

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

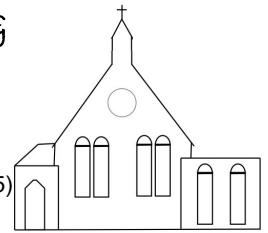
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Nineteenth Sunday: Weekly Bulletin 08th & 16th August 2026

Next 20th Saturday/Sunday (15th & 16th August) Holy Mass Readings: Rev 11:19a:12:1-6a.10ab, 1 Cor 15/20-27, LK 1:39-56

Alfreton

Saturday 08th August: 6.30pm Mass: Winnie Stenson RIP

Sunday 09th August: 11am Mass: Mary Hickey Ints

Monday 10th August: NO MASS

Wednesday 12th August:

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Pope Francis RIP

Friday 14th August: St Maximilian Kolbe

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Pat Mackell + Polly Welby Ints

Saturday 15th August: 6.30pm Mass:

Ints of Harris Family

Sunday 16th August: 11am Mass:

Glady's McCallum RIP

Clay Cross

Sunday 09th August: 9am Mass:

Sabina Hernandez Salazar RIP

Tuesday 11th August: St Clare

9.30am Adoration, 10am: Mary McGee Ints

Thursday 13th August:

9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Ints of Harris Family

Sunday 16th August: 9am Mass:

John Cassidy RIP

August 2026 Cleaners

Alfreton: Bridget W

Clay Cross: James Eboreime

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, Maureen Fuller, Paul Fuller, Isobel Hopkins, Diana Davey, Eugene Grant, Patrick Mackell, Margaret Marsh, Alice Ibbotson and Pennie Burton. **Please remember all in our parish who need our prayers.**

This Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Eugene Grant/Veronica Grant

Sunday 11am: Nethumol Mathew/Natasha Erskine

This Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Adrian Goodall/ Rob Farrell

Next Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Alison Bailey/Moya Mellors

Sunday 11am: Tom McCallum/Fungai Chingwenje

Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Ted Bennett/Manna

Collection for 01st & 02nd August 2026

Alfreton £295.23

Clay Cross £247.19

Standing Order £273.33

Total Collection £815.75

Candles CTK £26.15

Repository CTK £4.02

Tea & Coffee CTK £49.41

CC £12.60

Many thanks for your generosity

“Fear is a reaction. Courage is a decision.”

Winston S. Churchill

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Oppose Assisted Suicide: As you may have seen, the proposal to legalise assisted suicide which was rejected by the Lords in the last parliamentary session is returning to the Commons in exactly the same form on Friday 11th September. Our Bishops have asked us to oppose this legislation, on the grounds that it undermines respect for the innate value of life; that it could lead to vulnerable people feeling pressured into ending their lives; and that it risks putting many hospices and care homes in the position of no longer being able to operate. The Bishops have asked us to contact / write to our MPs once again, to express our opposition to this bill. They have provided materials to help us to do this on their website (www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/). SPUC also offers advice on what to say to your MP (SPUC.org.uk/Fight the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill). There is only a short time before the bill is debated on 11th September. Please contact your MP as soon as possible.

Mieczysław Mykita RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mieczysław Mykita, who died recently. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, 19th August, at 10am at Christ the King Church, Alfreton, followed by the interment of his ashes at Alfreton Cemetery. We extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends. May the Lord grant him eternal rest, and may perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

August lottery winners were Rob Farrell, Barry Meloy and Stef Gannon. Congratulations

Knit & Natter: Next Knit and Natter meeting will be at 1pm on next Tuesday 11th August. Hope to see you there.

Friday Morning Tea & Coffee Christ the King, Alfreton: We warmly invite everyone to join us for our Friday Morning Tea & Coffee after Holy Mass. It is a lovely opportunity to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, have a friendly chat, and strengthen the friendship and fellowship within our parish community. Come along, meet one another, and enjoy some good company! Everyone is very welcome.

Clay Cross Afternoon tea/coffee: Afternoon Tea will take place in Thanet House meeting room at Clay Cross on Monday 17th August 1pm. Please sign down on the list in either Church porch by Sunday August 9th. All are welcome- where you can meet one another, enjoy a natter, have a laugh, and just be together.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): Our Parish welcomes all who wish to come into the fullness of the Catholic Church. If you or someone you know has been curious about joining the Catholic Church or wishes to complete their First Communion and/or Confirmation, we are pleased to announce that our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will resume this Fall on Saturdays. Catechism will be led for adults by Laura Morris on Saturdays from 9am - 10am at St Patrick's & St Brigid's parish hall (Thanet House). To learn more, please reach out to Laura at LAURAQS@ME.COM or on WhatsApp +44 7747 837476. Classes begin on Saturday, 5th September 2026. Application forms are available in the church porch.

First Holy Communion Programme 2026–2027: Before we head off for the summer holidays, here is a friendly reminder about our 2026–2027 First Holy Communion Programme. Application forms are now available and ready for collection from the Priest or Catechists. If your child is eligible to receive their First Holy Communion, please take an application form before you leave for the summer holidays and return it by Sunday, 20th September 2026. Our first meeting for parents and children will take place on Sunday, 11th October, immediately after the 11am Mass at Christ the King, Alfreton. The Enrolment Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, 18th October, during the 11am Mass at Christ the King, Alfreton. Thank you, and we look forward to welcoming you and your family as we begin this important journey of faith together.

The National Conversation is a chance for everyone to contribute ideas about how to shape a more united future for England. It has been launched by the Independent Commission on Community and Cohesion. The Commission wants to hear from churches because it knows that we are on the frontline of community life. We see the pressures on families and young people, the impact of economic insecurity and cultural change, the tensions and misunderstandings between different groups — and the deep desire many people still have for belonging, meaning and hope. To engage, use this link: this is a special link for churches; other sectors have different links). The survey should take around 10 minutes, and should be complete by the end of August.

Holidays and Faith Life – Holidays are a wonderful gift from God—a time to rest our bodies, refresh our minds, and renew our relationships with family and friends. But holidays are not meant to become a holiday from God. Sometimes we are very good at packing our suitcases, planning our journeys, and remembering our phone chargers, but we can easily forget to bring God with us! A true holiday is not only about changing our location; it is also about renewing our hearts. As Saint Augustine of Hippo said, “Our hearts are restless until they rest in You, O Lord.” Even when we are away from our usual routines, the Lord continues to walk with us. A visit to a beautiful place can remind us of the beauty of creation; time with loved ones can remind us of God's love; and a moment of quiet prayer can remind us that we are never alone. Like Jesus who invited His disciples to “come away and rest for a while,” holidays can become a sacred opportunity to slow down, give thanks, and listen to God's gentle voice. May our holidays not only give us happy memories and wonderful photographs, but also bring us closer to Christ, who is the true source of peace, joy, and rest.

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 and is able to support the child in growing in the Catholic faith. For more information or to arrange the Baptism Preparation Sessions, please contact Fiona Molumby at fmolumby@aol.com. We look forward to welcoming your family as you prepare for this special step in your child's journey of faith.

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 chat, catch up with old friends, and make new ones. We look forward to seeing you there.