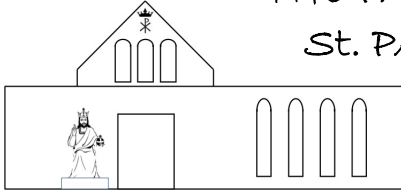
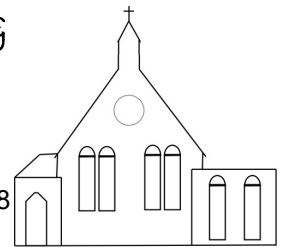


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02nd Sunday of Lent: Weekly Bulletin 24th February– 03rd March 2024
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Alfreton

Saturday 24th February: 6.30pm Mass: Martin Fleming RIP

Sunday 25th February: 10.30am Mass: Holy Souls

Monday 26th February: No Mass

Wednesday 28th February:

9am Adoration, 9.30am Eucharistic Service

Friday 01st March:

9am Adoration, 9.30am Eucharistic Service &
 Station of the Cross

Saturday 02nd March: 6.30pm Mass:

Sunday 03rd March: 10.30am Mass: Leah Philbin RIP

Clay Cross

Sunday 25th February: 9.00am Mass: Anne Shirley Ints

Tuesday 27th February:

9.30 Adoration, 10am Eucharistic Service

Thursday 29th February:

9.30am Adoration, 10am Eucharistic Service &
 Station of the Cross

Sunday 03rd March: 9am Mass: Meg Bennett RIP

February 2024 Cleaners

Alfreton: Marta & York

Clay Cross: Terry & Ina

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 Maureen Fuller. **Please remember all in our parish who need our prayers.**

This Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Peter Babe/Maureen Fuller

Sunday 10.30am: John Boxall/Clare Smith

This Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Reena Gigi/Sheila Hall

Next Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Moya Mellors/Veronica Grant

Sunday 10.30am: Barrie Meloy/John Boxall

Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Nicole Grey/Francis Cassidy

Collection for 17th & 18th February 2024

Alfreton	£337.78
Clay Cross	£250.51
Standing Order	£243.75
Total Collection	£832.04

Candles	£52.41
Repository	£9.20
Hall Hire	£300.00
Knit & Natter	£8.00

Many thanks for your generosity

"Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself."

Leo Tolstoy

This Saturday/Sunday 24th & 25th February CAFOD Lent Fast day envelopes collection. This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Give today using the envelope or online at cafod.org.uk and please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families.

Second Collection next Saturday/Sunday 02nd & 03rd March: Bishop's charitable purposes

This week Clergy Retreat at Ampleforth. Please pray for them and no Holy Mass during this week, only Adoration & Eucharistic service.

Parish Lunch, Monday 4th March 2024 at 1 pm. Please put your name on the list at the back of Church by Sunday 25th February 2024 if you would like to attend the next Parish Lunch for Pensioners (60 and over). This will help us with catering. Look forward to seeing you there.

Calling all piano players: Are you a pianist looking to expand your music skills? Join us at Clay Cross, where Hilary, our talented organist, is eager to help you transition to the organ! Learn to play beautiful hymns and contribute towards our worship during Mass. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to grow as a musician and serve our community. Come and chat with Hilary after Mass.

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, Second Sunday of Lent: Contemplative prayer is an act of the heart by which we fix our gaze in faith upon Jesus, quietly pondering his word and his saving mysteries. In praying before the Tabernacle, "I look at him and he looks at me". By gazing on our Lord in this way, we come to feel his loving gaze upon us and our hearts are purified. This in turn enables us to see others in the light of that truth and compassion which Jesus brings to all. To read the full reflection and find more resources at dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer

Join the Diocesan Choir for the Chrism Mass (Wednesday 27th March), with a rehearsal on Saturday 9th March, 10.30am-1.00pm, in Saint Barnabas Cathedral, NG1 5AE. The Diocesan Choir is a friendly and supportive bunch of musicians and singers from across the diocese that gather to sing for special diocesan occasions and liturgies. All are welcome and no prior musical training is required. To sign up please email: cathedral@dioceseofnottingham.uk

The latest edition of the Diocesan E-Magazine was published on Ash Wednesday, featuring reflections, articles, and news from across the diocese, including NDCYS, CAFOD and Caritas. Read and subscribe to receive it directly via email at: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news

Year of Prayer Podcast – the latest episode of the Diocese of Nottingham's Podcast Encounter Prayer is now live. Sister Susan Richert, a Presentation Sister working in our diocese, leads us in mediative prayer. You can download or stream it from Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcasts and more or by visiting dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer

Caritas is offering another online workshop to support parish hospitality and outreach projects: Warmer Welcome, on Monday 26th February, between 7.00 and 8.30pm. Join fellow volunteers, ask questions, gather ideas, or gain inspiration for a project we might start in the parish. This session will be an opportunity to plan for 2024 and learn about resources available through the nationwide Places of Welcome network. To book visit bit.ly/WarmerWelcome

The **Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage** will be led by Bishop Patrick between **Monday 15th and Friday 19th July**. By air from East Midlands Airport directly to Lourdes, prices for the full-board five-day pilgrimage start at £819, including a full liturgical programme, and medical care and assistance for those who need it. For more details visit <http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/lourdes> or email the Pilgrimage Deputy Director at simon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk

The Diocese of Nottingham is delighted to offer three retreats this Lent. As we celebrate the Year of Prayer and all of us look for ways to grow in our prayer life a retreat can be a fantastic way. The theme of all three retreats is the Year of Prayer and Deepening your Prayer Life. Each retreat day will run from 10am-4pm: Saturday 2nd March – Young Adults' Retreat (18-35) with Word on Fire – Holy Cross Leicester (Free); Saturday 9th March – Women's Retreat (18+) – Holy Trinity, Newark (£12); Saturday 23rd March – Men's Retreat (18+) – Mount Saint Bernard Abbey, Leicestershire (£12). Please see the posters for more information, visit dioceseofnottingham.uk/events or email adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Called to Love is a new, retreat for singles, dating and engaged couples who want to think more deeply about relationships and the call to marriage. It will be a relaxed weekend with input, prayer, discussion and social, as well as the opportunity to meet like-minded others, and runs from Saturday 4th until Sunday 5th May, with the option of a night's stay on Friday 3rd. To book, visit: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/called-to-love/>

All are welcome to join the **Heart of England Walking Pilgrimage** from Worcester to Peterborough, **10th to 25th August**. The route takes in Worcester, Coventry and Peterborough cathedrals, and much splendid countryside, together with rest days in Warwick and Market Harborough. Come for the whole journey or just an afternoon and experience walking as part of our travelling Christian community! To find out more and book your place, visit www.thepilgrims.org.uk/book

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