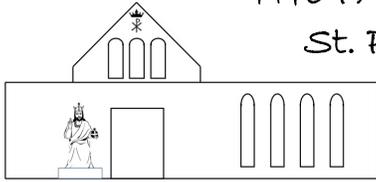
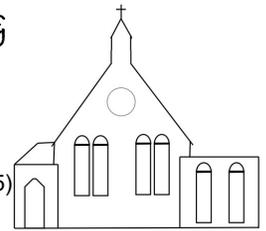


THE PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING, ALFRETON &  
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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent: Weekly Bulletin 28<sup>th</sup> February– 08<sup>th</sup> March 2026**  
**CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST**

| <u>Alfreton</u>  | <u>Clay Cross</u>  |          |         |            |         |                |          |                         |                 |                |       |             |        |               |        |
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| <p><b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February:</b> 6.30pm Mass: Declan Doherty Get Well</p> <p><b>Sunday 01<sup>st</sup> March:</b> 10.30am Mass: Helen Kenny Get Well</p> <p><b>Monday 02<sup>nd</sup> March:</b> <b><u>NO MASS</u></b></p> <p><b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March:</b><br/>9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Kathleen Smyth Wellbeing</p> <p><b>Friday 06<sup>th</sup> March:</b> Michael Stenson RIP<br/>9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass &amp; Station of the Cross</p> <p><b>Saturday 07<sup>th</sup> March:</b> 6.30pm Mass: Lisa O'Reilly RIP</p> <p><b>Sunday 08<sup>th</sup> March:</b> 10.30am Mass: Abina Ahern RIP</p>   | <p><b>Sunday 01<sup>st</sup> March:</b> 9am Mass: Meg Bennett RIP</p> <p><b>Tuesday 03<sup>rd</sup> March:</b><br/>9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Margaret Stanley RIP</p> <p><b>Thursday 05<sup>th</sup> March:</b> Grant Family Ints<br/>9.30 am Adoration 10am Mass &amp; Station of the Cross</p> <p><b>Sunday 08<sup>th</sup> March:</b> 9am Mass: Michael John Lannon RIP</p>            |          |         |            |         |                |          |                         |                 |                |       |             |        |               |        |
| <b><u>March 2026 Cleaners</u></b>  |  |          |         |            |         |                |          |                         |                 |                |       |             |        |               |        |
| <p><b>Alfreton:</b> Maureen Walker<br/><b>Clay Cross:</b> Mick &amp; Marie Cassidy</p>   |  |          |         |            |         |                |          |                         |                 |                |       |             |        |               |        |
| <b><u>Collection for 21<sup>st</sup> &amp; 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026</u></b>   |  |          |         |            |         |                |          |                         |                 |                |       |             |        |               |        |
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| <i>Many thanks for your generosity</i>   |  |          |         |            |         |                |          |                         |                 |                |       |             |        |               |        |
| <p><b><u>Sick &amp; Housebound:</u></b></p> <p><i>Please pray for</i> – 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 Margaret Marsh and Pennie Burton. <b><i>Please remember all in our parish who need our prayers.</i></b></p> <p><b><u>This Week's Readers: Alfreton</u></b><br/>Saturday 6.30pm: Moya Mellors/Alison Bailey<br/>Sunday 10.30am: John Boxall/Fungai Chingwenje</p> <p><b><u>This Week's Readers: Clay Cross</u></b><br/>Sunday 9am: Reena Gigi/Laura Morris</p> <p><b><u>Next Week's Readers: Alfreton</u></b><br/>Saturday 6.30pm: Maureen Fuller/Paul Fuller<br/>Sunday 10.30am: Fiona Molumby/Francis O'Brien</p> <p><b><u>Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross</u></b><br/>Sunday 9am: Laveena/Feo</p> |  |          |         |            |         |                |          |                         |                 |                |       |             |        |               |        |

**“Fasting clears the fog so we can see Christ more clearly.”**

*Unknown*

**Second Collection: This Saturday/Sunday (28<sup>th</sup> February & 01<sup>st</sup> March): CAFOD Family Fast Day**

**Next Saturday/Sunday (07<sup>th</sup> & 08<sup>th</sup> March): Bishops Charitable purposes**

**Weekly Lenten commitments:** Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March: Tinned goods, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March: Personal health items (shampoo, deodorant etc), Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March: Kitchen items (kitchen roll etc), Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March: Chocolate and sweet treats. During this season of Lent, let us remember to live our faith through action. Please continue to fulfill your parish commitments and, if you can, be generous towards our Food Bank. Every small gift helps those in need and is a true act of love and charity.

**Thank You Message from Michael Wragg:** Michael Wragg and his family would like to sincerely thank all parishioners for your kindness, prayers, and support following the passing of his beloved Mum, Eileen. A total of £550 was raised from the collection at her funeral. Of this, £300 has been donated to Ashgate Hospice, and £250 to the Salvation Army. In addition, many of Eileen's belongings have been generously given to the Ashgate Hospice charity shop. The family were deeply touched to see the church filled with so many of Mum's friends on the day of her funeral. It was a beautiful tribute to her life, and they hope she was smiling down on everyone that day. The family pass on their heartfelt gratitude to you all for your love and support.

**A Special Thank You:** A sincere and special thank you to Veronica Grant, our Parish Safeguarding Representative. Veronica has recently completed the full safeguarding audit of the parish as required by the Diocese. While everything may appear smooth and in good order on the surface, there is always a great deal of work happening quietly behind the scenes. Safeguarding is a very important responsibility in our parish life, and we are grateful for Veronica's dedication, time, and careful attention to detail in ensuring that all requirements are properly met. Thank you, Veronica, for your commitment and faithful service to our parish community. It is truly appreciated.

**First Holy Communion sessions:** The next First Holy Communion Preparation session will take place on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March at 5pm and the second on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 5pm in the church hall. We kindly ask all candidates and parents to please attend this important session as we continue our journey together in preparation for the Sacrament. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

**Parish Lunch, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 at 1pm.** Why not come along and enjoy a good meal, great company and fantastic entertainment? You may even win some cash at the cash bingo or a raffle prize. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Loaves and Fishes Bake Sale On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March there is a Bake Sale,** where you can look for a bargain or take your own baking to raise funds for the Loaves and Fishes Pantry Shop. The Sale is on from 10am to midday at Alfreton and District Memorial Hall, Grange Road, Alfreton, DE55 7JA. The Pantry Shop lets users buy food and other useful items for a nominal amount.

**Sherwood Deanery Lenten Station Mass:** On Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm, as part of the Sherwood Deanery, we will have the Lenten Station Mass at St Philip Neri, Mansfield. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession at 6pm, followed by the Deanery Lenten Mass at 7pm. As a parish family, you are warmly encouraged to attend this Deanery Lenten celebration as a time of renewal in our faith. Thank you.

**Our Knit and Natter meetings** will resume on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 1pm in the meeting room at the back of the Church. Hoping to see all existing members and plenty of new ones. All are welcome. Contact Maureen for further information on 07551 821761.

**Our next Afternoon Tea at Clay Cross will be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March** at 1pm. Everyone is warmly invited! Come along for a friendly chat, good company, and a little boost to your well-being. It's a lovely chance to relax, meet others, and enjoy the simple joy of being together. See you there!

**Sacrament of Confession:** The Sacrament of Confession is a beautiful and vital part of our Catholic faith, where we experience the mercy and forgiveness of our loving God. As always, Confession is available anytime upon request. During Lent, to help us prepare more deeply for Holy Mass, Confessions will be available every Saturday from 12 noon to 1pm at Christ the King Church, Alfreton. We warmly invite you to come and experience the grace, peace, and healing of God's love through this wonderful Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Future parish Five Year Plan:** As part of our Parish Five-Year Plan, I would like to invite every one of you to come together and share your thoughts about the future of our parish family. This is our parish. Not Father's parish. Not a small group's parish. But our faith community. And the future belongs to all of us. So please join us on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 6:30pm at Christ the King, Alfreton.** Please put it in your diary now — before you forget! This will be a simple and open meeting where we can reflect, think, and share ideas about how we can grow spiritually, pastorally, and as a community over the next five years. Every suggestion is valuable. There are no "small" ideas. Sometimes the simplest thought can become the biggest blessing. Please don't be shy. Don't think, "Oh, my idea is not important." It is important — because you are important. Let us come together, listen to one another, and dream together about the future of our parish family. You are all most welcome. I look forward to seeing you there.

**World Day of Prayer:** Join Christians from over 190 countries in prayer. The prayer session is being held at Swanwick Baptist Church, Derby Road, DE55 1BG. The service starts at 10.30am and its theme is "I will give you rest".

**Young Adults are especially invited to join Bishop Patrick, in the Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026.** Departing from East Midlands airport on Monday 13th July, enjoy five days in Lourdes with over 200 people from across our diocese. More details from the tour operator: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-nottingham/>

**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!