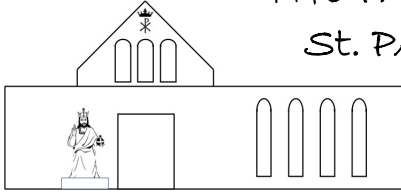
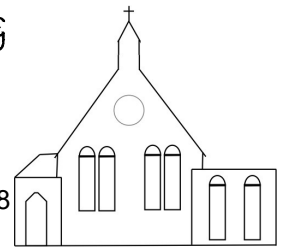


THE PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING, ALFRETON &  
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**04<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent: Weekly Bulletin 09<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024**  
**CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST**

**Alfreton**

**Saturday 09<sup>th</sup> March:** 6.30pm Mass: Frank & Rita Sullivan RIP

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March:** 10.30am Mass: Pat Martyn RIP

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March:** No Mass

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March:** Johnny M V RIP

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass:

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March:** Sister Helen RIP

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass & Station of the Cross

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March:** 6.30pm Mass:

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March:** 10.30am Mass:  
Thomas Bernard McCallum RIP

**Clay Cross**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March:** 9.00am Mass: Larry Hickey RIP

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March:**

9.30 Adoration, 10am Mass: Holy Souls

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March:** Fr Brian Dazley Ints

9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass & Station of the Cross

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March:** 9am Mass: Thomas Kerlin RIP

**March 2024 Cleaners**

**Alfreton:** RM Coyne

**Clay Cross:** Mick & Marie Cassidy

**Sick & Housebound**

**Please pray for** – Sara Lane, Shirley Oakes, Ian Martin, Val Kerlin, Betty Deane, Mary Pfeffer, Hazel Titon, Martin Mullally, Elsie Stewart, Brian Bradford, Peter Egan. Ted Bennett, Jim Johnson, Rob Lane, John Oliver, Karen Parker, Bridie Joyce, Rae Morton and Maureen Fuller. **Please remember all in our parish who need our prayers.**

**This Week's Readers: Alfreton**

Saturday 6.30pm: Celia Fletcher/Paul Fuller

Sunday 10.30am: Fiona Molumby/Catherine Galloway

**This Week's Readers: Clay Cross**

Sunday 9am: Laveena/Feo

**Next Week's Readers: Alfreton**

Saturday 6.30pm: Eugene Grant / Moya Mellors

Sunday 10.30am: Natasha Erskine / Volunteer

**Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross**

Sunday 9am: Jiya Bosko / Volunteer

**Collection for 02<sup>nd</sup> & 03<sup>rd</sup> March 2024**

Alfreton	£350.44
Clay Cross	£227.27
Standing Order	£243.75
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>£821.46</b>

Candles	£35.75
Repository	£1.20
Hall Hire	£100.00
H Mass offerings	£310.00
Second Collection	£288.67
Alfreton: Tea & Coffee	£14.74
Clay Cross: Tea & Coffee	£12.71

*Many thanks for your generosity*

**"Life doesn't come with a manual. It comes with a mother."** Unknown

**Happy Mother's Day to all our Mothers**

Christ the King Alfreton & SS Patrick & Brigid church Clay Cross, Bank Details: Cheques payable to Christ King Alfreton RCP Account No: 03155671, Sort Code:30-92-59

**Annual Parish appeal from Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver, Bromley, Kent:** Annual Parish Mission Appeal in our Diocese will be made by members of various Institutes of Missionary Sisters of England and Wales. This year appeal done by the Missionary sisters St. Peter Claver. This Saturday 09<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March during the Holy Mass they will make an appeal. They will tell us about their missionary Work and will be grateful for your support.

**A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, Fourth Sunday of Lent:** Reflect on how constant prayer was the driving force of the missionary activity of the first Christians. Saint Luke tells us that they “devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers” (Acts 2:42). Today too the Church’s life is centred on prayer, which unites us to Christ, and inspires our witness to the Gospel and our charitable service to those in need. To read the full reflection and find more resources at [dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer](http://dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer)

**March Lottery Winners** are Mrs Sue Jepson, Mrs Isabelle Hopkins, Francis O’Brien, Mrs Jackie Makinson and Mr Howard Booth. Next draw Sunday 7th April.

**Appeal for wools;** Our parish Knit & Natter group are appealing for donations of white and pale pastels wool. We are knitting little blankets for very premature babies for our wonderful NHS.

**Adoration for Year of prayer:** During the Holy Week on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March after the morning Mass I will expose the Blessed Sacrament, and it will remain exposed until 5pm led by JESUS YOUTH (an International Catholic Movement) at Clay Cross church. Please make an extra effort to come and spent sometimes in silence before the Blessed Sacrament.

**Lenten Chamber Concert Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March - 7pm Nottingham Cathedral, Free Tickets:** To the Clergy of the Diocese of Nottingham you are cordially invited to our Lenten Chamber concert at Nottingham Cathedral and the pre-drinks reception from 5:30pm in the Cathedral Hall courtesy of the Friends of Nottingham Cathedral and Ongoing Formation for Clergy. This ticket allows you and a friend to attend the concert and pre-concert drinks reception with Bishop Patrick and the Friends of the Cathedral for Free, and all are welcome to refreshments after the concert. There is also an offer of 10% off further concert tickets for your parishioners which can be bought online through. Eventbrite using the promo code parishpromo10. Please see the poster.

**Join people from around the Diocese of Nottingham for the annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham.** Gather together with Bishop Patrick on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham as we seek Our Lady of Walsingham’s intercession for an increase in Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life in our Diocese. For more information see the poster at the back of church, or contact Father Neil Peoples 01283 564814 or [vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk) or Deacon Seamus O’Looskan 0116 251 1437 or [seamus.olooskan@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:seamus.olooskan@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**The Diocese of Nottingham is looking to appoint a part-time Choral Director** to work in the Diocesan Music Department and to facilitate the development of the Schools’ Singing Project in some of the St Ralph Sherwin schools in South Derbyshire. For more information email [gregory.treloar@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:gregory.treloar@dioceseofnottingham.uk) or visit [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers)

**Abortion Decriminalisation Proposal:** An amendment has been put forward to the Criminal Justice Bill by pro-abortion MPs which, if successful, would decriminalise abortion. This means that it would be possible for women to induce their own abortion, using pills sent through the post, at any time and for any reason. In other words, it would be legal to abort an unborn child UP TO BIRTH, if induced by the woman herself. Such a change is not supported by public opinion. Polls suggest that 70% of women would like to see a REDUCTION in the present time limit for abortions (24 weeks) rather than removing all time limits. If passed into law, this radical amendment would increase the number of babies who are aborted. It would also increase the risks to women’s health, since these late term abortions would not be carried out under medical supervision but in women’s homes. This proposal will be debated in the House of Commons in early March. Please write now to your MP, asking them to oppose this extreme proposal. You can do this using SPUC’s easy to use webtool, at [www.spuc.org.uk/abortionamendments](http://www.spuc.org.uk/abortionamendments) Please also pray for the defeat of this amendment, for protection of unborn babies, and help and comfort for mothers in need.

**There are more than 40 retired priests in our Diocese.** Some live in Ireland and some in England. We wish to express our gratitude to you for the ways you have helped us over the years especially by your love of Our Lord and His Church. With your love and prayers, support and example we have been encouraged to try to be the priests Jesus called us to be. You have also with great generosity supported the Sick and Retired Priests’ Fund over many years and especially during the recent appeal. We will always be grateful to you and happily fulfil our responsibility to pray for you and your families. Your Retired Priests

**The Nottingham Secular Carmelites are hosting a Carmelite Open Day on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March, between 10.00am and 4.00pm, at Saint John the Evangelist Church, Stapleford.** Meeting monthly on Saturdays we pray together, study scripture, church teaching and writings from the Carmelite saints, and share reflections. If you want to know more you are very welcome to our open day: bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee provided. Contact Heather Ward on 01773 599982 or [heatherward67@yahoo.com](mailto:heatherward67@yahoo.com) or visit [nottinghamcarmelites.uk](http://nottinghamcarmelites.uk)

**The Sisters of St Joseph of Peace invite you to a Day for Young People 15-18yrs, 9-12 noon, 19 -25yrs, 2-5pm and 25+, 6-8pm on Saturday 27th April at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Parish Hall, Nottingham, NG6 9ES,** with time for prayer, reflection, discussion, fun and getting to know other young people in a relaxed and friendly environment. The Retreat will be led by the Verbum Dei Missionary Community. For more information contact [maureenbrennancsjp@gmail.com](mailto:maureenbrennancsjp@gmail.com)