9ES on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April between 2.00pm and 6.00pm. Are you an organised individual with an interest in Church history, genealogy, and basic Microsoft skills? The Archives Department would love to see you there!

**From relationships that are 'Just in a Rut'**, needing some refreshment or more serious issues - If you are open to try again - Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get their relationship back on track as they rediscovered hope and trust in the marriage. To find out more, visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) or telephone 07973 380443

**Holy Week Reflection – A Time to Remember Who We Are:** Holy Week is not just another week—it is a holy pause in our lives. A moment to step back and ask the deepest questions: Where did I come from? Why am I here? What is the purpose of my life? In the middle of our busy routines, Holy Week gently reminds us of our origin—we come from God... and we are made for God. This is the week that reveals the heart of everything: A loving God who gives His only Son for us. As it is written in the Gospel of John: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son..." What a truth. What a love. Not a distant God, but a God who enters our pain, carries our cross, and gives His life for us. As St. Augustine said: "God loves each of us as if there were only one of us." And St. John Paul II reminds us: "We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures; we are the sum of the Father's love for us." Holy Week is an invitation: To look at the Cross and realise our worth. To see love, not suffering, as the final word To rediscover our purpose—to love as we are loved In a world that often asks us to prove our value, the Cross quietly tells us: You are already loved... completely, freely, and forever. So this Holy Week, let us slow down... Let us walk with Jesus... Let us rediscover who we are. Because when we understand His love, we begin to understand our life.

**After the 9 am Mass at Clay Cross and the 10:30am 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. Share your faith experiences and enjoy the fellowship of our parish community. We look forward to seeing you there.