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Twenty Fifth Sunday: Weekly Bulletin 19th & 27th September 2026

Next 26th Saturday/Sunday (26th & 27th September) Holy Mass Readings: Ezekiel 18:25-28, Phil 2:1-11, Mt 21:28-32

Sacrament of Confession is available at any time

<u>Alfreton</u>	<u>Clay Cross</u>																		
Saturday 19th September: 6.30pm Mass: Special Ints Sunday 20th September: 11am Mass: Joel Joy Ints Monday 21st September: <u>NO MASS</u> Wednesday 23rd September: St Padre Pio 9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Mary Hickey Ints Friday 25th September: 9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Patrick Mackell RIP Saturday 26th September: 6.30pm Mass: Kathleen O'Brien RIP Sunday 27th September: 11am Mass: Parish Ints	Sunday 20th September: 9am Mass: Justin Lloyd-Williams RIP Tuesday 22nd September: 9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Austin Byrne RIP Thursday 24th September: Our Lady of Walsingham 9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Robert Byrne RIP Sunday 27th September: 9am Mass: Parish Ints																		
<u>Sick & Housebound:</u>																			
<i>Please pray for</i> – 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, Anne Loughnane, Eugene Grant, Patrick Mackell, Margaret Marsh, Alice Ibbotson and Pennie Burton. <i>Please remember all in our parish who need our prayers.</i>																			
<u>This Week's Readers: Alfreton</u> Saturday 6.30pm: Margaret Kerry/Clare Smith Sunday 11am: Francis O'Brien/Natasha Erskine <u>This Week's Readers: Clay Cross</u> Sunday 9am: Sheila Hall/Amelia <u>Next Week's Readers: Alfreton</u> Saturday 6.30pm: Maureen Fuller/Paul Fuller Sunday 11am: John Boxall/Anita Day <u>Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross</u> Sunday 9am: Rob Farrell/Bartosz	<u>September 2026 Cleaners</u> Alfreton: Bridget W Clay Cross: Mary Bentley & Mary Shelton <u>Collection for 12th & 13th September 2026</u> <table> <tr> <td>Alfreton</td><td>£385.18</td></tr> <tr> <td>Clay Cross</td><td>£250.50</td></tr> <tr> <td>Standing Order</td><td>£343.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total Collection</td><td>£978.68</td></tr> <tr> <td>Candles CTK</td><td>£33.24</td></tr> <tr> <td>Repository CTK</td><td>£2.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Pensioner's Lunch</td><td>£131.81</td></tr> <tr> <td>Knit & Natter</td><td>£10.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Second Collection: Catholic Education Service</td><td>£269.92</td></tr> </table> <i>Many thanks for your generosity</i>	Alfreton	£385.18	Clay Cross	£250.50	Standing Order	£343.00	Total Collection	£978.68	Candles CTK	£33.24	Repository CTK	£2.00	Pensioner's Lunch	£131.81	Knit & Natter	£10.00	Second Collection: Catholic Education Service	£269.92
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"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

Winston Churchill

Second Collection.: This Saturday/Sunday 19th & 20th September: Home Mission Sunday

On Sunday 20th September we will celebrate Home Mission Sunday, a day for us as the Catholic community in England and Wales to celebrate our faith in these lands, and our shared commitment to communicate the beauty and the joy of knowing Jesus Christ. Celebrating the Holy Father's first encyclical, the theme for this year is "Magnifica Humanitas" as the heart of mission. The Second Collection supports the work carried out by the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate, supporting our Church in a wide field of service.

Our Parish Five-Year Mission Plan: Please take a moment to look at our Parish Five-Year Mission Plan by clicking the link below. <https://www.christthekingalfreton.org/parishmissionplan>

Afternoon Tea at Clay Cross will take place on September 21st at 1pm. All are welcome- where you can meet one another, enjoy a chat, have a laugh, and just be together.

Lasting Power of Attorney: Despite Martin Lewis on TV regularly advising on the importance of having these legal documents, many people remain unsure of their relevance and the process. One of our parishioners, Anne Marie Wilson, is offering free advice to anyone in our community who is interested in knowing more about Lasting Power of Attorney. Anne Marie is a retired legal professional and can be contacted by phone on 07528 665238 or by email on annemarie.wilson-geps@sky.com

A Friendly Car Park Reminder: Thank you to everyone for your cooperation with the new car park markings. Just a gentle reminder that the crossed/hatched area must be kept clear at all times, as it needs to remain accessible for emergency vehicles and safe access and movement after Mass. Please use the designated parking spaces and avoid parking in the restricted areas. Your cooperation helps us keep the car park safe and accessible for everyone. Thank you for your understanding and support.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day is being held on Friday 2nd October. CAFOD is the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, the official overseas aid charity of the Catholic Church in England and Wales, and part of Caritas International.

The Diocesan Education Service is piloting a brand-new podcast resource to support staff, parents and families across the Diocese. Sister Liz Dodd CSJP will bring a fresh perspective and pastoral voice to the discussions: do join each week! Spotify: Listen on Spotify, YouTube: Watch on YouTube

Monthly Pensioner's lunch: Join us for an enjoyable parish lunch on Monday, 5th October 2026, at 1pm! The booking lists for the October Pensioners Lunch are now available at the back of both churches. Don't miss out—reserve your spot today by adding your name to the list by Sunday, 27th September 2026, or call us at 07739896735 by Wednesday, 30th September 2026. (If no one answers, please leave a message!) We can't wait to share a delicious meal and wonderful company with you!

The Marriage Resource Centre is conducting a global study into the experience of married Catholics. If you married in the last 10 years and one or both spouses are Catholic, please consider completing this short survey. All answers are anonymous and confidential, and the survey is open until the end of September, at: <https://thepmrc.org/survey>

The Diocese is inviting all Catechists to a day at Holy Trinity Newark on Saturday 17th October entitled: Reimagining Catechesis. As a catechist would you love to see more families engaged with parish life and growing in faith? That at the end of sacramental programs fewer people would 'disappear'. This day led by the team from GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) will share how this is happening in their parishes and it can happen in yours too. For more information see the poster in church or visit dioceseofnottingham.uk/events

Year 7 Secondary School Applications: If your child is currently in Year 6, please remember that the closing date for applications for Year 7 places is 31 October 2026. Families are strongly encouraged to submit their application on time. Applications must be made through your home Local Authority. To find the link to the application information form, please look on the website of the school you would like your child to attend. If your child is a Baptised Catholic, please ensure that evidence of your child's Baptism is sent directly to the school. If you need help completing your application, you are most welcome to contact the Diocesan Education Service: Sarah Hand (Admissions, Appeals and Compliance Manager) sarah.hand@nottingham-des.org.uk or 07471 355534.

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. 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. Please contact: Laura at LAURAQS@ME.COM or on WhatsApp +44 7747 837476

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.

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. For more information please contact Fiona Molumby at fmolumby@aol.com.

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.