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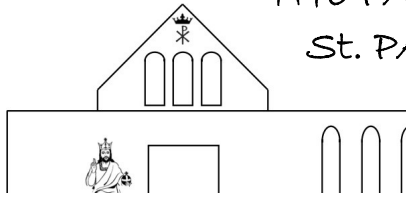
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**Palm Sunday: Weekly Bulletin 23<sup>rd</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**  
CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

**Alfreton**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March:** 6.30pm Mass: John Murphy RIP

**Palm Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March:** 10.30am Mass: Alexei Navalny RIP

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March:** No Mass

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March:**  
9am Adoration, 9.30am **Eucharistic Service**

**Maundy Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March:** Margaret Martin Ints  
7pm Mass followed by Adoration till 9pm

**Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March:**  
3pm Passion of the Lord & Station of the Cross

**Holy Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March:** 11.30am Food Blessing of Polish Community  
6.30pm Easter Vigil Mass: Margaret Martin Ints

**Easter Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March:** 10.30am Mass: John Kilby RIP

**Clay Cross**

**Palm Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March:** 9.00am Mass:  
Raymond Marsh RIP

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March:**  
9.30 Adoration, 10am Mass: Henry O'Callaghan RIP

**Good Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March:**  
3pm Passion Reading & Station of the Cross

**Easter Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March:** 9am Mass: Tony Davey RIP

**March 2024 Cleaners**

**Alfreton:** RM Coyne

**Clay Cross:** Mick & Marie Cassidy

**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 Maureen Fuller. **Please remember all in our parish who need our prayers.**

**This Week's Readers: Alfreton**

Saturday 6.30pm: Samuel C/Rob Farrell

Sunday 10.30am: Catherine Galloway/Francis O'Brien

**This Week's Readers: Clay Cross**

Sunday 9am: Sheila Hall/Manna

**Next Week's Readers: Alfreton**

Saturday 6.30pm: Jacob S & Paul Fuller

Sunday 10.30am: Liliana/Tom McCallum

**Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross**

Sunday 9am: Jiya Bosko/Seenia Bosko

**Collection for 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Alfreton	£247.79
Clay Cross	£190.90
Standing Order	£243.75
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>£682.44</b>

Candles	£40.89
Knit & Natter	£6.00
Hall Hire	£450.00

*Many thanks for your generosity*

**“Man cannot remake himself without suffering, for he is both the marble and the sculptor.”**

*Alexis Carrel*

**Christ the King Alfreton & SS Patrick & Brigid church Clay Cross, Bank Details: Cheques payable to Christ King Alfreton RCP Account No: 03155671, Sort Code:30-92-59**

**James William O'Malley RIP:** We pray for the repose of the soul of James William O'Malley who died recently. The funeral service will take place Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April at Christ the King church Alfreton at 12 noon followed by Cremation at Amber Valley. Please pray for his soul and our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

**A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, Palm Sunday:** At the darkest hour of his suffering on the cross, Jesus continues to pray, using the traditional words of the Psalms, identifying himself with the poor and abandoned of our world. In those moments, the crucified Lord takes upon himself the burden of all the sins of the world; of all our sins. To read the full reflection and find more resources at [dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer](http://dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer)

**Parish Health & Safety Coordinator:** We are seeking a parishioner, with appropriate expertise and experience, to oversee H & S in the parish. This important role is a voluntary position. For further information please contact Rob Farrell [07834 595856].

**Good Friday Walk of Witness:** Come and join other Christians in Alfreton on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March in a Walk of Witness. We are meeting at St. Martin's church at 10.15 and walking to Severn Square for a short service at about 11 am.

**Catechists:** We are planning to have the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2025 in Christ the King church. Fr Paul would like to have some committed Catechists for that. If you wish to help out please talk to him.

**Missio Boxes** are due to be emptied again during March/April 2024. Please bring your boxes into both churches. If you have lost or mislaid your box and would like a replacement please let your collector know.

**Adoration for Year of prayer:** During the Holy Week on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March after the morning Mass I will expose the Blessed Sacrament, and it will remain exposed until 5pm led by JESUS YOUTH (an International Catholic Movement) at Clay Cross church. Please make an extra effort to come and spent sometimes in silence before the Blessed Sacrament.

**Parish Lunch, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 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 Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March so that we know how many people we need to cater for. Since Christmas, there have been two occasions where the number of diners has exceeded bookings by 10 or more people. This places the volunteers in a very difficult position as they need to set up extra tables and reduce portion sizes to cater to the extra diners attending. Reluctantly, we have decided that in future diners will need to be checked in against the bookings list, as they arrive at the door. Anyone who has not booked will be put on a waiting list and asked to wait until 1.10 pm when we will know whether we can accommodate additional diners. We will continue to do our best to accommodate all those who come for the lunch but sadly, there may be occasions where we are at full capacity for that lunch and not able to do so.

**Warm Welcome Space:** Can you help with Warm Welcome Space? We need 2 volunteers to help in the kitchen at WWS on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024 between 11.00 am and 2.00 pm. We also need a volunteer to supervise WWS on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April between 10.00 am and 3.00 pm as well as volunteers to help out in the kitchen for a few hours on the same day. If you can help with this please sign up on the rota at the back of Christ the King Church, indicating the times that you can be there. Many thanks in anticipation.

**A number of job vacancies for parishes, and the central office, in the Nottingham Diocese are currently listed on the careers page of the diocesan website.** The jobs are listed below; for more information, and to apply, visit: [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers): Clergy Health and Wellbeing PA: Nottingham / Hybrid (Apply by 8<sup>th</sup> April), Mission Support Assistant: Nottingham / Hybrid (Apply by: 8<sup>th</sup> April), Assistant Communications Officer: Nottingham / Hybrid (Apply by: 8<sup>th</sup> April), Parish Secretary: Brigg, North Lincolnshire (Apply by: 8<sup>th</sup> April), Parish Administrator: Shepshed and East Leake (Apply by: 8<sup>th</sup> April), Parish Facilities Manager: East/North Nottingham (Apply by: 8<sup>th</sup> April)

**Nottingham Cathedral Arts and Crafts Group supported by the Friends of the Cathedral are holding an Art and Crafts Exhibition.** It will take place on: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April (invitation only preview evening); Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April (10am-5pm), including tours of the Cathedral at 11am, 12pm, 2pm and 3pm; Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April (10am-1pm). The exhibition includes paintings and drawings by local catholic artists, also quilting, embroidery, needlework by skilled needleworkers, and more. This is a free event and all are welcome. For more information contact [anne.verdon@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:anne.verdon@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**The Nottingham SPUC Pro-Life Chain** will be on Trent Bridge, West Bridgford, from 10am until midday on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April. please contact John on 07757 815 625 or email [pro-life@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:pro-life@dioceseofnottingham.uk).

### Holy Week Services

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March: 11.30am Chrism Mass at St Barnabas Cathedral**

**Mundy Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March:** The Mass of the Lord's Supper and Washing of the feet: Christ the King Alfreton 7pm, followed by watching at the altar of repose till 9pm

**Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March: Alfreton 3.00pm** Passion of the Lord followed by Stations of the Cross

**Clay Cross:3.00pm** Passion of the Lord followed by Stations of the Cross *(Led by Deacon Michael Browne)*

**Holy Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March: Food Blessing of Polish Community 11.30am, Easter Vigil Mass Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March:** Alfreton 6.30pm

**Easter Mass Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March:** Clay Cross 9 am, Alfreton 10.30am