

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

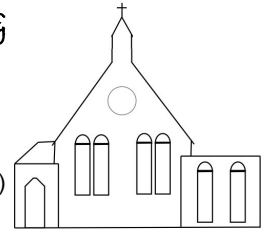
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Divine Mercy Sunday: Weekly Bulletin 26th April– 04th May 2025 CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

Alfreton

Saturday 26th April: 6.30pm Mass: Emily Hanrahan RIP

Divine Mercy Sunday 27th April: 10.30am: Michelle Lemal RIP
2pm Confession, Adoration, 3pm Divine Mercy Devotion

Monday 28th April: No Mass

Wednesday 30th April:

9am Adoration, 9.30am Eucharistic Service:

First Friday 02nd May:

9am Adoration, 9.30am Eucharistic Service & Adoration till 11.30am

Saturday 03rd May: 6.30pm:

Sunday 04th May: 10.30am Mass:

Clay Cross

Divine Mercy Sunday 27th April: 9am Mass:

Harry Farrell RIP

Tuesday 29th April:

9.30am Adoration, 10am Eucharistic Service

Thursday 01st May:

9.30am Adoration, 10am Eucharistic Service

Sunday 04th May: 9am Mass:

May 2025 Cleaners

Alfreton: Bridget W

Clay Cross: Bosco/Seenia

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, Peter Babe and Pennie Burton. **Please remember all in our parish who need our prayers.**

This Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Margaret Kerry/Peter Babe

Sunday 10.30am: Catherine Galloway/Francis O'Brien

This Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Nicole Grey/Juval

Next Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Moya Mellors/Alison Bailey

Sunday 10.30am: Barrie Meloy/Fiona Molumby

Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Ted Bennett/Sheila Hall

Collection for 19th & 20th April 2025

Alfreton	£508.59
Clay Cross	£466.18
Standing Order	£243.75
Total Collection	£1218.52

Repository CTK	£66.80
Candle CTK	£62.91
CC	£26.43
Knit & Natter	£6.00
Pensioner's Lunch	£116.50
Polish Food Blessing	£157.22

Many thanks for your generosity

**"Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives
from the risen Christ and offers to humanity." Pope St. John Paul II**

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

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Pope Francis: A Short Autobiography



I was born Jorge Mario Bergoglio on December 17, 1936, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, to Italian immigrant parents. I grew up in a modest home and trained as a chemical technician before discerning a call to the priesthood. In 1958, I entered the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), where I deepened my spiritual formation and academic studies. I was ordained a priest in 1969 and later served as Provincial Superior of the Jesuits in Argentina during a difficult time in the country's history. I became known for my simplicity, pastoral closeness, and strong emphasis on social justice. In 1992, I was appointed auxiliary bishop of Buenos Aires and later became Archbishop in 1998, eventually being made a cardinal in 2001 by Pope John Paul II. On March 13, 2013, I was elected the 266th Pope, becoming the first Jesuit Pope, the first from the Americas, and the first to take the name Francis, after St. Francis of Assisi, a symbol of peace, humility, and care for the poor. As Pope, I have focused on themes of mercy, environmental care, interfaith dialogue, and a Church that goes out to the margins. I strive to be a shepherd who listens and walks with the people of God, always inspired by the Gospel message of love and compassion.

Prayer for the Repose of the Soul of Pope Francis: *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

One of Pope Francis' most famous and beloved quote is: *"The Lord never tires of forgiving. It is we who tire of asking for forgiveness."*

Emergency Mobile number: Fr Jim O'Hanlon 07975816518

Parish Lunch, Monday 5th May 2025 at 1pm. The booking lists for the April Pensioners Lunch are now at the back of both churches. If you would like to attend this lunch. It is very important that you book your place by adding your name by Sunday, 27th April 2025 or by telephoning 07739896735 by Wednesday, 30th April 2025 (please leave a message if no one answers) so that we know how many people we need to cater for.

Called to Love: Masculine and Feminine, Friday 9th – Sunday 11th May. A weekend for young adults, whether single, dating or engaged, exploring the nature of masculinity and femininity. The retreat, at the Christian Heritage Centre, Lancashire, will consider the contemporary challenges to being a man and a woman and the Church's wisdom for this, drawing particular inspiration from Saint John Paul II. For more information and to book visit <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/called-to-love/>

The Nottingham Diocesan Missio Mass in thanksgiving for all Missio's volunteers and supporters will be celebrated at Saint Winefride's Church, Charnwood Road, Shepshed LE12 9QF on Saturday 10th May at 3.00pm. Bishop Patrick will celebrate the Mass, joined by Father Anthony Chantry (Missio National Director) and Father Patrick Bassey (Diocesan Director for Missio). All are warmly welcome, and to stay for the refreshments after the Mass also.

The Lester family will be hosting a Jubilee Art Exhibition fundraiser over the weekend of 10th and 11th May in the church hall at Saint Pius X, Narborough. This will be a significant event for the two local parishes as many non-parishioners are expected. Opening times are 10.30am until 3.30pm on Saturday 10th and 10.30am until 4.30pm on Sunday 11th.

The Health Team who support the Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage is in need of some additional experienced team members for this year's pilgrimage. If you, or someone you know, is a currently Registered Nurses or trained and experienced Care Worker, who may be interested and can commit to being available for this year's Jubilee Pilgrimage between Monday 14th and Friday 18th July, as well as for a couple of training days on Sunday 15th and Saturday 28th June, please contact Deacon David Knight (david@sthughslincoln.org.uk) for more details.

The Society of Saint Gregory is hosting a Summer School between Wednesday 30th July and Saturday 2nd August with the theme of Jubilee and Hope reflected in the liturgies and music, providing an opportunity to reflect on how to take the message of hope back to our parish communities. Further details from summerschool@ssg.org.uk

Could you be a Briars Ambassador for 12 months? The Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service (NDCYS) has a wonderful group of volunteers who support The Briars Catholic Youth Retreat Centre through practical support, prayer and fundraising. The Friends of The Briars is hosting an Ambassadors' Day for those interested in becoming a Briars Ambassador, on Saturday 7th June between 10.00am and 3.00pm at The Briars, DE4 5BW. See the poster in church or visit ndcys.com/friends-of-the-briars/ for more.

Nottingham Cathedral has received a £1.69M grant from The National Lottery Heritage Fund to restore the breathtaking original vision of architect A W N Pugin. Restoring Pugin will revive the Cathedral's east end, and open up this heritage gem to over 20,000 people across our Cathedral city, and diocese. New tech, community activities, educational programmes, and even a video game (!) are all on the way. Read more on the diocesan website (www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news) and watch the announcement video on YouTube (www.youtube.com/@NottsDiocese). Please share this great news widely!

The Jubilee Pilgrimage to Walsingham with Bishop Patrick takes place on Saturday 14th June, gathering at the Anglican Shrine with procession to Catholic Shrine starting at 1pm. Mass will be celebrated at 4pm followed by departures. Fiona Molumby has kindly offered a minibus for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham. She can take 15 passengers, and the cost is £10 per person. If you are interested, please contact Fiona Molumby to reserve your seat. A wonderful opportunity to make this pilgrimage together!