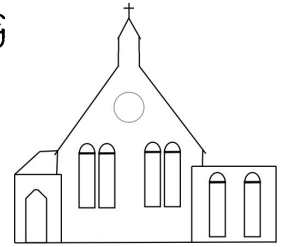
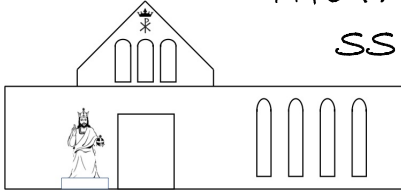


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02nd Sunday of Christmastide: Weekly Bulletin 30th December– 07th January 2024
CONFESIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

Alfreton

Saturday 30th December: 6.30pm Mass: **Holy Family**
Elsie Stewart Ints

Sunday 31st December: 10.30am: Thanksgiving

11pm -12pm Adoration followed by Mass

Wednesday 03rd January: Most Holy Name of Jesus
9 am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Josephine Towson RIP

Friday 05th January:
9 am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Sr. Elja RIP

Saturday 06th January: 6.30pm Mass

Sunday 07th January: 10.30am Mass

Clay Cross

Sunday 31st December: 9.00am Mass: Roddy O'Gara RIP

Monday 01st January: Mary, The Holy Mother of God
9.30 Adoration, 10am Mass: Thanksgiving

Tuesday 02nd January: No Mass

Thursday 04th January:
9.30am Adoration 10am Mass: Vareed Varghese RIP

Sunday 07th January: 9am Mass: Sheila Hall Ints

January 2024 Cleaners

Alfreton: Bridget W
Clay Cross: Maggie Smith

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: Eugene Grant/Veronica Grant

Sunday 10.30am: Barrie Meloy/Rob Farrell

This Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Juvel Bosko

Next Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Moya Mellors/Peter Babe

Sunday 10.30am: Fiona Molumbly/Natasha Erskine

Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am:

4th Sunday of Advent Masses & Christmas Masses collection

Alfreton	£809.85
Clay Cross	£397.07
Gift aid envelopes	£117.00
Standing Order	£243.75
Total Collection	£1567.67

Candles	£65.10
Repository	£2.85
Hall Hire	£100.00

Many thanks for your generosity

“Wishing you all blessings & prosperity in 2024.”

Thank You: Personal thank you to all of you who sent me good wishes and personal gifts. On behalf of the parish I would like to express a special thanks to everyone who has worked so hard to get our Churches ready for this year's celebrations. Thanks also to all of you who have supported the parish in so many ways throughout 2023 the PPC Members, Finance committee, Catechists, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Church Cleaners, Collectors, Counters, Musicians, Florists, Altar Servers and all the people who made the church warm and welcoming every Sunday. As we slowly discern the shape of parish life moving forward we acknowledge that there are many challenges but we are immensely grateful to God for the life of Faith which we are privileged to share in our little part of the Church. Happy New year to you all 2024. May God Bless you all at this time.

Parish Lunch, Monday 8th January 2024 at 1.00 pm. Please put your name on the list at the back of the Church by Sunday 31st December 2023 if you would like to attend the next Parish Lunch for Pensioners. This will help us with catering. Look forward to seeing you there.

Can you solve a Mission Box Mystery? - on or before Sunday 10th December 2023 did you bring or send in to church your full APF Mill Hill Missionaries box but have not had it returned to you? If so, please be aware the label stuck on the base of your box has faded over time and is no longer legible, so we cannot identify you. If you think the box could be yours, please let your collector Bernadette know, or give your phone number to Fr Paul to pass on to her, so she can contact you to establish your details, check your Gift Aid status and arrange to return your box to you. Please do this as soon as possible, as the annual return is due shortly - thank you.

New Readers for Clay Cross: Additional readers are encouraged to join the 2024 Readers Rota for the Sunday morning Mass at Clay Cross. To be included in the Rota, please kindly approach Sheila or Rob after Mass.

The gift of a few hours a year: We're seeking dedicated cleaners to join our volunteer team. Every hand makes a difference. Please see Sheila or Rob after Mass to hear how giving just a few hours per year can help preserve the beauty of our Clay Cross Church.

San Damiano Convent, Alfreton: The Franciscan Minoress Sisters no longer own San Damiano Convent in Alfreton. This property now belongs to The Saint John of God Charity.

A dynamic and evolving role 'Development and Communications Co-ordinator' serving the young people of the diocese of Nottingham is pivotal to supporting the development and growth of NDCYS. This is an exciting and challenging opportunity for an aspiring leader. This is initially a one year fixed term contract. Details can be found at: <https://www.ndcys.com>

Warm Welcome Space: Urgent appeal. We need volunteers to help supervise and staff the Warm Welcome Space over the next few weeks. If you can help, even if it is only for a few hours, please sign up on the lists at the back of Christ the King Church. Many thanks. This community initiative operates from 10am to 3pm each Friday.

The diocese is producing a monthly podcast for the Year of Prayer called Encounter Prayer. Each month a different type of prayer will be showcased; this first episode is given by Bishop Patrick who introduces the Year of Prayer, his hopes for it, and shares insights from his own prayer life. The Podcasts can be found on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcasts, Amazon Music and Audible by searching Diocese of Nottingham; they are also on the diocesan website: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer.

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, Feast of the Holy Family: One does not only pray with the mind; the entire person prays, the person in his or her entirety, just as one does not pray only with one's feelings. The ancients used to say that the organ of prayer is the heart, and thus they explained that the whole person, starting from the centre — the heart — enters into a relationship with God. To read the full reflection and find more resources at dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph: In paragraph 30 of his Apostolic Exhortation "Amoris Laetitia," Pope Francis wrote, "Every family should look to the icon of the Holy Family of Nazareth." As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, God's word invites reflection on the joys, responsibilities, and challenges of family life in the light of Christian faith and discipleship. The Book of Sirach describes the duty of gratitude to parents for the gift of life. Within families, gratitude becomes a source of harmony and peace. For, "respect for parents fills the home with light and warmth," as the Catechism teaches (2219). Sacrifices — great and small — that a child makes to honor and care for parents is offered as a praiseworthy path. The author of Sirach reminds us that God is the source of the authority of parents. God strengthens parents with wisdom to care for and raise their children, and guides children in the way of honor and respect for aging parents Abraham and Sarah are models of faith to imitate as we strive to be missionary disciples of Jesus. Putting our faith in God's word will bring new life to our hearts, minds, and families. The same entrusting faith in God led Mary and Joseph to present the child Jesus in the temple, as described in the Gospel. In the sacred space of the temple holy men like Simeon, and holy women like Anna the prophetess, recognized the presence of the Son of God and expressed their faith in God with prayers of praise and thanksgiving. Their witness to faith inspires us to contemplate the icon of the Holy Family of Nazareth as we pray in faith, "speak to me, Lord." Question: How can the Holy Family of Nazareth be an icon of faith, hope, and love in the midst of the joys, responsibilities and challenges of family life?

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