

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

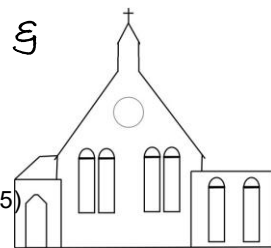
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Seventeenth Sunday: Weekly Bulletin 26th July– 03rd August 2025 CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

Alfreton

Saturday 26th July 6.30pm Mass: Parish Ints

Sunday 27th July: 10.30am Mass: Geoffrey Leadbeater RIP

Monday 28th July: No Mass

Wednesday 30th July:

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Anne Patey RIP

First Friday 01st August: St Alphonsus Mary De'Liguori

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Thanksgiving: Mary Uche

Following Holy Mass Adoration continues until 12 noon.

Saturday 02nd August: 6.30pm Mass:
Geoffrey Leadbeater RIP

Sunday 03rd August: 10.30am Mass:

Clay Cross

Sunday 27th July: 9am Mass: Bridie Joyce wellbeing

Tuesday 29th July: Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus

9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Rose Marinnan Ints

Thursday 31st July: St Ignatius of Loyola

9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Cath McCreesh Ints

Sunday 03rd August: 9am Mass:

July 2025 Cleaners

Alfreton: RM Coyne

Clay Cross: Maggie Smith

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 Graczyk, Maureen Fuller, Paul Fuller, Isobel Hopkins, Diana Davey, Eugene Grant, Patrick Mackell and Pennie Burton. **Please remember all in our parish who need our prayers.**

This Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Veronica Grant/Maureen Fuller

Sunday 10.30am: Fiona Molumby/Lilianna

This Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Ian Patterson/Nicole Grey

Next Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Paul Fuller/Clare Smith

Sunday 10.30am: Natasha Erskine/Tom McCallum

Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Adrian Goodall/Kate Tippen

Collection for 19th & 20th July 2025

Alfreton	£357.78
Clay Cross	£214.45
Standing Order	£130.00

Total Collection **£702.23**

Candles CTK	£30.60
Repository CTK	£01.35
Pensioner's Lunch	£144.94

Many thanks for your generosity

"Prayer is the key in the morning and the lock in the evening. Never stop asking, even when tired, because the Lord always listens." Pope Francis

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

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Parish Lunch, Monday 4th August at 1 pm. The booking lists for the July 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 July 2025 or by telephoning 07436000773/01773 833174 (please leave a message if no one answers) so that we know how many people we need to cater for.

First Holy Communion 2026 – Information for Parents: Children aged 7 and above are eligible to register for the First Holy Communion Programme. Registration forms will be distributed at the information meeting for parents and candidates, which will take place on Sunday, 14th September, immediately after the 10:30 am Mass at Christ the King. Please note: The First Holy Communion celebration will be held on Saturday, 6th June 2026. We look forward to welcoming all our new candidates and their families.

Pilgrimage for 2026: If you are looking to grow in your spiritual life why not consider going on a life-changing pilgrimage. The next pilgrimage proposed for 2026 is to Medjugorje. Please put your name and contact info down if you are looking for more information with no obligation. Depending on interest, arrangements will be made and cost confirmed in months to come. You can also express interest or ask questions to Anita Day - 07709445578.

This Wednesday, 30th July, marks the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. Human trafficking is one of the great human rights challenges of our time, described by Pope Francis as a “crime against humanity”. Join the Santa Marta Group for an evening of awareness and sharing, as Kevin Hyland OBE and other speakers discuss the scale of human trafficking in our local and global communities, and the role of the Catholic Church and faith groups in preventing it. Register to attend the webinar at <https://bit.ly/trafficking2025>

The National Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life is being celebrated at Walsingham by Bishop John Keenan on Saturday 2nd August. The Pilgrimage can be followed on livestream at www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/ or for more details, visit www.prolifepilgrimage.org or see the poster.

A Jubilee of Hope Pilgrimage will be held at Mount Saint Bernard Abbey on Sunday 31st August, starting with Mass at 2pm, together with a family picnic, Marian Procession, and Adoration. For more details email jnoakes@englishmartyrs.org

Join the diocese for a special Young Adults’ Pilgrimage to Rome between Friday 5th and Monday 8th September for the Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. The Pilgrimage is open to anyone aged 18-35, costing £475 per person based on sharing a room, with financial help available. For more information and to book a place email: vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk

On Saturday 6th September the annual UK March for Life 2025 will take place in London. Join with thousands of others from all over the UK who believe that all life is sacred, as we march through the streets of London to the Houses of Parliament. The Walk is peaceful, legal and always spiritually uplifting. There will be a coach from Nottingham, picking up from Good Shepherd Arnold and Cathedral Derby Road, costing adults £30, unwaged including students £15, under 16s £10. To book on the coach or for more information contact Marie (marielangford@live.co.uk, 07948 151264).

The Diocese is looking to appoint a Clergy Health and Wellbeing Assistant to provide a professional service supporting the health and wellbeing of clergy in the Diocese. If you have experience in nursing, social work, etc, where care and empathy are combined with skills and creativity, then consider applying for this role. The job is 22.5 hours per week over 3 days, and details are available at: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers. The deadline for applications is 9am on Monday 18th August, emailed to office@dioceseofnottingham.uk

The Diocese is looking to appoint a Parish Administrator for the Parishes of Corpus Christi, Clifton, and Our Lady and Saint Patrick in the Meadows, Nottingham, which are looking for a motivated, and approachable individual with excellent administration and IT skills to join the parishes team, playing a key part in the parishes’ administration, including support to clergy, and liaising with volunteers. The role is 22.5 hours; more details are available at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers/parish-administrator-3 and completed application forms should be emailed by 9am on Monday 4th August to: office@dioceseofnottingham.uk

The Diocese is looking to appoint a University Catholic Lay Chaplain to provide pastoral, social and non-sacramental spiritual care for the Catholic students and staff at the University of Lincoln and BG University, and for a wider chaplaincy to all students and staff as part of the service to both institutions. The post holder will work a flexible 21-hour week, usually Sundays, Tuesdays, and other days for events. For the further information please see www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers. The deadline for applications, sent to office@dioceseofnottingham.uk is Monday 8th September at 9am.

A Prayer Life: To Be in Relationship with God: Just like we talk to people we love, prayer is how we talk and listen to God. It’s not just a religious duty—it’s a relationship. We pray because God is not a distant idea, but a loving Father who desires to be close to us. **Because Jesus Prayed:** Even though He is the Son of God, Jesus prayed constantly—in silence, in the morning, before important decisions, during suffering. If Jesus, who is perfect, needed prayer, how much more do we? **To Find Peace in a Noisy World:** Prayer is where our hearts can find stillness and peace, especially when life feels chaotic. As St. Teresa of Avila said, “Let nothing disturb you... God alone suffices.” In prayer, we remember who we are and who God is. **To Seek Strength and Direction:** Life can be confusing or overwhelming. Through prayer, we don’t just tell God our problems—we listen for His answers. Prayer is not changing God’s mind, but opening our heart to His will. **To Grow in Love and Gratitude:** Prayer is not only about asking; it’s also about thanking and loving. In prayer, we become more grateful, more humble, and more aware of the blessings around us. **To Intercede for Others:** When we pray for others, we become channels of God’s mercy. It’s an act of love. As St. John Vianney said, “Private prayer is like straw scattered here and there; if you set it on fire it makes a lot of little flames. But gather these straws into a bundle and light them, and you get a mighty fire—this is public prayer.” **Because Prayer Changes Us:** The true power of prayer is not always in changing our circumstances but in changing us—making us more patient, more trusting, more holy. As someone once said, “Prayer doesn’t always change the situation, but it always changes the soul who prays.”