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

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Twenty Third Sunday: Weekly Bulletin **06**th – **14**th **September 2025** CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

Alfreton

Saturday 06th September: 6.30pm Mass: Saji Philip RIP

Sunday 07th September: 10.30am Mass:

Lauren Harris & Ashley Majhu Ints

Monday 08th September: No Mass

Wednesday 10th September:

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Elsie Stewart & Family Ints

Friday 12th September:

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Ryan & Ruth Sijo Ints

Saturday 13th September: 6.30pm Mass

Sunday 14th September: 10.30am Mass:

Margaret Martin Ints

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, 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: Joshua Chamberlain/Veronica Grant Sunday 10.30am: Fungai Chingwenje/Natasha Erskine

This Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Laveena/Feo

Next Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Maureen Fuller/Paul Fuller

Sunday 10.30am: Catherine Galloway/Francis O'Brien

Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross Sunday 9am: Juval/Nicole Grey

Clay Cross

Sunday 07th September: 9am Mass: Margaret Marsh Ints

Tuesday 09th September:

9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Mary Hickey Ints

Thursday 11th September:

9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Robert Byrne RIP

Sunday 14th September: 9am Mass: John Hughes RIP

September 2025 Cleaners

Alfreton: Bridget W

Clay Cross: Mary Bentley/Mary Shelton

Collection for 30th & 31st August 2025

Alfreton £313.43 Clay Cross £260.35 Standing Order £251.33.

Total Collection £825.11

Candles CTK £37.67 Tea/Coffee CTK £60.75 Holy Mass offerings £105.00

Many thanks for your generosity

"The higher life begins for us ... when we renounce our own will to bow before a Divine law." George Eliot

Wedding: We congratulate and wishing Lauren Harris & Ashley Majhu all the very best and God's blessing as they start a new journey together. We wish them every happiness.

Second Collection: Next Saturday/Sunday (13th & 14th September): Catholic Education Service

Lottery winners for September were Bernadette Hough, Marie Orme, Stef Gannon, Eugene Grant and Mrs S Hill. Congratulations.

Afternoon Tea Invitation: We warmly invite you to Afternoon Tea at Clay Cross Church on Monday 8th September at 1pm. To help us with catering, please sign your name on the sheet in the porch. Thank you—we look forward to seeing you there!

Celebrating 90 Years! This year, five members of our parish family are celebrating the wonderful milestone of their 90th birthdays: From Alfreton community: Anne Loughnane, Margaret Martin, Rae Morton, Joe Hancock, and Peter Babe. From Clay Cross community: Michael Joyce. We give thanks for the gift of their lives and the example of faith and dedication they have shown in our parish. A congratulations card has been placed in the porch for you to sign. Please take a moment to add your name and a short message of encouragement—it will mean so much to them. Let us surround them with our prayers, blessings, and warm wishes as they celebrate this special milestone.

Looking After One Another – Fire Safety Volunteers Needed. Our parish is blessed with a lively and caring community. To help keep everyone safe during services and events, we are looking for a small team of volunteers to serve as Safety Stewards. Training and guidance will be provided, and the role simply means being ready to assist others in the unlikely event of an emergency. It's a quiet but important ministry of care for our children, families, and older parishioners. If you could help, please speak to Fr Paul.

Carer Needed: We are looking for a carer for 2 hours per week. Hourly rate: £16-£17. If interested, please contact: 07999 927978.

CAFOD: An invitation to all Parishioners to attend a CAFOD meeting: Friday 12th September at 18.30 Christ the King Alfreton for us all to see how we can support the work of CAFOD in our Parish, School and Community. Many thanks, *Chris Gallagher, Community Participation Co-ordinator* – CAFOD Nottingham.

First Holy Communion 2026 – Information for Parents: Children aged 7 and above are eligible to register for the First Holy Communion Programme. Registration forms will be distributed at the information meeting for parents and candidates, which will take place on Sunday, 14th September, immediately after the 10:30am Mass at Christ the King. Please note: The First Holy Communion celebration will be held on Saturday, 6th June 2026. We look forward to welcoming all our new candidates and their families.

On Wednesday 17th September, 7.00pm-9.00pm, the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Peace will be showing The Letter in Cathedral Hall, Nottingham, NG1 5AE. Inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si' this film invites us to reflect on our common home during this Season of Creation. Light refreshments will be provided, and for details contact david@csjp-uk.co.uk

All Altar Servers are invited to the Diocesan Jubilee of Altar Servers, with Mass celebrated by Bishop Patrick in our Cathedral in Nottingham (Derby Road, NG1 5AE) on Saturday 27th September. Bring your alb / cassock and cotta, and arrive for 10.30am onwards, for Mass at 11.30am. Bring a packed lunch too, and enjoy a picnic in the Cathedral Hall and gardens. All are welcome!

To celebrate the amazing work of the wonderful Catechists who do so much in our diocese we will be having a Jubilee of Catechists Day. The day will include the celebration of Mass and a conference to help them in their ministry. There will be two keynote talks from Dr Mark Nash Director for the Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis, with workshops and time to mingle. The day will be held on Saturday 11th October at Saint Joseph's Church, Leicester, LE5 6SG; from 10.00am until 4.00pm, and will cost £10; please bring a packed lunch. More information can be found at https://bit.ly/CatechistJubilee or email formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk

The Diocese is seeking to recruit a Business Administration Assistant – IT and GDPR to support the work of the IT and GDPR Department supporting staff in the curia and parishes of the Diocese. The department comprises two staff who focus on delivering solutions using 365 Microsoft Ecosystem Apps and ensuring the highest standards of compliance and cybersecurity. Application forms are available at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers and should be sent by 9am, Monday 15th September, to Christa Wardle office@dioceseofnottingham.uk

The Diocese is seeking to recruit an Adult Formation Officer, based at Saint Thomas More parish, Knighton, to coordinate and support opportunities in the parishes for the faith formation of adults, through the sacramental preparation programmes and other avenues. The role is for 10 hours per week, and more details are at www.careers/adult-formation-officer Application forms are available at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers and should be sent by 9am on Friday 10th October to Christa Wardle office@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Mary's Mantle Consecration: are you interested in doing a 46-day retreat involving a daily rosary and guided reflection (sent on email), a little fasting, and a weekly online zoom meeting with our group (optional, recording available to watch later). The idea is to focus on prayer and meditate on various virtues whilst allowing the Holy Spirit to transform us through Our Mother Mary's intercession. Why 46 days? This number represents the 46 stars on Our Lady of Guadeloupe's Mantle (cloak) from the supernatural image. Starting August 23rd and ending on the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th. For more info or to sign up please contact Anita Day - starfly83@hotmail.com.

The Mary Potter Heritage Centre is delighted to take part in this year's Heritage Open Days Festival. Visit the Centre at 32 Regent Street, Nottingham NG1 5BT, on Saturday 13th September, from 12.00 noon to 5.00pm. It's a wonderful opportunity to learn, discover and explore the life and mission of Venerable Mary Potter and The Little Company of Mary Sisters through interactive screens, quotations, and artefacts.

Marriage Care? To find out more visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk