

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

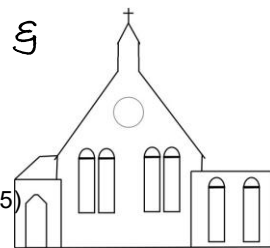
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Thirtieth Sunday: Weekly Bulletin **25th October – 02nd November 2025**
CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

Alfreton

Saturday 25th October: 6.30pm Mass: Elsie Stewarts Ints

Sunday 26th October: 10.30am Mass: Rebecca Rojas Ints

Monday 27th October: No Mass

Wednesday 29th October:

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Anne Loughnane Ints

Friday 31st October:

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Thomas Doherty RIP

Saturday 01st November: 6.30pm Mass:

Sunday 02nd November: 10.30am Mass:

Clay Cross

Sunday 26th October: 9am Mass: Mary Bentley's Ints

Tuesday 28th October: Ss Simon & Jude

9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: McCreesh Family Ints

Thursday 30th October:

9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Ian Gracias Private Ints

Sunday 02nd November: 9am Mass: Raymond Marsh RIP

October 2025 Cleaners

Alfreton: Marta/York

Clay Cross: Rob Farrell

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 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 10.30am: Fungai Chingwenje/Tom McCallum

This Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Ted Bennett/Francis Cassidy

Next Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Eugene Grant/Veronica Grant

Sunday 10.30am: Francis O'Brien/Barrie Meloy

Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Wendy Tinsley/Laura Morris

Collection for 18th & 19th October 2025

Alfreton	£307.05
Clay Cross	£266.90
Standing Order	£70.00

Total Collection	£643.95
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Repository CTK	£3.35
Candles CTK	£30.29
Second Collection: World Mission Sunday	£259.86

Many thanks for your generosity

"Pride makes us artificial and humility makes us real."

Thomas Merton

Christ the King Alfreton & SS Patrick & Brigid church Clay Cross:

Bank Details: Cheques payable to - **Christ the King Alfreton RCP, Account No: 03155671, Sort Code: 30-92-59**

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MISSIO BOXES: Please bring in for counting during October/November 2025. Thank you.

Solemnity of All Saints and All Souls Day: This year, the Solemnity of All Saints (1st November) falls on a Saturday. Therefore, the Diocese has transferred the celebration to Sunday, 2nd November. Consequently, the Commemoration of All Souls is moved to Monday, 3rd November. Although we usually do not have parish Mass on Mondays, on this special occasion we will celebrate two Masses on Monday 3rd November to pray for our departed loved ones: Clay Cross – 9am, Alfretton – 10:30 am. You are warmly invited to come and pray for your beloved departed family and friends.

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls: If you wish to bring a picture of your loved ones to place by in front of the altar during the Month of the Holy Souls, please feel free to do so. One of the best gifts you can give someone is to have a Holy Mass said for their intentions or for the repose of their souls. Feel free to request a Holy Mass for your intentions and Holy Sou ls envelopes are available in the porch.

Christmas Bazaar 2025: If you'd like to help plan or get involved in making this year's Christmas Bazaar a great success, please contact Mary Shelton or Mary Bentley (leomarybentley@hotmail.co.uk ☎ 07436 000773). Raffle tickets are now available — 1 book for £1. Please take a bunch (10 books for £10) and sell them to your friends and family. We're also collecting items for the **Christmas Bazaar, Hamper, and raffle** — see the display in the church porch for ideas. Your support and generosity will make a big difference — thank you

Parish pensioner's lunch: Join us for the parish lunch on Monday, 3rd November 2025, at 1pm! The booking lists for the November Pensioners Lunch are now available at the back of both churches. If you'd like to join us, please be sure to reserve your spot by adding your name to the list by Sunday, 26th October 2025, or give us a call at 07739896735 by Wednesday, 29th October 2025. (If no one answers, please leave a message!) We're looking forward to sharing a lovely meal together!

CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE! Are you looking for a chance to deepen your faith, connect with like-minded individuals, and have a blast? Look no further! The team from the Briars, is hosting a retreat day for young people, aged 11 -18yrs, at St Anne's Parish Centre, Buxton, SK17 6PX on 8th November, and you are invited to join them! There will be fun activities, discussions, worship and prayer, which will help you to grow in your relationship with God and with one another. The theme of the day is inspired by our two new saints Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati showing how ordinary young people can live lives of extraordinary faith and you will see that holiness and service are possible in everyday life. For more information and to register see: <https://www.ndcys.com/buxton-retreat-day/>

Welcoming the Sacred Stranger: Saturday 1st November, 11.45 a.m. – 3.45 p.m. The annual diocesan Justice and Peace Assembly. Immaculate Conception and St Norbert's, Spalding. All welcome. Find out more and book your place at bit.ly/sacred-stranger

School admissions to Catholic Secondary Academies (Year 7) - Children born between 01/09/2014 and 31/08 2015. The deadline for submitting your application for a school place is 31st October 2025. Application forms are available on your 'home' Local Authority website. For every Catholic school you apply for if you wish your child to be considered and ranked under a faith criterion you should also complete a supplementary information form, and return this form to the school by the deadline, (forms are available from the LA and the school). You must also include the supporting evidence* as required with this form, eg baptism certificate (photocopies acceptable). Failure to supply the required supporting evidence will mean your child is ranked in a lower criterion which may affect your chance of a place. *If you do not have the required evidence please contact the parish where your child was baptised for a copy certificate in good time.

Dominican Young Adults Study Day – Dragons, Beasts, & Visions: Understanding Biblical Apocalyptic - A day for students and young adults (20s & 30s) exploring the Apocalyptic literature in the Bible, at The Frassati Centre, Leicester LE1 6HW, from 10.00am-4.30pm on Saturday 15th November. There is no cost to attend but please register. More information and registration details can be found at: www.english.op.org/godzdogz/dya-study-day-dragons-beasts-and-visions/

Be Still and Know that I am God a three-days' retreat led by Father Roger Dawson SJ, aiming to help participants find a greater attentiveness and disposition to God's presence in their lives through a disciplining of the mind and awareness of the present moment. The retreat will be held between Friday 14th and Monday 17th November, at the Christian Heritage Centre, Lancashire. More details can be found at: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/be-still-and-know-that-i-am-god>

A Men's Retreat to experience Saint Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises in a 5-day, shortened form. The retreat will be guided by the monastic community of Saint Joseph's Abbey, Flavigny (France), founded with the charism of offering this version of the Exercises to men. The retreat is open to men in all states of life, who wish to seek God's will through a deepened detachment from the world, and is being held at the Christian Heritage Centre, Lancashire, starting on either Wednesday 4th or Wednesday 11th February. More details can be found at: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-retreat-spiritual-exercises-of-st-ignatius>

The Mary Potter Heritage Centre, Nottingham, is seeking to appoint an Engagement and Admin Assistant (12 hours per week, Wednesday and Thursday with flexibility as required). The role will include supporting guided tours, assisting with outreach work to promote Mary Potter Heritage Centre and its vision, mission, and to provide high-quality administrative support to ensure the effective running of the Centre. For further details contact the Centre Manager: icmheritage@gmail.com

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.