



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

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**03<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent: Weekly Bulletin 22<sup>nd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025**  
**CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST**

<u><b>Alfreton</b></u>	<u><b>Clay Cross</b></u>														
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March:</b> 6.30pm Mass: Michelle Lemal RIP	<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March:</b> 9am Mass: Anne Gallerga RIP														
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March:</b> 10.30am Mass: Patrick Martin RIP	<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March: The Annunciation of the Lord</b> 9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Ints of Legion of Mary's group														
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March: <u>No Mass</u></b>	<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March:</b> For all the sick in the parish 9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass & Station of the Cross														
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March:</b> 9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Oakes Family Ints	<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March:</b> 9am Mass:														
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March:</b> For all the sick in the parish 9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass & Station of the Cross															
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March:</b> 6.30pm Mass: Michelle Lemal RIP															
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March:</b> 10.30am Mass: All the members of the Molumby Family															
<u><b>Sick &amp; Housebound</b></u>	<u><b>March 2025 Cleaners</b></u>														
<b>Please pray for</b> – 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 Graczyk and Pennie Burton. <b>Please remember all in our parish who need our prayers.</b>	<b>Alfreton:</b> Maureen Walker <b>Clay Cross:</b> Mick & Marie Cassidy														
<b><u>This Week's Readers: Alfreton</u></b> Saturday 6.30pm: Peter Babe/Margaret Kerry Sunday 10.30am: Fiona Molumby/Catherine Galloway <b><u>This Week's Readers: Clay Cross</u></b> Sunday 9am: Reena Gigi/Juval  <b><u>Next Week's Readers: Alfreton</u></b> Saturday 6.30pm: Moya Mellors/Ryan Hudson Sunday 10.30am: Francis O'Brien/Clare Smith <b><u>Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross</u></b> Sunday 9am: Wendy Tinsley/Manna	<b><u>Collection for 15<sup>th</sup> &amp; 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025</u></b>  <table> <tr> <td>Alfreton</td><td>£285.88</td></tr> <tr> <td>Clay Cross</td><td>£254.05</td></tr> <tr> <td>Standing Order</td><td>£243.75</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Total Collection</b></td><td><b>£783.68</b></td></tr> <tr> <td>Candle CTK</td><td>£34.44</td></tr> <tr> <td>St Patrick's night</td><td>£109.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>CAFOD Family fast</td><td>£346.80</td></tr> </table> <p><i>Many thanks for your generosity</i></p>	Alfreton	£285.88	Clay Cross	£254.05	Standing Order	£243.75	<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>£783.68</b>	Candle CTK	£34.44	St Patrick's night	£109.00	CAFOD Family fast	£346.80
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**"The people who test your patience are a blessing. Without them, you can't practice patience."** Nouman Ali Khan

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**Second Collection: This Saturday/Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025: The National Shrine of our Lady at Walsingham.**

**Next Saturday/Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025: Bishop's charitable purposes**

**John Morgan RIP:** It is with sadness we heard about the passing of John Morgan who served as the Security Guard & Groundsman at The Briars for over 30 years. John, or 'Morgsy' as he was affectionately known, was a constant presence of warmth and welcome for the thousands of young people and staff who visited during this time. He had a way of making everyone feel at home, with a smile, or a story. He was an inspiration for generations of Briars teams and young people. In 2010, John was awarded the Benemerenti medal for services to the Church and is without doubt The Briars' greatest servant. He will be dearly missed. If anyone would like more details of the plans to celebrate John's life, please contact Hannah Leech - hannah.leech@ololcatholicmat.co.uk

**Planned Giving Envelopes:** Your Planned Giving envelopes are available for collection from the back of the church.. Please pick yours up. Any problems; ring Francis 075 92 38 63 41.

**Special Thank You!** A heartfelt thank you to Mary Bentley, Mary Shelton, Anita Day, Veronica Hough, the Parish Choir, our two guitarists Martin Wright and Mike, and Joe Hancock for their wonderful efforts in making our St. Patrick's Day celebration so beautiful and memorable. Your dedication and hard work are truly appreciated. May God bless you abundantly!

**Parish Lunch, Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 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, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025 or by telephoning 07739896735 by Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 (please leave a message if no one answers) so that we know how many people we need to cater for.

**The Jubilee Pilgrimage to Walsingham with Bishop Patrick takes place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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!

**"MISSIO BOXES** - Please bring in for emptying during March/April. Thank you in anticipation of your co-operation".

**DBS certificate holders** are reminded that the deadline for completion of the compulsory CSSA training is March 31<sup>st</sup>. Also a reminder that if you joined the Updating Service you will receive an annual email from DBS and you must reply to it to validate your certificate - if you don't we have to start the full DBS process again. Any queries please contact Veronica Grant

**Parish Action for Lent:** Lent is about almsgiving and as a parish we are asking parishioners to bring in items for the Foodbank each week as our charitable contribution. The items can be placed at the box at the back of the church each week. We will remind each week in the newsletter. Week 4, Cupboard items: condiments/ sauces/ drinks/ tea/ coffee. Thank you

**Sunday 10.30am Holy Mass:** Each Sunday at the 10:30am Mass, we invite all children to gather around the altar and take part in the Eucharistic Prayer, returning to their families at the Sign of Peace. Please encourage your child to join in and pray the Our Father with the congregation. To ensure a prayerful atmosphere, we kindly ask that no toys or distractions be brought onto the sanctuary. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

**Turning the Church inside out.** Join the diocesan Justice and Peace Commission to receive the fruits gathered by the Synod from around the world, and bring its hopes to life here in our parishes, on Thursday 3rd April, 7.00-8.30pm online. The Synod on Synodality began with parish conversations in 2021. It continued in Rome last Autumn. And now it's back with us in Nottingham Diocese to plant it locally and bring it to life. The Synod's final report offers an inspiring vision of a Church rich in the relationships, gifts and vocations of all its people. Find out more and book at [bit.ly/insideoutchurch](http://bit.ly/insideoutchurch)

**Jubilee Year Visit to St Barnabas Cathedral – Sign-Up Required:** As part of our Jubilee Year celebrations, we are excited to invite you to a visit to St Barnabas Cathedral. Below are the details of the event: Date & Time: Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> July at 1 pm – we will celebrate Holy Mass at Cathedral church followed by a visit to the Heritage Centre. **Additional Arrangements:** Weather permitting, you are welcome to enjoy a picnic lunch in the hall or gardens. The Cathedral staff will provide tea and coffee. **Coach Booking:** In order to book the coach, I need to know how many people plan to attend. We will share details regarding the prize and other specifics once we have a confirmed headcount and the coach price. **Sign-Up:** A sign-up form is available in the porch. Please complete and return the form by Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025. I look forward to a wonderful day together.

**Jubilee Year 2025 celebrations:** As we prepare for the Jubilee Year, we invite you to share your ideas for events and celebrations. A suggestion box has been placed in the porch—please feel free to leave your suggestions. Your input is valuable in making this Jubilee a meaningful and joyful occasion for our parish. Collection date on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

**The Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service (NDCYS)** is running an open retreat, Search for the Light, during Easter weekend, Maundy Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 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/](http://ndcys.com/events-and-opportunities/search/)

**Nottingham Cathedral Choir and Youth Choir** are gearing up to perform the Bach St John Passion on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 7.45pm, in Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham NG1 5AE. At the start of Lent, and for those haven't experienced the St John Passion, it is the perfect preparation for Holy Week. Since the performance falls the day before Mothering Sunday, the Choirs are offering 10% off tickets if you are treating your mum! This discount is available until 19th March; simply use the code MUM10 at the checkout: use the QR code on the poster at the back of church.

**The Diocesan Women's Lent Retreat returns to Nottingham** this year on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April. The theme of the retreat is 'The Sacred Heart: An Icon of Hope' and it will be given by Canon Jonathan Cotton, a fantastic retreat leader. Good Shepherd Church, Nottingham (NG5 4HT) will host the retreat which will include Holy Mass, Talks, confession, social time and more. The cost of the day is £15, please bring a packed lunch. For more details and to book please see the poster in church or visit [dioceseofnottingham.uk/events](http://dioceseofnottingham.uk/events)