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Twenty Sixth Sunday: Weekly Bulletin 27<sup>th</sup> September- 05<sup>th</sup> October 2025 CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

#### <u>Alfreton</u>

Saturday 27th September: 6.30pm Mass: Michelle Lemal RIP

Sunday 28th September: 10.30am Mass:

Lauren Harris & James Majhu Ints

Monday 29th September: No Mass

Wednesday 01st October:

9am Adoration, 9.30 Mass: Prayer Group Ints

Friday 03<sup>rd</sup> October: CAFOD's Harvest Family Fast Day

6.30pm Mass: Anita Day Thanksgiving

Saturday 04th October: 6.30pm Mass:

Franciszek, Kazimiera, Helena Joseph Miazga RIP

Sunday 05th October: 10.30am Mass: Marjorie Culligan RIP

### Sick & Housebound:

**Please pray for** – Shirley Oakes, lan 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 Graczky 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: Margaret Kerry/Clare Smith Sunday 10.30am: Tom McCallum/Natasha Erskine

This Week's Readers: Clay Cross Sunday 9am: Shawn/Laura Morris

**Next Week's Readers: Alfreton** 

Saturday 6.30pm: Joshua Chamberlain/Veronica Grant Sunday 10.30am: John Boxall/Fungai Chingwenje

<u>Next Week's Readers</u>: Clay Cross Sunday 9am: David Johnson/Kate Tippen

#### Clay Cross

Sunday 28th September: 9am Mass:

Paul Brayshaw RIP

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September:

9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Chris Clements Ints

Thursday 02<sup>nd</sup> October:

9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Private ints of Ian Gracias

Sunday 05th October: 9am Mass:

#### **September 2025 Cleaners**

Alfreton: Bridget W

Clay Cross: Mary Bentley/Mary Shelton

## Collection for 20th & 21st September 2025

Alfreton	£334.29
Clay Cross	£200.83
Standing Order	£90.00

# Total Collection £625.12

Repository CC	£40.18
Candles CC	£66.19
Candles CTK	£26.71
Tea/Coffee CC	£55.00
Second Collection: Evangelii Gaudium	£224.40

Many thanks for your generosity

"Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime." Chinese Proverb

**Second Collection:** Next Saturday/Sunday (05<sup>th</sup> & 06<sup>th</sup> October): **CAFOD HARVEST FAMILY FAST.** Please donate to CAFOD's Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10 to make an offering.

Baptisms: We welcome Nidura & Paul Ahdan into the Clay Cross parish community. Best wishes to them and their family.

**A Mass to celebrate CAFOD's Harvest Family Fast Day** is being celebrated in Christ the King Church, Alfreton, on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 6.30pm. All are welcome.

**Parish Bookkeeper – Paid Position:** We are looking for someone to take on the role of Bookkeeper to help with the parish finance updates. This is a paid position (8 hours per month). The Diocese will provide full training and support for this role. If yo u are interested, please apply by Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Contact: <a href="mailto:ctchurchalfreton@dioceseofnottingham.uk">ctchurchalfreton@dioceseofnottingham.uk</a>

October is the month of the rosary: We will be praying a full rosary and looking for volunteers to lead at least one decade of the rosary before the Sunday morning masses during this month. There is a sign up sheet - see Laura at CC and Anita at CTK. Rosary start time is half hour before mass.

**The Secular Franciscan Order of Clay Cross** will be celebrating the Transitus of St. Francis at St. Patrick & St. Bridget church at 3.00pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. All would be most welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing some of you there. Peace and Blessings.

**Parish Lunch, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 1pm.** The booking lists for the October Pensioners Lunch are now located 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 S unday, 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025 or by telephoning 07739896735 by Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025 (please leave a message if no one answers) so that we know how many people we need to cater for.

**Polish Cultural Evening – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm** (after 6.30pm Mass). Everyone is warmly invited to the Parish Polish Cultural Evening in the Parish Hall. Come and enjoy a lively night of Polish food, music and dancing, with a DJ and possibly a children's dance performance too. Entry is free, and food and drinks will be available from the kitchen and licensed bar. If you would like to help with setting up, decorating or assisting on the night, volunteers would be very welcome - please speak to Ewa or Rob.

**Wieczór Kultury Polskiej – sobota, 4 października, godz. 19:30** (po Mszy Świętej o godz. 18:30). Serdecznie zapraszamy na Parafialny Wieczór Kultury Polskiej w sali parafialnej. Będzie to radosny wieczór z polskim jedzeniem, muzyką i tańcami, z DJ-em oraz możliwym występem tanecznym dzieci. Wstęp wolny — jedzenie i napoje będą dostępne w kuchni oraz w licencjonowanym barze. Jeśli ktoś chciałby pomóc przy przygotowaniach, dekoracjach lub w trakcie samej imprezy, będzie nam bardzo miło - prosimy o kontakt z Ewą lub Rob.

This week, we are launching "The Rosary Challenge," an initiative developed in collaboration with Archbishop John Wilson to encourage children and their families to pray the Holy Rosary. We filmed a series of videos with Archbishop John at St. George's Cathedral, with each video dedicated to a mystery of the Holy Rosary. The challenge invites participants to watch one video each weekday and pray a decade of the Rosary with us. All videos are freely available on our website and YouTube channel. Further information and access to the videos can be found on our website at www.themark10mission.co.uk and on our YouTube channel, @themark10mission.

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.

**Bible Study Group at Clay Cross** (Thanet House) - Join us in studying the weekly Sunday readings to get a deeper understanding using our bibles. The group will use the St. Paul Center's Word of the Lord by Dr. John Bergsma and Breaking the Bread by Dr. Scott Hahn and Dr. Ken Ogerek to guide our discussion. Bring your bible, a notebook, and a desire to share your thoughts on the we ekly Sunday readings. All are welcome including non-parishioners and if you do not have a bible, this is OK, we will bring extras to use during our study and discussion. Questions? Contact Laura Morris LAURAQS@ME.COM or on WhatsApp 07747 837476. Meeting day/time is still up for discussion but for now our first meeting will take place on Saturday at 12 pm 04/10/2025.

In honour of the recent canonisation of Carlo Acutis and in recognition of his dedication to evangelising through digital media, the Diocesan Youth Service is pleased to offer a distinguished opportunity for a creative and motivated individual to join our team as a Volunteer Marketing Intern, as part of the inaugural Carlo Acutis Internship Program. Please encourage interested parties to read the job description and email marketing@saintsmeadow.com to apply.

Marriage Care is looking to appoint an Appointments Service Administrator (8 hours or more per week) and a Counselling Training Administrator (28 hours per week) in the Nottingham area. More information can be found at <a href="https://www.marriagecare.org.uk">www.marriagecare.org.uk</a>

**Day of Healing** – You are invited to join Bishop Patrick for a day of Freedom and Inner Healing led by 'Unbound UK'. The day will be held at Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October. There will be talks on freedom and healing, Mass with the Anointing of the Sick, Confession and Intercessory Prayer, and an Evening Healing Service with music from One Hope Project. You can come from the full day or for any of the sessions. It is open to all ages at no cost, but donations are welcome. More information: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events or email formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk