

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

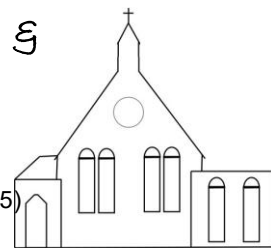
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Twenty Ninth Sunday: Weekly Bulletin 18th – 26th October 2025 CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

Alfreton

Saturday 18th October: 6.30pm Mass: Winnie Stenson Ints

Sunday 19th October: 10.30am Mass: Jim Culligan RIP

Monday 20th October: No Mass

Wednesday 22nd October: The Dedication of the Church

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Francis, Alfreda and Ludwika RIP

Friday 24th October:

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Peter, Maria & Michael RIP

Saturday 25th October: 6.30pm Mass: Elsie Stewarts Ints

Sunday 26th October: 10.30am Mass: Rebecca Rojas Ints

Clay Cross

Sunday 19th October: 9am Mass: Nancy Hynes Ints

Tuesday 21st October:

9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass:

Deceased members of Cotter family

Thursday 23rd October:

9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Frank Field RIP

Sunday 26th October: 9am Mass:

October 2025 Cleaners

Alfreton: Marta/York

Clay Cross: Rob Farrell

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: Alison Bailey/ Moya Mellors

Sunday 10.30am: Catherine Galloway/Natasha Erskine

This Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Manna/Adrian Goodall

Next Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Clare Smith/Margaret Kerry

Sunday 10.30am: Fungai Chingwenje/Tom McCallum

Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Ted Bennett/Francis Cassidy

Collection for 11th & 12th October 2025

Alfreton	£472.38
Clay Cross	£201.40
Standing Order	£315.00

Total Collection **£988.78**

Repository CTK	£16.97
Candles CTK	£35.94
Mass Offerings	£575.00
Pensioner's Lunch	£131.00

Many thanks for your generosity

“The value of persistent prayer is not that God will hear us, but that we will finally hear God.” William McGill

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 (18th&19th October): World Mission Sunday. On World Mission Sunday, the whole Church unites in prayer and generosity to support Catholic communities across the world facing poverty, conflict, and hardship. This year's World Mission Sunday is being celebrated this Sunday, 19th October, and Pope Francis chose 'Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples' as this year's theme, reminding us of our call to be messengers and builders of hope in this Jubilee Year. Rooted in Christ's resurrection, this hope has the power to transform lives and heal our world. Prayers and donations on this day directly sustain young and struggling faith communities, support vocations, and enable missionaries to bring the Gospel to remote and often dangerous places. Together, we help communities grow in faith, dignity, and self-reliance. This day of prayer and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love for all peoples. Thank you for your continued support of Missio. Apostolic Exhortation DILEXIT: On Love for the Poor Pope Leo XIV recalls that Christian love overcomes all barriers, goes out to the distant, unites strangers and makes family members of enemies. It is prophetic, performs miracles and has no limits. A church that does not put limits on love, which does not have enemies but only men and women to love, is the Church the world needs. Through work, the change of unjust structures and gestures of personal help, the poor can hear the words of Jesus "I have loved you" (Rev 3:9).

Baptism: We welcome Oliver Piowar into the parish community of Christ the King Alfreton. Best wishes to him and his family.

MISSIO BOXES: Please bring in for counting during October/November 2025. Thank you.

Christmas Bazaar 2025: If you'd like to help plan or get involved in making this year's Christmas Bazaar a great success, please contact Mary Shelton or Mary Bentley (leomarybentley@hotmail.co.uk ☎ 07436 000773). Raffle tickets are now available — 1 book for £1. Please take a bunch (10 books for £10) and sell them to your friends and family. There are some wonderful prizes to be won! Our first planning meeting will be held on Wednesday 22nd October at 2pm in the Children's Liturgy Room at Alfreton. Everyone is warmly welcome — your support will make a big difference!

Clay Cross Afternoon Tea on Monday 27th October: Everyone is warmly invited to join us for an afternoon of socializing and fun! Please put your name on the list provided before Sunday, 19th October to help us with preparations. All are welcome — come and enjoy good company, tea, and conversation!

Parish pensioner's lunch: Join us for the parish lunch on Monday, 3rd November 2025, at 1pm! The booking lists for the November Pensioners Lunch are now available at the back of both churches. If you'd like to join us, please be sure to reserve your spot by adding your name to the list by Sunday, 26th October 2025, or give us a call at 07739896735 by Wednesday, 29th October 2025. (If no one answers, please leave a message!) We're looking forward to sharing a lovely meal together!

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls: If you wish to bring a picture of your loved ones to place by in front of the altar during the Month of the Holy Souls, please feel free to do so. One of the best gifts you can give someone is to have a Holy Mass said for their intentions or for the repose of their souls. Feel free to request a Holy Mass for your intentions and Holy Souls envelopes are available in the porch.

School admissions to Catholic Secondary Academies (Year 7) - Children born between 01/09/2014 and 31/08 2015. The deadline for submitting your application for a school place is 31st October 2025. Application forms are available on your 'home' Local Authority website. For every Catholic school you apply for if you wish your child to be considered and ranked under a faith criterion you should also complete a supplementary information form, and return this form to the school by the deadline, (forms are available from the LA and the school). You must also include the supporting evidence* as required with this form, eg baptism certificate (photocopies acceptable). Failure to supply the required supporting evidence will mean your child is ranked in a lower criterion which may affect your chance of a place. *If you do not have the required evidence please contact the parish where your child was baptised for a copy certificate in good time.

Be Still and Know that I am God a three-days' retreat led by Father Roger Dawson SJ, aiming to help participants find a greater attentiveness and disposition to God's presence in their lives through a disciplining of the mind and awareness of the present moment. The retreat will be held between Friday 14th and Monday 17th November, at the Christian Heritage Centre, Lancashire. More details can be found at: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/be-still-and-know-that-i-am-god>

A Men's Retreat to experience Saint Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises in a 5-day, shortened form. The retreat will be guided by the monastic community of Saint Joseph's Abbey, Flavigny (France), founded with the charism of offering this version of the Exercises to men. The retreat is open to men in all states of life, who wish to seek God's will through a deepened detachment from the world, and is being held at the Christian Heritage Centre, Lancashire, starting on either Wednesday 4th or Wednesday 11th February. More details can be found at: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-retreat-spiritual-exercises-of-ignatius>

The Mary Potter Heritage Centre, Nottingham, is seeking to appoint an Engagement and Admin Assistant (12 hours per week, Wednesday and Thursday with flexibility as required). The role will include supporting guided tours, assisting with outreach work to promote Mary Potter Heritage Centre and its vision, mission, and to provide high-quality administrative support to ensure the effective running of the Centre. For further details contact the Centre Manager: 1cmheritage@gmail.com

In February 2025, four Diocesan Roadshows were held across the Diocese of Nottingham, bringing together clergy and parish representatives for prayer, presentations, and open dialogue about our shared future. Almost 300 questions and comments were submitted, covering a very wide range of often complex issues. Since then, the diocesan team and senior clergy have worked to compile, group, and respond to these contributions in a way that is honest, accurate, and accessible. What began as a simple summary has grown into a much larger piece of work than first anticipated. We are now pleased to share the full report, which gives a clear account of the roadshows, the issues raised, and the steps we are taking as we continue our journey towards becoming a more missionary, outward-looking Church.