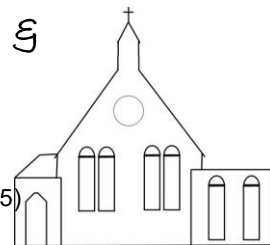


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2nd Week of Ordinary time: Weekly Bulletin 17th – 25th January 2026
CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

Alfreton

Saturday 17th January: 6.30pm Mass: Sean McGing RIP

Sunday 18th January: 10.30am Mass: Parish Ints

Monday 19th January: **NO MASS**

Wednesday 21st January:

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Geoff Capes RIP

Friday 23rd January:

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Conal O'Sullivan RIP

Saturday 24th January: 6.30pm Mass:

Sunday 25th January: 10.30am Mass:

Clay Cross

Sunday 18th January: 9am Mass:

Mary Cassidy RIP & Elisabeth Henstock RIP

Tuesday 20th January:

9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Bridie Scallion RIP

Thursday 22nd January:

9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Ian Gracias Private Ints

Sunday 25th January: 9am Mass: Eileen Wragg RIP

January 2026 Cleaners

Alfreton: Bridget W

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: Margaret Kerry/Clare Smith

Sunday 10.30am: Lilianna/Barrie Meloy

This Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: David Johnson/Amelia

Next Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Eugene Grant/Veronica Grant

Sunday 10.30am: John Boxall/Tom McCallum

Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Ian Patterson/Nicole Grey

Collection for 10th & 11th January 2026

Alfreton	£211.99
Clay Cross	£130.30
Standing Order	£287.00

Total Collection **£629.29**

Candles CTK £13.60

Many thanks for your generosity

"If you are humble, nothing will touch you—neither praise nor disgrace"

St Mother Teresa

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

Bank Details: Cheques payable to - **Christ the King Alfreton RCP, Account No: 03155671, Sort Code: 30-92-59**
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Second Collection: This Saturday/Sunday (17th & 18th January): Sick and Retired Priests

Eileen Wragg RIP: We pray for the repose of the soul of Eileen Wragg, who died recently. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, 5th February at 1pm at Clay Cross, followed by the Committal at Chesterfield. We extend our sincere condolences to her family and friends at this sad time. May the Lord grant her eternal rest and comfort all who mourn.

Clay Cross Afternoon tea: Our monthly Afternoon Tea will take place on Monday, 19th January at 1pm at Clay Cross. Everyone is most welcome to join us. A sign-up sheet is available in the church porch. Please do come along to share your joy and faith, enjoy a cup of tea, and catch up with friends for a lovely chat. We look forward to seeing you.

Health & Safety Role – Parish Volunteer Needed: Our sincere thanks to Rob Farrell, who has faithfully carried out the Health & Safety role in our parish. We are very grateful to him for all the good work and dedication he has given to both of our parish communities. Rob has now stepped down from this role, and we are looking for a parishioner who would be willing to take on this important responsibility with a generous and willing heart, in service of our community. This role helps to ensure that our parish remains a safe and welcoming place for everyone. Rob has kindly offered to support and guide anyone who is willing to step forward, so no one would be starting on their own. If you feel able to offer your time and enthusiasm to help the parish in this way, please speak to Fr Paul after Holy Mass. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish life.

I have My Mission – Each of us has a mission from God. Each of us has been chosen to bring the love of God to others. On Saturday 31st January, at Saint Mary's Church, Derby, the Diocese has organised a Day to help you live this mission, your mission. Could you represent our parish at this day? Mass will be celebrated at 10am with the Conference starting at 11am. The keynote speaker is Abbot Hugh Allan o.praem, Mission Director for the Bishops' Conference. To book your place visit dioceseofnottingham.uk/events or email formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Parish Lunch, Monday 2nd February 2026 at 1pm. The booking lists for the February 2026 Pensioners Lunch are now at the back of both churches. If you would like to attend this lunch, please book your place by Sunday, 25th January 2026, so we can confirm the number of people to cater for. 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.

Rite of Election 2026 Sunday 22nd February 3pm St Barnabas Cathedral, Derby Road, Nottingham. This year we are delighted that representatives from the Loughborough Deanery will be helping to plan and animate the liturgy. The celebration is significant as it marks the 40th anniversary of the first Rite of Election in the diocese. To commemorate this, we hope to gather at least 40 testimonies from people who previously attended the Rite of Election as catechumens or candidates, sharing how their faith has grown since that time. If there is a member of your parish who you think would like to contribute please let me know. **Registration:** Please register using the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/PL3gYnQ3uJ?origin=lprLink>

Holy Family Parish, Leicester is seeking to appoint a friendly and organised part-time Parish Administrator to support the day-to-day running of the parish. The role will be for 10 hours per week at Band £13.09 per hour. The successful applicant will undertake duties including parish administration, answering enquiries, keeping records, and organising rotas and newsletters. To request an application form, email office@dioceseofnottingham.uk The closing date is Friday 6th February.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18–25 January 2026: Each year, from 18th to 25th January, Christians throughout the world observe the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. During this time, we are invited to pray together and to renew our commitment to the unity that Jesus prayed for when he said, "That they may all be one" (John 17:21). These dates are significant in the life of the Church, linking the Feast of the Chair of St Peter with the Conversion of St Paul. They remind us that unity is both a gift from God and a call to ongoing conversion of heart. Christian unity does not mean uniformity, but a willingness to walk together in faith, humility, and love. Our divisions weaken our witness to the Gospel, while unity strengthens it and becomes a powerful sign of hope in a divided world. During this week, we are encouraged to pray for one another, to speak with charity about other Christian traditions, and to seek ways to grow in understanding and cooperation. Unity begins in prayer and is nurtured by love, respect, and service. In a world marked by division, conflict, and isolation, Christian unity is a powerful sign of hope. When Christians strive for unity, they proclaim that reconciliation is possible, that love is stronger than division, and that Christ is alive among us. Jesus himself tells us that unity among his followers will be a sign to the world: "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:35) This Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, let us unite in prayer and advocacy for the people of Armenia and Artsakh, calling for an end to violence and the restoration of peace. How can we live this week in the parish? During the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, parishioners are encouraged to: Pray daily for unity among Christians, Include intentions for unity in personal and family prayer, Speak with respect and charity about other Christian traditions, Seek opportunities for dialogue, cooperation, and shared service, Examine our own hearts and attitudes toward those who are different from us, Even small acts—kind words, openness, prayerful silence—can contribute to the healing of divisions.