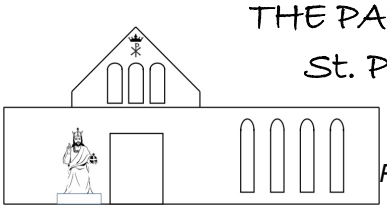

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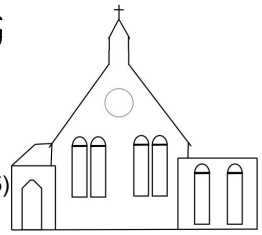

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Twenty Second Sunday: Weekly Bulletin 29th August & 06th September 2026

Next 23rd Saturday/Sunday (29th August & 06th September) Holy Mass Readings: Eze 33:7-9, Rom 13:8-10, Mt 18:15-20

Alfreton

Saturday 29th August: 6.30pm Mass: James Mulgrew RIP

Sunday 30th August:11am Mass: Larrie Hickey RIP

Monday 31st August: NO MASS

Wednesday 02nd September:
9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Nellie Cotter Ints

Friday 04th September:
9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Mary Hickey Ints

Saturday 05th September: 6.30pm Mass: Marion Barnes RIP

Sunday 06th September:11am Mass: Catenian Association Ints

Clay Cross

Sunday 30th August: 9am Mass: Kathleen Webley RIP

Tuesday 01st September:
9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Nancy Hynes Ints

Thursday 03rd September: St Gregory the Great
9.30am Adoration,10am Mass: Tony Shelton RIP

Sunday 06th September: 9am Mass: Mary Bentley Ints

September 2026 Cleaners

Alfreton: Bridget W
Clay Cross: Mary Bentley & Mary Shelton

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 Graczky, Maureen Fuller, Paul Fuller, Anne Loughnane, 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: Clare Smith/Margaret Kerry
Sunday 11am: Joshua Chamberlain/John Boxall
This Week's Readers: Clay Cross
Sunday 9am: Hanna/Nicole Grey

Next Week's Readers: Alfreton
Saturday 6.30pm: Eugene Grant/ Veronica Grant
Sunday 11am: Clare Meloy/Barrie Meloy
Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross
Sunday 9am: Reena Giji/Laura Morris

Collection for 22nd & 23rd August 2026

Alfreton	£292.81
Clay Cross	£219.19
Standing Order	£314.00
Total Collection	**£826.00**
Candles CTK	£38.07
Funeral Donation	£550.00

Many thanks for your generosity

"We cannot follow Jesus without carrying something—but we never carry it alone." *Unknown*

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Parish Pensioner's lunch: Join us for the parish lunch on Monday, 7th Septmber 2026, at 1pm! We're looking forward to sharing a lovely meal together! Thank you for your support.

The Season of Creation begins next Tuesday, 1st September, and runs until Sunday 4th October, uniting Christians across the world in prayer and action to care for our common home. This year's theme, "Living Water", invites us to reflect on God's life-giving presence in creation and our responsibility to protect and nurture the gift of the natural world.

Missio: All are welcome to join Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries, on Saturday 19th September, for a special Mass to celebrate 90 years of the Red Box: that has helped in gathering prayers and spare coins in Catholic homes across England and Wales to support vulnerable global communities. Bishop Patrick will celebrate Mass at 12 noon in Saint Teresa's Church, Aspley (NG8 3EP), and refreshments will be available in the parish hall after Mass.

Mission Together, 12th September 2026: Join the 'Workshop for everyone' at Holy Cross Priory in Leicester. Pope Leo and Pope Francis ask all the baptised to build new relationships in the church through 'synodality' (walking together). Led by Dr Austen Ivereigh, Pope Francis' biographer and an invited expert at the synod on synodality, the workshop runs 10am - 3pm and will explore practical ways to listen and connect for mission. Caritas Leicester & Leicestershire suggest a donation to cover costs. The event is open to all parishes in the diocese. Holy Cross Priory (Frassati Centre), 45 Wellington Street, Leicester LE1 6HW. Book at bit.ly/synodalityleics

From Holiday Rest to a New Beginning: As our summer holidays come to an end and we return home to our familiar routines, perhaps we should ask ourselves: What has changed in me? A holiday is not only about travelling to new places, enjoying good food, meeting family and friends, taking photographs and, of course, wondering why the suitcase seems to become heavier on the journey home! It can also be a precious opportunity to rest, reflect and rediscover God's presence in our lives. The Church reminds us that genuine rest should renew not only our bodies but also our hearts and spirits. Perhaps during these summer days we have seen something beautiful in creation, enjoyed the gift of family, experienced kindness from a stranger, visited a church or shrine, or simply had a quiet moment when we felt close to God. Now, as we come home, let us not leave those moments behind like forgotten holiday photographs. Let us bring something of that peace, gratitude and joy into our ordinary lives. St Augustine reminds us that our hearts are restless until they rest in God. Perhaps the greatest souvenir we can bring home is therefore not something we bought, but a renewed heart. Let us return with new intentions: to pray a little more faithfully, to make time for Sunday Mass, to forgive someone we have been carrying in our hearts, to speak more kindly, to spend more time with those we love, to notice someone who is lonely, and to become more generous with our time and gifts. Our holiday may be finished, but God's invitation continues. We are not simply returning to the old routine; we are being invited to begin again with God. As we step into the coming weeks, may we place our plans, hopes, worries and responsibilities into the Lord's hands and say: "Lord, I have rested; now help me to return refreshed, renewed and ready to serve You and one another." May our homes, our families and our parish become places where the joy we experienced during the summer continues to grow, and may we discover that the real journey was never simply going away and coming back home, but coming closer to God. As one Catholic reflection beautifully puts it, summer can become a time to "rest, return, renewed." Let us therefore return home with thankful hearts, renewed faith and a new plan—not simply asking, "What shall I do next?" but, "Lord, what are You calling me to do next?"

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. I would love this to be more than simply a holiday—it would be a wonderful opportunity for us, as a parish family, to pray together, celebrate our faith, visit the great churches and holy places of Rome, and strengthen our friendship and community. At this stage, nothing has been booked or decided. I would first like to find out how many people might be interested in joining us. Depending on the number of people who would like to come, we can then look for the best possible package and price, including flights, accommodation, transfers and breakfast. So, if you have ever thought, "I would love to go to Rome with our parish," this could be your opportunity! There is no commitment or payment at this stage. I am simply asking you to let me know if you would be interested in being part of the group, so that we can explore the possibilities together. 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. If you are interested, please let me know your name and, if possible, the number of people who might like to travel. Once we have an idea of the numbers, I will explore the best options and keep everyone informed. Let us hope that, with God's help, our Centenary pilgrimage to Rome will become a beautiful and memorable part of our parish celebrations. Please contact: Laura at *LAURAQS@ME.COM* or on WhatsApp +44 7747 837476

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.

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.*