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Twenty Eighth Sunday: Weekly Bulletin 10th & 18th October 2026

Next 29th Saturday/Sunday (17th & 18th October) Holy Mass Readings: Isa 45:1,4-6, 1 Thes 1:1-5b, Mt 22:15-21

Sacrament of Confession is available at any time

<u>Alfreton</u>	<u>Clay Cross</u>
Saturday 10 th October: 6.30pm Mass: Patrick Mackell RIP	Sunday 11 th October: 9am Mass: Patrick Mackell RIP
Sunday 11 th October: 11am Mass: Tracy Connolly RIP	Tuesday 13 th October: 9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Eileen Wragg RIP
Monday 12 th October: <u>NO MASS</u>	Thursday 15 th October: St Teresa of Jesus 9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Ints for Vocations
Wednesday 14 th October: 9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Alan Yentob RIP	Sunday 18 th October: 9am Mass: Leo Bentley RIP
Friday 16 th October: 9am Adoration, 9.30am Eucharistic Service	<u>October 2026 Cleaners</u> Alfreton: Maureen Walker Clay Cross: Emma Whitaker
Saturday 17 th October: 6.30pm Mass: Robin Barnes RIP	
Sunday 18 th October: 11am Mass: Jackie Mularkey RIP	<u>Collection for 03rd & 04th October 2026</u> Alfreton £326.75 Clay Cross £284.51 Standing Order £372.33 Total Collection £983.59 Candles CTK £26.88 CAFOD Harvest Fast day £316.96 <i>Many thanks for your generosity</i>
<u>Sick & Housebound:</u>	
<i>Please pray for</i> – 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, Anne Loughnane, Eugene Grant, Margaret Marsh, Alice Ibbotson and Pennie Burton. <i>Please remember all in our parish who need our prayers.</i>	
<u>This Week's Readers: Alfreton</u>	
Saturday 6.30pm: Eugene Grant/Veronica Grant Sunday 11am: Ryan Sheen Mathew/Fiona Molumby <u>This Week's Readers: Clay Cross</u> Sunday 9am: Shawn/Ian Patterson	
<u>Next Week's Readers: Alfreton</u>	
Saturday 6.30pm: Clare Smith/Margaret Kerry Sunday 11am: Nethumol Mathew/Tom McCallum <u>Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross</u> Sunday 9am: Adrian Goodall	

"The greatest thing in life is to find someone who knows all your faults and still loves you." *unknown*

Second Collection: This Saturday/Sunday 11th & 12th October: Prisoner's Sunday

Next Saturday/Sunday 17th & 18th October: World Mission Sunday

Prisoners' Sunday – A Time for Prayer, Mercy and Hope: On Prisoners' Sunday, we are invited to remember in our prayers all those in prison, their families, victims of crime, and everyone who works to support prisoners and their rehabilitation. It is easy to judge people by their past mistakes, but the Gospel reminds us that every human being is precious in the eyes of God and that no one is beyond the reach of His mercy. Jesus tells us, "I was in prison and you came to visit me" (Matthew 25:36), reminding us of our responsibility to show compassion to those who are often forgotten by society. This does not mean ignoring the pain of victims or the importance of justice; rather, it means believing that justice can be accompanied by mercy, healing and the possibility of change. Behind every prison door there are human stories, families carrying worries, and people who need hope and the chance to rebuild their lives. As a parish community, let us pray for prisoners, for those who have suffered through crime, for families separated from their loved ones, and for prison chaplains, staff and volunteers who offer support and encouragement. May we never forget that a person's worst mistake does not have to define their whole life.

Lottery winners for October were Mrs E Black, Mark Boulton and Mrs Oriath Swift. **Congratulations**

Bishop's Annual Marriage Statement: The Bishop's annual statement on Marriage is now available on the noticeboard in the porch. Please feel free to have a look when you are passing.

MISSIO BOXES - Please bring in your boxes for emptying in the month of October 2026/early November 2026. Please pick up your free copy of Mission Today magazine from the back of both churches. Your free 2027 Calendars will be left at the back of both churches (not yet received).

Christmas & Mass Cards: Please feel free to take some Christmas cards and Mass cards available in the porch. There are no prices mentioned, so please make a donation in the money box provided. If you need anything else from the shop, please let me know — I am very happy to help you.

Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 5th December 2026: A big thank you to everyone who is selling and buying our Christmas Raffle tickets! We look forward to seeing even more tickets sold. We still need volunteers to help run three stalls at the Bazaar. If you can spare some time to help, we would be very grateful. We also warmly welcome donations for our Christmas Hampers and generous prizes for the Christmas Raffle. Donation boxes are available at the back of the church. We want cakes and good toys and if you make jam, marmalade, or chutney, we'd be grateful if you could donate a few jars to the preserves stall at the Christmas Bazaar. We have plenty of jars available if you need any. Thank you for your continued generosity and support. Every little contribution helps to make our Christmas Bazaar a success! For further information or to volunteer, please contact Mary Shelton or Mary Bentley at leomarybentley@hotmail.co.uk or 07436 000773.

Knit and Natter: Next Knit and Natter meeting will be at 1pm on Tuesday 13th October. Hope to see you there.

Clay Cross Afternoon Tea: October 19th and sign down by October 11th. All are welcome- where you can meet one another, enjoy a chat, have a laugh, and just be together.

Do you know someone on low-income and in financial crisis? You, or a household you know, may be able to benefit from the Crisis and Resilience Fund, an emergency grant scheme administered by your county or city council. For further details visit Turn2Us: bit.ly/Turn2Us-CRF

The Diocese is inviting all Catechists to a day at Holy Trinity Newark on Saturday 17th October entitled: Reimagining Catechesis. As a catechist would you love to see more families engaged with parish life and growing in faith? That at the end of sacramental programs fewer people would 'disappear'. This day led by the team from GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) will share how this is happening in their parishes and it can happen in yours too. For more information see the poster in church or visit dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/ikm

A Parish Pilgrimage to Rome – May 2027 Next year, as part of our Parish Centenary celebrations, we are hoping to organise a one-week parish pilgrimage to Rome, probably during the first or second week of May 2027. It would be lovely to celebrate 100 years of our parish not only by looking back with gratitude, but also by making a pilgrimage together as a parish family and creating some wonderful new memories. Please contact: Laura at LAURAQS@ME.COM or on WhatsApp +44 7747 837476

Lasting Power of Attorney: Anne Marie is a retired legal professional and can be contacted by phone on 07528 665238 or by email on annemarie.wilson-geps@sky.com

A Friendly Car Park Reminder: Just a gentle reminder that the crossed/hatched area must be kept clear at all times, as it needs to remain accessible for emergency vehicles and safe access and movement after Mass. Please use the designated parking spaces and avoid parking in the restricted areas. Your cooperation helps us keep the car park safe and accessible for everyone.

First Holy Communion Programme 2026–2027: The Enrolment Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, 18th October, during the 11am Mass at Christ the King, Alfreton.

Baptism: We warmly welcome all parents who are planning to have their child baptised in our parish. As part of the preparation for this joyful celebration, we kindly ask families to attend Holy Mass regularly for at least three months and to take part in the Baptism Preparation Sessions led by Fiona Molumby. Please note that of the two Godparents, at least one must be a practising Catholic who regularly attends Holy Mass. For more information please contact Fiona Molumby at fmolumby@aol.com.

After the 9am Mass at Clay Cross and the 11am Mass at Alfreton, tea and coffee will be available in the hall. Please take this opportunity to relax, chat, catch up with old friends and make new ones. Everyone is warmly welcome.