



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

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1st Sunday of Advent: Weekly Bulletin 02nd December– 10th December 2023
CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

Alfreton

Saturday 02nd December: 6.30pm Mass:
Deceased members of Thomas & Kathleen Mulrooney &
Dunleavy families

Sunday 03rd December: 10.30am: Flo Mabbott RIP

Monday 04th December: **NO MASS**

Wednesday 06th December:
9 am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: P K Mathew & P V Kurian RIP

Friday 08th December: The Immaculate Conception of the BVM
9 am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: P K Joseph & Mary Kurian RIP

Saturday 09th December: 6.30pm Mass
Tony Wilson RIP

Sunday 10th December: 10.30am Mass

Clay Cross

Sunday 03rd December: 9.00am Mass: Kathleen Smyth RIP

Tuesday 05th December:
9.30 am Adoration, 10am Mass: Bridie Joice Wellbeing

Thursday 07th December: St Ambrose
9.30 am Adoration, 10am Mass: Holy Souls

Sunday 10th December: 9am Mass: Ann Coffey RIP

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: Maureen Fuller/Paul Fuller
Sunday 10.30am: Natasha Erskine/Catherine Galloway

This Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am Ted Bennett/Seenia Bosko

Next Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Paul Fuller/Moya Mellors
Sunday 10.30am: Lilianna/Fiona Molumby

Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Eileen Wragg/Laveena

Collection for 25th – 26th November 2023

Alfreton	£305.33
Clay Cross	£173.76
Standing Order	£243.75
Total Collection	£722.84

Candles	£37.23
Repository	£16.21
Hall Hire	£150.00
Mass Offerings	£560.00

Many thanks for your generosity

"If we wait until we're ready we'll be waiting for the rest of our lives" *Lemony Snicket*

Missio boxes - there is still some time left for any outstanding boxes to be brought into church for counting, our annual return due end of December. If you have not already done so, you may care to bring in your boxes so the monies therein can be counted and banked.

Walk With Me: A Journey of Prayer for Advent 2023 booklets are in the porch. Please take one for your advent reflection. A donation of £1 please.

Advent Confession at Christ the King Alfreton (English/Polish): Wednesday 13th December after 6pm Mass, Friday 15th December after 9.30am Mass. Season of Preparation, Repentance, Penance and Renewal. In confession, God draws us very near, pouring out his merciful love. In confession we are brought close to God.

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.

Costa Carols in Alfreton: Join other Christians in Alfreton on Wednesday 6th December at 6pm. for an informal Carol Service in Costa Coffee, High Street Alfreton.

Calling all Quiz Enthusiasts: Why not enjoy an evening of pitting your wits at Alfreton Christian Centre (Hall Street, DE55 7BT opposite Tesco) on Saturday 9th December starting at 7pm. Entry £5 each, join an existing Team or bring your own (max. 6 people). All proceeds go to Loaves and Fishes.

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.

Warm Welcome Space: Parishioners and friends are invited to consider becoming part of the dedicated volunteer team supporting this essential community initiative that operates from 10am to 3pm each Friday. A sign-up sheet is available at the rear of the church, where volunteers can select their preferred time slots.

Foodbank: I would like to thank all the parishioners for their full cooperation of donating of 148.15 Kgs of food collected between 12th April 2023 and 15th November 2023, for the Foodbank to Alfreton/South Normanton Area. Please see a print certificate on the board at the back of church.

Warmer Welcome Workshop: Monday 4th December at 7.00pm. As we head into winter Caritas is offering an online workshop for those interested in opening a hospitality and outreach project in the parish, or already running one. Join fellow volunteers from around the diocese for an informal and friendly opportunity to find support, ask questions and gather ideas. This session will focus on publicity available from the diocese, training that might be useful, and help with fundraising. To book visit bit.ly/WarmerWelcome.

Christmas Dinner and Party Monday 11th December 2023 at 1pm Please put your name on the list at the back of the Church by Sunday 3rd December 2023 if you would like to attend the Parish Christmas Dinner and Party. This is essential so that we can make sure that we cater for the correct number of people. Join us for a fantastic Christmas get-together and feast with carols from the children of CTK School and our very own resident MC, comedian, and crooner extraordinaire, Gerry Molumby. Not to mention the Just Three Musketeers! Sing-along, Bingo, Raffle and Dancing! Looking forward to seeing you there.

'Synod and synodality' on Wednesday 6th December. Caritas Leicester and Leicestershire invite all who are interested to Saint Wilfrid of York in Coalville (LE67 3JB) for an evening of reflection and discussion on the Synod and Synodality. Facilitated by Father Jonathan Cotton, it's a chance to talk about the Synod on Synodality and what it means for us. The evening will last from 7pm until 9pm.

The latest edition of the Diocesan e-Magazine was published last week on the Feast of Saint Hugh of Lincoln. Read and subscribe to receive it directly via email here: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news.

For photographs of recent diocesan events, such as Mass in Honour of Saint Hugh, and Mass with the Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, visit the diocesan flickr account (photographs website) at: www.flickr.com/photos/dioceseofnottingham/albums.

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Holy Communion: If you or someone you know is unable to attend Mass but still wishes to receive Holy Communion, please let any of the following Eucharistic Ministers know, Eleanor O'Donnell, Fiona Molumby, Sheila Hall or Bosco Joseph.

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>

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