

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

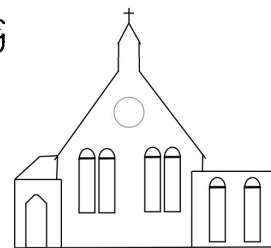
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04th Sunday of Advent: Weekly Bulletin 23rd December – 31st December 2023
CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

Alfreton

Saturday 23th December: 6.30pm Mass:
Deacon Les Lemon RIP

Sunday 24th December: 10.30am:
Urszula Ragus RIP

6pm Children's Christmas Eve Mass: Frank Sullivan RIP

Monday 25th December: CHRISTMAS DAY
10.30am Mass: Tomy Martyn RIP

Wednesday 27th December: NO MASS

Friday 29th December: St Thomas of Canterbury
9 am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Breeda Hancock RIP

Saturday 30th December: 6.30pm Mass
Elsie Stewart Ints

Sunday 31st December: 10.30am Mass

Clay Cross

Sunday 24th December: 9.00am Mass: Fr Kevin Clarke Ints

3pm Children's Christmas Eve Mass

Monday 25th December: CHRISTMAS DAY
9am Mass: Christina O'Malley RIP

Tuesday 26th December: NO MASS

Thursday 28th December: The Holy Innocents
9.30am Adoration 10am Mass: Becky Broughton RIP

Sunday 31st December: 9am Mass:

December 2023 Cleaners

Alfreton: Maureen Walker
Clay Cross: Justin/Amrutha

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: Jacob S/Maureen Fuller

Sunday 10.30am: Francis O'Brien/John Boxall

This Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am Patricia Byrnes/Jiya Bosko

Next Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Eugene Grant/Veronica Grant

Sunday 10.30am: Barrie Meloy/Rob Farrell

Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Juvel Bosko

Collection for 16th – 17th December 2023

Alfreton	£331.89
Clay Cross	£239.55
Standing Order	£243.75
Total Collection	£815.19

Candles	£21.09
Repository	£2.30
Hall Hire	£150.00
Clay Cross (Tea & Coffee)	£20
CTK Alfreton (Tea & Coffee)	£54.74
Bazaar	£16.00

Many thanks for your generosity

“WISHING ALL OUR PARISHIONERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

A HAPPY AND HOLY CHRISTMAS.”

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.

Christmas Collection: It goes to the parish account not to Fr Paul personally.

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: Very often it happens that we do not pray, we don't feel like praying, or many times we pray like parrots, with the mouth, but our heart is not in it. This is the moment to say to the Spirit: "Come, come Holy Spirit, warm my heart. Come and teach me to pray, teach me to look to the Father, to look to the Son. Teach what the path of faith is like. Teach me how to love and, above all, teach me to have an attitude of hope."

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, Fourth Sunday of Advent: There is no better way to pray than to place oneself like Mary in an attitude of openness, with a heart open to God: "Lord, what you want, when you want, and how you want". That is, a heart open to God's will. And God always responds. To read the full reflection and find more resources at 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

The ongoing reorganisation of the diocese, enabling us all to become more missionary in a way which recognises that we now have fewer clergy and fewer parishioners, continues to make steady progress. To date the 108 parishes we had in 2017 have been reduced to 88, with 32 parishes having been amalgamated to form 12 new larger parishes. Parishioners in all our parishes are on a journey of working more closely together, in a more missionary fashion, in our united effort to proclaim the love of Jesus Christ, and to put that love into practice across the East Midlands.

800th Anniversary of the Crib: This year marks the 800th Anniversary of the First Nativity Crib, created by St Francis of Assisi in Greccio in Italy in 1223. To mark this special anniversary, and to pray for our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land, we pray "a child's prayer" at Christmas.

Dear Jesus, At this time of year, we picture you in the stable at Bethlehem, with Mary and Joseph, a picture of peace and family love, surrounded by the animals and adoring shepherds. We pray that the peace you brought into the world on that first Christmas night will return to our world, and the light of your guiding star will lead us all one day to be with you in Heaven. Amen.

2023 -2024 Year of Prayer: Pope Francis' Catechesis on Prayer, arranged for each liturgical week Fourth Week of Advent – Sunday 24th December 2023 The gospel this Sunday we hear Luke's great account of the angel Gabriel being sent by God to Mary. She is to conceive and bear a son - Jesus. This event changes history, making way for God to come to earth as a human child, through Mary. In his catechesis of 18th November 2020, Pope Francis introduces us to Mary as a model for our own prayer and calls us to model our prayer life on hers

CHRISTMAS MASSES & NEW YEAR 2024

CLAY CROSS: Sunday December 24th Christmas Children's Mass: 3pm

CHRIST THE KING ALFRETON: Sunday December 24th Christmas Children's Mass: 6pm and don't forget we have carol singing at 5.30pm before H Mass

CLAY CROSS: Monday December 25th Christmas Day Mass:9am

CHRIST THE KING ALFRETON: Monday December 25th Christmas Day Mass:10.30am

NEW YEAR'S Mass & Adoration: CHRIST THE KING ALFRETON: 11pm to 12pm Adoration followed by Midnight Mass

Monday 1st January SS PATRICK & BRIGID CLAY CROSS: 9.30 Adoration,10am Mass

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