

THE PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING ALFRETON &  
SS PATRICK AND BRIDGET CLAY CROSS

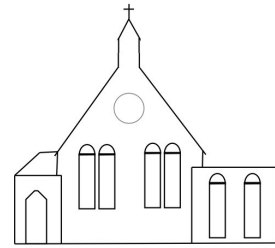
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**Twenty Seventh Sunday: Weekly Bulletin 07<sup>th</sup> October– 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023**  
**CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST**

**Alfreton**

**Saturday 07<sup>th</sup> October:** 6.30pm Mass:  
Mary Hickey Wellbeing

**Sunday 08<sup>th</sup> October:** 10.30am  
Rae Morton Ints

**Monday 09<sup>th</sup> October: NO MASS**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October:**  
9 am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Seamus Doherty RIP

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October:** David Johnson Ints  
9 am Adoration, 9.30am Mass:

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October:** 6.30pm Mass

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October:** 10.30am Mass  
Tracy Connolly RIP

**Clay Cross**

**Sunday 08<sup>th</sup> October:** 9.00am Mass:  
Joseph Culligan RIP & Marjorie Culligan RIP

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October: St Paulinus**  
9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Bridie Joyce Wellbeing

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October:**  
9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Jill Thompson RIP

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October:** 9am Mass:

**October 2023 Cleaners**

**Alfreton:** Marta/York  
**Clay Cross:** Bosko/Seenia

**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 Diane Davey. ***Please remember all in our parish who need our prayers.***

**Week's Readers: Alfreton**

Saturday 6.30pm Eugene Grant/Polly Wellby  
Sunday 10.30am Fiona Molumby/Natasha Erskine  
**Clay Cross:** Sunday 9am Bruce Johnson/David Johnson

**Next Week's Readers: Alfreton**

Saturday 6.30pm Peter Babe/Maureen Fuller  
Sunday 10.30am Natasha Erskine/John Boxall  
**Clay Cross:** Sunday 9am Jiya Bosko/Sheila Hall

**Collection for 30<sup>th</sup> September – 01<sup>st</sup> October 2023**

Alfreton	£234.89
Clay Cross	£110.20
Standing Order	£243.75
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>£588.84</b>

Candles	£0.70
Repository	£37.70
Hall Hire	£150.00
Mass Offerings	£215.00

***Many thanks for your generosity***

**“Sometimes people don't notice the things we do for them until we stop doing them”**

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**Rosary Beads:** A sincere thank you to the anonymous parishioner who generously donated nearly 500 sets of Rosary Beads to the parish. Feel free to take a set and use them daily during this month especially. May God bless you

**October winners** were Howard Booth, Ted Bennett, A. Bailey, Margaret Isaacs and Veronica Grant. Next draw 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> November

**SVP:** We would like to express our gratitude to those attended the Seniors Lunch, where it was suggested that the raffle money (£42) will be donate to SVP in recognition to our work.

**MISSIO BOXES** are due to be emptied during the month of October 2023, so please bring your boxes in to both churches. If you have mislaid your box and would like a replacement please let us know.

**Knit & Natter Appeal for remnants of fabrics:** Have you finished a sewing project that's resulted in some leftover fabric? Maybe you have a "fabric stash" that could do with a tidy up. Our parish Knit & Natter group are appealing for donations of fabric which could be used by members throughout the year to craft items to be sold at the bazaar and other fundraising events. Many thanks

**For the Mass with the Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on Saturday 18th November** a rehearsal will be held on Saturday 4th November 10:30am-1.00pm, with tea and coffee available from 10.00am in the Cathedral. All are welcome.

**Revolution of Tenderness:** the 2023 annual Caritas Assembly with the SVP, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November at St Mary's church, Derby. Parishioners and SVP members are warmly invited to a day to help put faith into action and reach out to the community. The gathering starts at 10.00am with Mass celebrated by Bishop Patrick. During the day the keynote speaker is Alessandra Sciarra, SVP's parliamentary adviser, and afternoon workshops will focus on mental health, supporting refugees, offering hospitality and greening the parish. Join Caritas, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul and Catholics from around the diocese to discover Christ in those in need, deepen our discipleship and build a more just and peaceful world. **To book visit [bit.ly/revolutionoftenderness](http://bit.ly/revolutionoftenderness) or telephone 0115 648 1509**

**In preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025 Pope Francis** has asked the Church to look again at some of the documents of the Second Vatican Council. Nottingham Deanery is hosting a series of talks, open to all, and presented by specialists in each Constitution: **1)** Father Guy Nicholls cong orat, Monday 2nd October, at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour parish hall, Bulwell NG6 9ES, speaking about Sacrosanctum Concilium, the constitution about the liturgy; **2)** Father Richard Ounsworth OP, Wednesday 18th October, at Sacred Heart community center, Carlton NG4 1FP, speaking about Dei Verbum, the constitution about scripture. **3)** Doctor Mary McCaughey, Monday 20th November, at Saint John the Evangelist parish hall, Stapleford NG9 7BT, speaking about Gaudium et Spes, the constitution about the Church in the world. **3)** Bishop Patrick, Thursday 30th November, at Our Lady and Saint Patrick in the Meadows' parish hall, The Meadows NG2 1JQ, speaking about Lumen Gentium, the constitution about the Church. **4)** Each evening will begin at 7pm with a talk, followed by questions, and light refreshments, before finishing at 8.30pm. All are very welcome to come and hear more about these documents which are central to our faith.

**Preaching at Advent and Christmas with Jewish people in mind** – an event on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 11.00am to 1.00pm at Saint Philip's Centre, 2a Stoughton Drive North, Leicester LE5 5UB. Lunch is provided; to book a place email [courses@stphilipscentre.co.uk](mailto:courses@stphilipscentre.co.uk)

**October is designated by the Catholic Church as the "Month of the Rosary"** because in this month the Church celebrates the Marian advocacy of "Our Lady of the Rosary" on Oct 7. Here are 10 ways you can more closely align your life and home to the Rosary. Perhaps some of these wonderful devotions will stick around your domestic church even after October is over! **1 DESIGN AND PLANT A ROSARY GARDEN, 2 SET YOUR DINING TABLE, MANTEL OR OTHER PROMINENT AREA IN YOUR HOME WITH AN OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY ALTAR, 3 COOK FOR THE QUEEN, 4 ADD ROSARY-INSPIRED PRAYERS AT SPECIAL MOMENTS, 5 SURROUND YOURSELF WITH ART AND MUSIC THAT HONORS MARY, 6 READ A MARIAN CLASSIC, 7 DEVOTE SATURDAYS TO MARY'S HONOR, 8 PRACTICE SPECIAL ACTS OF CHARITY, 9 PRAY THE ROSARY EVERY DAY FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER OR PRAY A FAMILY ROSARY, 10 FIND WAYS TO SHARE THE ROSARY WITH OTHERS.**

**Synod Assembly of Bishops to be held in 2023 and 2024:** Pope Francis announces that the Assembly meetings of the Synod of Bishops on Synodality will take place in two sessions: in October 2023 and October 2024. The Synod of Bishops' meetings in the Vatican—originally scheduled to be held in October 2023—will now also take place in October 2024, as part of the same Synod but held in 2 sessions. Pope Francis announced the extension of the Synod on Synodality when speaking to pilgrims in St. Peter's Square at the Angelus address on last Sunday. The spirituality of journeying together is called to become an educational principle for the formation of the human person and of the Christian, of the families, and of the communities. How do we form people, especially those who hold roles of responsibility within the Christian community, to make them more capable of "journeying together," listening to one another and engaging in dialogue? What formation do we offer for discernment and the exercise of authority? What tools help us to read the dynamics of the culture in which we are immersed and their impact on our style of Church? We recall that the purpose of the Synod, and therefore of this consultation, is not to produce documents, but "to plant dreams, draw forth prophecies and visions, allow hope to flourish, inspire trust, bind up wounds, weave together relationships, awaken a dawn of hope, learn from one another and create a bright resourcefulness that will enlighten minds, warm hearts, give strength to our hands."