

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

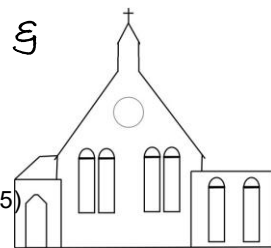
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Christ the King Sunday: Weekly Bulletin 22nd – 30th November 2025 CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

Alfreton

Saturday 22nd November: 6.30pm Mass:

Jim & Peggy Lemal RIP

Sunday 23rd November: 10.30am Mass: Lezlie Clements RIP

Monday 24th November: **NO MASS**

Wednesday 26th November:

9am Adoration, 9.30am Eucharistic Service

Friday 28th November:

9am Adoration, 9.30am Eucharistic Service

Saturday 29th November: 6.30pm Mass:

Margaret & Ted Mounsley RIP

Sunday 30th November: 10.30am Mass:

Terry & Pittman RIP

Clay Cross

Sunday 23rd November: 9am Mass:

Noel & John O'Malley RIP

Tuesday 25th November:

9.30am Adoration, 10am Eucharistic Service

Thursday 27th November:

9.30am Adoration, 10am Eucharistic Service

Sunday 30th November: 9am Mass:

Janet & Les Day RIP

November 2025 Cleaners

Alfreton: RM Coyne

Clay Cross: Biju Family

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: Margaret Kerry/Clare Smith

Sunday 10.30am: Tom McCallum/Fiona Molumby

This Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Laveena/Feo

Next Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Joshua Chamberlain/Veronica Grant

Sunday 10.30am: Francis O'Brien/Natasha Erskine

Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Amelia/Shawn

Collection for 15th & 16th November 2025

Alfreton	£355.85
Clay Cross	£274.22
Standing Order	£255.00

Total Collection **£885.07**

Repository CTK	£30.08
CC	£48.65
Candles CTK	£31.54
CC	£37.36
Tea/Coffee CTK	£16.90
Pensioner's Lunch	£205.00
Knit & Natter	£7.00
Hall Hire	£200.00

Many thanks for your generosity

"If you want to know what God thinks of wealth, look at whom He gives it to". Fulton Sheen

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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“Walk With Me” Advent Recollection booklets are now available in the church porch. This year, we have ordered more than usual to support your spiritual journey during this holy season. Please feel free to take a booklet and spend some time reflecting on our faith as we prepare for the joyful celebration of Christmas. A suggested donation of £1 per booklet would be greatly appreciated.

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls: One of the best gifts you can give someone is to have a Holy Mass said for their intentions or for the repose of their souls. Feel free to request a Holy Mass for your intentions.

Christmas Decorations – Alfreton & Clay Cross: We warmly invite all parishioners to come together as a parish family to help prepare our churches for the Christmas season. **Alfreton:** Saturday, 29th November at 11am and **Clay Cross:** After Mass on Sunday, 30th November. Your presence and helping hands will make our churches beautiful for the celebration of Christmas.

Christmas Bazaar 2025: Our joyful annual Parish event — the Christmas Bazaar — is fast approaching! This year it will take place on Saturday, 6th December, from 12 noon to 2.30pm. I warmly encourage all of you to take part in this beloved tradition by: Buying and selling Christmas Raffle tickets, Donating good-quality items, Offering any support you can to make the day a great success. Your generosity, as always, helps our parish community flourish. We would be truly grateful for your support in making the 2025 Christmas Bazaar another wonderful celebration. Thank you, and God bless you for all you do.

Seniors’ Christmas Dinner is on Monday, 1st December 2025 at 1pm. Please put your name on the list at the back of the Church by Sunday, 23rd November 2025, or telephone 07739896735 by Wednesday 26th November (leave a message if there is no answer), if you would like to attend the Parish Christmas Dinner. This is so we can make sure we cater for the correct number of people. Join us for a fantastic Christmas get-together and feast with carols from the children of CTK School and our very own resident MC, comedian, and crooner extraordinaire, Gerry Molumby. Not to mention a seasonal Sing-along with Gerry, Martin and Paul, Bingo, Raffle and maybe even some Dancing! Looking forward to seeing you there.

Children’s Christmas Party – Volunteers Needed: Our parish is hoping to host a Children’s Christmas Party on Saturday, 20th December, but we cannot do this without the support of committed volunteers and group leaders. If we are unable to gather enough helpers, we may unfortunately have to cancel the event. If you can spare some time to help make this celebration special for our children, please speak to Fr. Paul after the Saturday or Sunday Holy Mass. Thank you for your generosity and support.

DROP-IN DROP-OFF: As we approach Christmas, I’ve been thinking about our many elderly parishioners who would love to take part in the Christmas celebrations, Christmas meals, and other parish events. These faithful men and women—who are truly the cornerstones of our parish—often need a little help getting to church. If anyone is able to offer a lift from Alfreton & Clay Cross to an elderly parishioner for Saturday or Sunday Mass, or for special gatherings such as the Christmas meals or the pensioners’ lunch, your kindness would make a big difference. If you can help, please speak to Fr. Paul after any of the Holy Masses. Thank you very much for your generosity and care.

Jesus Youth: Get ready for a day bursting with music, games, laughter, and love! The Jesus Youth Birmingham Region is organizing One-Day Program, *Jesus and Me* for Pre teens on *29th November 2025* from 9:30am -4:30pm which is specially crafted for kids in school years 5,6 and 7. Registration fee-£10 per child, Venue: Kirby Catholic Social Club, Kirby in Ashfield, Nottingham, NG 17 7BX, ☎07414746463.

As the season of Advent draws near, the Diocesan Youth Service (NDCYS) invites young people in Years 10-13 to step away from the busyness of everyday life and join at The Briars for ADVENTure 2025 — a weekend retreat designed to help people pause, pray, and prepare for the coming of Christ. The Retreat takes place between Friday 28th and Sunday 30th November, and costs £50. More information and booking details can be found at: <https://www.ndcys.com/adventure-open-retreat/>

The Nottingham Catholic Medical Association Mass is being celebrated on Monday 1st December at 8pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham NG1 5AW. All are warmly invited to Mass, and to join for drinks at Browns, afterwards. If you have any questions about the Nottingham CMA, for all healthcare workers, students and retired, please get in touch with Caroline: 0775 7285 888.

Join the Diocesan Finance Team as a Parish Bookkeeper, a rewarding opportunity to support parishes across the Diocese of Nottingham in maintaining accurate financial and Gift Aid records. Based at St Hugh’s House in Nottingham, this 2-year fixed-term role (with potential transition into Deanery Service Hubs) offers a salary of £27–£30k pa, depending on experience. The successful candidate will provide professional bookkeeping services, help clear backlogs, and ensure compliance with diocesan standards. Strong technical skills and the ability to work collaboratively with clergy and volunteers are essential. Apply by 9am on Monday 1st December via www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers/parishbookkeeper

School admissions to Catholic Primary Academies (Reception Year) - Children born between 01/09/2021 and 31/08/2022. The deadline for submitting an application for a school place is 15th January 2026. Application forms are available on your ‘home’ Local Authority website. For every Catholic school you apply for if you wish your child to be considered and ranked under a faith criterion you should also complete a supplementary information form, and return this form to the school by the deadline, (forms are available from the LA and the school). You must also include the supporting evidence* as required with this form, ie a baptism certificate (photocopies are acceptable; contact the parish of baptism if you don’t have a copy); failure to supply the required supporting evidence will mean your child is ranked in a lower criterion which may affect your chance of a place.

As Advent approaches you are warmly invited to take some quiet time for reflection, prayer, and renewal with Father Chris Thomas, a priest of the Archdiocese of Liverpool, reflecting on the Figures of Advent: the prophets, Mary, Joseph, and John the Baptist, whose faith, courage, and hope prepared the way for Christ’s coming. The Retreat is being held at the Presentation Sisters Convent, Chesterfield Road, Matlock DE4 3FT on Saturday 29th November between 10.00am and 4.00pm. A suggested donation is £10, bring a packed lunch. For more details email associates@pbvmengland.co.uk