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Eighteenth Sunday: Weekly Bulletin 01st - 09th August 2026

Next 19th Saturday/Sunday (8th & 9th August) Holy Mass Readings: 1Kings 19:9a, 11-13a, Romans 9/1-5, Mt 14/22-33

Alfreton

Saturday 01st August: 6.30pm Mass: St Benedict CVA Ints

Sunday 02nd August: 11am Mass: Linda Noone RIP

Monday 03rd August: **NO MASS**

Wednesday 05th August:

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Fr Leo Mooney RIP

Friday 07th August:

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Nancy Hynes Ints

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

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

Clay Cross

Sunday 02nd August: 9am Mass: Clem Burke RIP

Tuesday 04th August:

9.30am Adoration, 10am Eucharistic Service:

Thursday 06th August:

9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Lucas Castro Gastelum RIP

Sunday 09th August: 9am Mass:

Sabina Hernandez Salazar 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: Margaret Kerry/Clare Smith

Sunday 11am: Joshua Martin/Francis O'Brien

This Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Ian Patterson/Kate Tippen

Next Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Eugene Grant/Veronica Grant

Sunday 11am: Nethumol Mathew/Natasha Erskine

Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Adrian Goodall/ Rob Farrell

Collection for 25th & 26th July 2026

Alfreton	£324.12
Clay Cross	£272.66
Standing Order	£186.00

Total Collection **£782.78**

Candles CTK	£32.83
CC	£94.61
Repository CTK	£4.00
CC	£95.78
BBQ CC	£82.15
Tea & Coffee	£80.26
Pensioner's Lunch	£128.85

Many thanks for your generosity

"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one."

St Mother Teresa

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Christmas Bazaar 2026: Time is flying, and it's never too early to start thinking about our Christmas Bazaar 2026! We are looking for sponsors for our Grand Raffle Prizes: 1st Prize: £150, 2nd Prize: £100 and 3rd Prize: £75 If you would like to donate or sponsor one of these prizes, please speak to Fr Paul after Holy Mass. Your generosity, kindness, and support make a huge difference and help make our Christmas Bazaar a great success.

Parish Lottery: As from 1st August, 2026 the lottery prizes will be paid into your bank account via BACS. If your details aren't to hand, a member of the lottery team (Margaret or Marie) will contact you to obtain these details. As you will appreciate, this has come about because of the problems in cashing cheques with the absence of banks on our high streets. The winners will still be published in the newsletter. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Parish Pensioner's Lunch: A warm invitation to all our parish pensioners to join us for a delightful parish lunch on Monday, 3rd August 2026, at 1pm. Come and enjoy a delicious meal, friendly conversation, and wonderful company in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. We look forward to seeing you on Monday and sharing a lovely afternoon together!

CTK Coffee Morning: Our first Christ the King Coffee Morning was a great success! We will continue to meet every Friday after the 9.30am Holy Mass, so please do come along if you are free. Everyone is warmly welcome.

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.

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](http://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.

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.

Golden Jubilee of SPANNED Our diocesan agency supporting people with additional needs (SPANNED) is 50 years old this year and will be marked by a Golden Jubilee Mass celebrated by Bishop Patrick at Saint Peter's Church, Hinckley, on Saturday 26th September at 2.00pm. All are very welcome to share this wonderful milestone. If you are contemplating coming please contact Father Frank Daly, on 01455 634443, or hinckleypriory@gmail.com by 31st August, to help with catering arrangements.

Count Your Blessings: In today's Gospel, the disciples said to Jesus, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." They saw only their limitations, but Jesus saw unlimited possibilities. What seemed small in human hands became a miracle in God's hands. How often do we say, "I have only a little"? Yet God has already given us so much—life, faith, family, friends, health, the gift of the Eucharist, His forgiveness, and countless blessings that we often take for granted. Perhaps our greatest poverty is not that we have too little, but that we fail to recognise how much we have already received from God. A grateful heart sees miracles where others see only scarcity. Instead of counting what we don't have, let us begin counting what God has already given us. As the old saying goes, "Count your blessings, not your problems." When we place our "few" into the hands of Christ with faith and generosity, He always makes them enough—and often far more than enough.

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.