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Twenty First Sunday: Weekly Bulletin 22nd & 30th August 2026

Next 22nd Saturday/Sunday (29th & 30th August) Holy Mass Readings: Jer 20:7-9, Rom 12:1-2, Mt 16:21-27

Alfreton

Saturday 22nd August: 6.30pm Mass: Sr Ellen FCJ RIP

Sunday 23rd August: 11am Mass: Liam O'Flynn RIP

Monday 24th August: NO MASS

Tuesday 25th August:

6pm Reception of the body of Mary Christine Sheldon

Wednesday 26th August:

12noon Funeral Mass of Mary Christine Sheldon

Friday 28th August: St Augustine

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: New Academic year Ints

Saturday 29th August: 6.30pm Mass: James Mulgrew RIP

Sunday 30th August: 11am Mass: Larrie Hickey RIP

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, Anne Loughnane, 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: Maureen Fuller/Paul Fuller

Sunday 11am: York Hampson – Lamb/Catherine Galloway

This Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Bartosz/Francis Cassidy

Next Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Clare Smith/Margaret Kerry

Sunday 11am: Joshua Chamberlain/John Boxall

Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Hanna/Nicole Grey

Clay Cross

Sunday 23rd August: 9am Mass: Richard Plantagenet RIP

Tuesday 25th August:

9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Ralph Kirk RIP

Thursday 27th August: St Monica

9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Aibel Birthday Ints

Sunday 30th August: 9am Mass: Kathleen Webley RIP

August 2026 Cleaners

Alfreton: Bridget W

Clay Cross: James Eboreime

Collection for 15th & 16th August 2026

Alfreton	£341.96
Clay Cross	£210.00
Standing Order	£ 322.00

Total Collection £873.96

Candles CTK	£38.36
Repository CTK	£1.50
Tea/Coffee CC	£29.38

Many thanks for your generosity

"Tell me what you think about God, and I will tell you what you think about yourself." C. S. Lewis

Baptism: We welcome Harper Sunny Roberts into the parish community of Christ the King, Alfreton. Best wishes to her and her family.

Do you enjoy helping people? Do you have a clear and confident manner on the phone and good IT skills? Catholic Marriage Care is looking for an Appointments Service Administrator who is able to work a minimum of 8 hours per week, taking enquiries from people seeking relationship counselling or marriage preparation. For more information please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: karen@marriagecare.org.uk

Parish Pensioner's lunch: Join us for the parish lunch on Monday, 7th Septmber 2026, at 1pm! The booking lists for the September 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, 30th August, or give us a call at 07739896735 by Wednesday, 2nd September 2026. We're looking forward to sharing a lovely meal together! Thank you for your support.

Students across the St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi Academy Trust are celebrating their GCSE results: St Philip Howard in Glossop. St Philip Howard Catholic Voluntary Academy, in Glossop, has seen some of its best GCSE results ever, with a significant increase in student attainment and a record number of positive outcomes across a range of subjects. Mike Kays, Headteacher at St Philip Howard, said: "I would like to congratulate all of our students on their GCSE results. Behind every grade is a story of dedication, perseverance and growth. We are delighted to share in their success and thank our staff and families for the unwavering support they have provided along the way. Well done to every student on this important achievement. "As they take their next steps, I know they will continue to achieve great things and make a positive difference in the world around them." **Saint John Houghton in Ilkeston:** Headline figures at Saint John Houghton Catholic Voluntary Academy, in Ilkeston, demonstrate a very strong performance in both English and Mathematics, with students exceeding last year's national average for achieving Grade 4 and above. Mathematics and Religious Education led the way, with an impressive number of students attaining the highest grades, 8 and 9. Christina Hartharn, Acting Headteacher at Saint John Houghton, said: "These results are a testament to the dedication, perseverance and resilience shown by our Year 11 students. We are incredibly proud of all they have accomplished and delighted to celebrate these results." **Saint Benedict in Derby:** Students at Saint Benedict Catholic Voluntary Academy, in Derby, celebrated strong GCSE results, with almost two-thirds achieving grade 4 or above in both English and Maths. There was a significant improvement in the Attainment 8 score which went up to 48.5, compared with 45.3 in 2025. The average grade increased to 4.85 with 11% of students achieving a Grade 7, 8 or 9 in English and Maths, double the number that achieved this last year. Steve Brogan, Acting Headteacher, said: "This is a really pleasing set of results for the school and we are so happy for the students who are receiving their results today. We are incredibly proud of every young person receiving their results today, particularly those who have overcome challenges along the way. To see the average grade rising and overall, students achieving better results than previous years is tremendous for our students and staff. **Blessed Robert Sutton in Burton:** Samuel Gray, Headteacher at Blessed Robert Sutton Catholic Voluntary Academy in Burton, said today was a day of great pride for Year 11 students. He said: "Their results are a reflection of the hard work, determination and resilience they have shown throughout their time at our school. I would like to congratulate every student on their achievements and thank our dedicated staff, supportive parents and carers for the important role they have played. **St Thomas More in Buxton:** David Redfern, Headteacher at St Thomas More Catholic Voluntary Academy in Buxton, said he was incredibly proud of the Year 11 pupils and what they had achieved. He said: "These results are a real reflection of the hard work, commitment and determination they have shown, particularly over the past year. "Results like these do not happen by accident. They show that what you put in really does matter, and that sustained effort, resilience and a willingness to keep going can make a real difference. Our pupils should be very proud of themselves and of everything they have accomplished. **Lisa Walton, Chief Executive Officer at the St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi Academy Trust,** congratulated all of the Trust's secondary schools on their results. She said: "These outcomes are a testament to the hard work and determination exhibited by our Year 11 students who have engaged so positively with the high-quality education offer cross all of our secondary schools. Saint Ralph Sherwin Trust has a strong academic and vocational offer which serves to place our young people on a range of ambitious future pathways, including feeding into the high performing Sixth Form at Saint Benedict."

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.

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.