

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

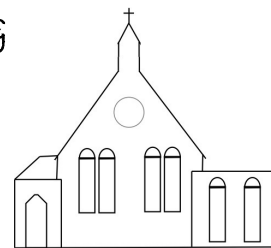
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03rd Sunday of Advent: Weekly Bulletin 16th December – 24th December 2023
CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

Alfreton

Saturday 16th December: 6.30pm Mass:

Bob Hilton RIP

Sunday 17th December: 10.30am:

Edward De Bono RIP

Monday 18th December: **NO MASS**

Wednesday 20th December:

9 am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Lilian Breeze RIP

Friday 22nd December:

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

Saturday 23rd December: 6.30pm Mass

Deacon Les Lemon RIP

Sunday 24th December: 10.30am Mass

Urszula Ragus RIP

Clay Cross

Sunday 17th December: 9.00am Mass:

Terry & Pauline Dowall Ints

Tuesday 19th December:

9.30 am Adoration, 10am Mass: Fr Brian Dazley Ints

Thursday 21st December:

9.30am Adoration 10am Mass: Fr Tony Frayne Ints

Sunday 24th 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: Eugene Grant/Veronica Grant

Sunday 10.30am: Natan/Tom McCallum

This Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am Sheila Hall/Tintu

Next Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Jacob S/Maureen Fuller

Sunday 10.30am: Francis O'Brien/John Boxall

Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Patricia Byrnes/Jiya Bosko

Collection for 09th – 10th December 2023

Alfreton	£303.76
Clay Cross	£246.69
Standing Order	£243.75
Total Collection	£794.20

Candles	£48.88
Repository	£4.89
Hall Hire	£487.50
Second Collection	£256.18
<i>(Poor & Needy parishes)</i>	

Many thanks for your generosity

“Joy does not simply happen to us. We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day.” *Henri Nouwen*

Christmas Flower collection: There will be a collection Saturday/Sunday (16th / 17th December) You don't have to give a lot if everybody give a little.

A Stamp Reminder: Please put your stamps with plenty of paper around them into the tub at the back of church. They are collected for charity.

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.

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."

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.

RCIA Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church? Would you like to become a full member of the Church? See Fiona for details.

Parish Accountant: After reorganising the Parish's Financial System and moving it to the Diocesan on-line application our Parish Accountant, Valerie Inja is retiring. Is there an Accountant in the parish who would be able to take on this role? This important role is an honorary position. Training will be provided. For further information please phone Francis O'Brien on 07592 386341.

If you are a Gift Aid Declaration Holder please advise your parish office, or the Diocesan Gift Aid Department (parish.giftaid@dioceseofnottingham.uk) of any change in your circumstances, such as name change / address change / no longer a taxpayer. If your spouse has died and the GA Declaration was in his / her name, and you wish to continue to contribute because you are a taxpayer, then a new GA Declaration Form will need to be completed. Please also advise of the date of your spouse's death. Your continued support of both parish and Diocese is always very much appreciated – thank you! If you do not gift aid your contributions, and you are a taxpayer, and wish to do so, please speak with your parish priest, or contact the parish office for a Gift Aid Declaration Form.

Vacancies. In response to the outcomes of our recent consultation the Diocese of Nottingham is pleased to announce two opportunities for individuals to assist in the mission of the diocese, through Young Adult Ministry and through Communication. These new roles will provide key practical support in fulfilling and expanding the objectives of our small but effective one-person departments of Formation for Mission, Communications, and Outreach (Caritas). To apply visit: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers

From the start of December CAFOD is sharing daily Bible reflections, stories of our global family, prayers and practical ideas for action, as we create a space to prepare for the coming of Christ. This online Advent calendar of daily prayer and reflection will offer an opportunity to pause, reflect, pray and take action as we prepare for Christmas. To sign-up for the Calendar, visit: <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/advent-calendar>

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

Christ the King Alfreton & SS Patrick & Brigid church Clay Cross, Bank Details: Cheques payable to **Christ King Alfreton RCP**
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