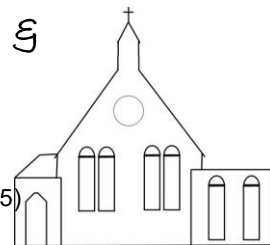


THE PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING, ALFRETON & ST. PATRICK AND ST. BRIGID, CLAY CROSS

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1st Week of Ordinary time: Weekly Bulletin 10th – 18th January 2026
CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

Alfreton

Saturday 10th January: 6.30pm Mass: Mieczyslaw RIP

Sunday 11th January: 10.30am Mass: Michael O'Donnell Ints

Monday 12th January: **NO MASS**

Wednesday 14th January:

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Monsignor Jerry Cronin RIP

Friday 16th January:

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Fr Raymond O'Sullivan Ints

Saturday 17th January: 6.30pm Mass: Sean McGing RIP

Sunday 18th January: 10.30am Mass:

Clay Cross

Sunday 11th January: 9am Mass: James Family Ints

Tuesday 13th January:

9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Trevor Buttery RIP

Thursday 15th January:

9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Winnie Stenson Ints

Sunday 18th January: 9am Mass:

Mary Cassidy RIP & Elisabeth Henstock RIP

January 2026 Cleaners

Alfreton: Bridget W

Clay Cross: Maggie Smith

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 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 10.30am Francis O'Brien/Fungai Chingwenje

This Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Shawn/Laura Morris

Next Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Margaret Kerry/Clare Smith

Sunday 10.30am: Lilianna/Barrie Meloy

Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: David Johnson/Amelia

Collection for 03rd & 04th January 2026

Alfreton	£322.45
Clay Cross	£238.72
Standing Order	£466.33

Total Collection	£1027.50
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Repository CTK	£4.70
CC	£160.72
Candles CTK	£47.75
CC	£50.43
Crib Donation	£50.46
Tea/Coffee CTK	£88.05
CC	£14.10
Mass Offerings	£145.00

Many thanks for your generosity

“Baptism is the door that opens the way to a life in Christ; it is not a formality but a new beginning” *Pope Francis*

Christ the King Alfreton & SS Patrick & Brigid church Clay Cross:

Bank Details: Cheques payable to - **Christ the King Alfreton RCP, Account No: 03155671, Sort Code: 30-92-59**
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Second Collection: This Saturday/Sunday (10th & 11th December): Sick and Retired Priests

Lottery winners for January are: Sue Jepson, Peter Connolly, Tom McCallum, Hilary Balham's and Adrian Goodall

Volunteers needed: Following the Sunday Masses on Baptism of our Lord, at Alfreton after 10.30am Mass and Clay Cross after 9am Mass, we would like to take down the Christmas decorations, tidy the churches, and put everything back in good order. If you are able to spare a little time after Mass, your help would be greatly appreciated. We are looking for willing and committed volunteers for this simple act of charity and service to our parish community. Many hands make light work — and it is also a lovely way to work together as a parish family. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

Clay Cross Afternoon tea: Our monthly Afternoon Tea will take place on Monday, 19th January at 1pm at Clay Cross. Everyone is most welcome to join us. A sign-up sheet is available in the church porch. Please do come along to share your joy and faith, enjoy a cup of tea, and catch up with friends for a lovely chat. We look forward to seeing you.

Just a quick and friendly heads-up for everyone. As you may know, the Lloyds Bank branch in Alfreton will be closing on 19th January 2026. We will still be able to pay cash into the parish account at any Post Office. However, Lloyds have recently informed us that from 1st January 2026, cheques will no longer be accepted at the Post Office and can only be paid in at a Lloyds branch, such as Sutton or Chesterfield. Thankfully, we don't receive many cheques, but to avoid extra travel, work, and confusion, we kindly ask hall hirers and donors, where possible, to pay directly into the parish account. Paying by direct debit or bank transfer will really help simplify things for everyone. All the bank details are already available in the newsletter. Thank you, as always, for your understanding and support.

Calling all health care professionals and support workers the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Health Team needs you. Join us between Monday 13th and Friday 17th July for a unique opportunity to deliver care in a different context and provide advice and support to pilgrims during travel and whilst in Lourdes. We deliver community-based care in a hotel setting to a group of 200 pilgrims, with a small proportion needing regular care interventions and support to attend services and events. You must: * Have experience as a registered nurse, nurse associate, paramedic, doctor or healthcare support worker; * Have a passport which is current for a minimum of three months from the first date of travel; * Be a UK or French citizen or have an appropriate visa to travel to France. For more details join our Teams information evening on Thursday 15th January from 7.30pm: email for the link: David Knight: david@sthughslincoln.org.uk or Dee Ellidge: dellidge@lincoln.ac.uk

The Glossop parishes are hosting a presentation by Light of Faith (a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph), with the topic New Directions in Catechesis: a new approach to sacramental preparation and catechesis is transforming families and parishes - could it work for yours? The presentation is designed for parish clergy, parish lay leadership, parish catechists, head teachers, school chaplains, and anyone who helps in sacramental preparation. They would also love to welcome people who feel they could help parents in their task of passing on the faith to their children. This event is free (although donations are welcome to help the parishes pay the sisters' travel and accommodation costs and other expenses) and is on Friday 6th February, at 7pm, in Saint Mary's Parish Hall, Glossop. For details please see the poster or visit www.glossopcatholics.org.uk/newdirections.

7 sacraments: A Call to Live What We Receive: The sacraments are not the end of the journey; they are the beginning and nourishment of Christian life. What we receive at the altar must be lived at home, at work, in school, and in society. As Pope Saint John Paul II once said, *"The Church lives by the Eucharist."* And we could add: a Catholic lives fully only when the sacraments are at the heart of life. Let us, as baptised Catholics, renew our love for the sacraments. Let us respect them, prepare well for them, and live what we receive. In doing so, we not only strengthen our own faith, but we also pass on a living and joyful faith to our children and to future generations. May the Lord help us to cherish these sacred gifts and to live as faithful sons and daughters of His Church. **Our Responsibility as Baptised Catholics:** Being a baptised Catholic means more than belonging—it means participating. The Church teaches that Catholics have a responsibility to: Participate in Sunday Mass, Receive the sacraments with faith and proper preparation, Go to Confession regularly, Receive Holy Communion worthily, Live according to Gospel values in daily life. The sacraments are not magical acts. They bear fruit when we approach them with faith, respect, and preparation. Receiving a sacrament without understanding or preparation is like receiving a beautiful gift and never opening it. **A Gentle Reminder:** The sacraments are holy, and they must never be misused or taken lightly. Parents, families, priests, and the whole parish community share responsibility in helping our children and young people understand their meaning and importance. Faith is not only taught in classrooms—it is lived at home, in church, and in everyday life. **Conclusion** Dear friends, the sacraments are God's way of staying close to us. They are not burdens, but blessings. They are not just traditions, but encounters with Christ. Let us renew our love for the sacraments, receive them with reverence, and allow them to shape our lives. As St Augustine beautifully said: *"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us."* May we honour that love by living fully our sacramental life as faithful, joyful, and committed Catholics.