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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent 2022

Weekly Bulletin 10<sup>th</sup> December – 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022

CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

**Alfreton**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December: 6.30pm Mass:**

**Gaudete Sunday:** Barbara Read RIP

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December: 10.30am Mass:**

**Gaudete Sunday:** Kathen Vickers RIP

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December: No Mass**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December:** St John of the Cross  
6pm Adoration, 6.:30pm Mass followed by  
**Confession:** James Queally RIP

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December:** Holy Souls  
9am Adoration, 09:30am Mass followed by  
**Confession**

***Next weekend's Masses***

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December: 6.30pm: Mass**  
Barbara Read RIP

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December: 10.30am Mass**  
Mark Sanderson

**Clay Cross:**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December: 9am Mass:**

**Gaudete Sunday:** Moreen Parr Well being

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December: St Lucy**

09:30am Adoration, 10 am Mass: James Queally RIP

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December:** Caroline MacDougall  
well being: 09:30am Adoration, 10 am Mass

***Next weekend's Mass***

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December: 9am Mass:**

**December Cleaners**

**Alfreton:** O'Donnell Family

**Clay Cross:** Ina Byrne & Terry Mortimer

**Collection for 03<sup>rd</sup> – 04<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

**Alfreton**

Envelopes £111.00

Loose Plate £256.16

**Total £367.16**

**Clay Cross**

Envelopes £77.00

Loose Plate £114.40

**Total £191.40**

**Grand Total £558.56**

Repository £6.20, Candles £36.00, Bazaar £1754.72  
Standing Orders £203.00,

***Many thanks for your generosity***

**Sick & Housebound**

**Please pray for –** Sara Lane, Shirley Oakes, Ian Martin, Val Kerlin, Betty Deane, Mary Pfeffer, Hazel Titon, Martin Mullally, Leah Philbin, Elsie Stewart, Brian Bradford, Peter Egan. Ted Bennett, Jim Johnson, Rob Lane, John Oliver, Karen Parker, Bridie Joyce and Tony & Diane Davey

***Please remember all in our parish who need our prayers***

**Week's Readers: Alfreton**

Saturday 6.30pm - Cecilia Fletcher

Sunday 10.30am - Fiona M

**Clay Cross:** Sunday 9am Francis Cassidy

**Next Week's Readers: Alfreton**

Saturday 6.30pm – Paul Fuller

Sunday 10.30am – Catherine Galloway

**Clay Cross:** Sunday 9am Ted Bennett

**“Joy does not simply happen to us. We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day”** Henri Nouwen

**December Lottery winners** are Mr B Brown, Sue Jepson, Angela Isaacs, Stef Gannon and Eileen Wragg.

Next draw 1st Jan 2023

**Raffle prizes unclaimed from the Christmas Bazaar:** Christmas cake: Jacob White, and Box Biscuits: Lola Evans

**On Christmas Eve** there will be a Children's Mass at Christ the King Church. Carols will be sung by the children from 5:30pm followed by Mass at 6pm. The children are welcome to attend Mass in Nativity costumes or festive wear. The children from school will be leading the readings and there will be a nativity tableau created during the Mass. Please see Catherine Washbourne if you would like your child to be included in the tableau.

**Children's Liturgy:** Volunteers are needed to help with the Children's Liturgy for 10.30 mass at Alfreton. Please speak to Matthew (McCallum) to find out more information.

**Consultation on Sixth Form Admissions Arrangements:** The following sixth forms are consulting on their admission arrangements - All Saints' Sixth Form, Mansfield, Christ the King Sixth Form, Arnold, St Peter & St Paul Sixth Form, Lincoln, The Becket School Sixth Form, West Bridgford and The Trinity School Sixth Form, Nottingham. The consultation will run from 7 December 2022 – 17 January 2023. Details of the consultation, the proposed changes and how to make comment can be found at [www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk/governance/admissions](http://www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk/governance/admissions)

**Fire Evacuation Drill:** A planned Fire Evacuation Drill will take place immediately after both the 09:00 Mass at Clay Cross, and the 10:30 Mass at Alfreton on Sunday 18th December. This activity, along with other recent fire safety improvements, helps us in our committed efforts to secure our personal safety and protect our buildings from the dangers of fire. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

**Stamps:** I know we don't get many these days, but please SAVE YOUR STAMPS for charity. Box in the porch

**Loaves and Fishes Pantry Shop at the Christian Centre,** Hall Street, every Thursday 10 am to 12 noon. An opportunity for those hit by the cost of living crisis to buy a bag of shopping for just £2.

**Christmas Carols** by the Christmas tree in Alfreton High Street, Saturday 17th December at 11.30 am. Wrap up well.

**CTK Warm Space:** As the cold weather is upon us and fuel bills start to rise, we have decided to make the Parish Centre available to the community as a Warm Space where people can come to keep warm. Refreshments will be available throughout the day along with biscuits and snacks. We would also like to make games available, so if you have any spare packs of cards, dominoes, or board games that you could let us have that would be great. We plan to run The Warm Space every Tuesday from 9.00 pm until 4.00 pm.

**Seniors' Christmas Dinner and Party Friday 16th December 2022** at 1.00 pm: Please put your name on the list at the back of Church by Sunday 11th December 2022 if you would like to attend the Parish Christmas Dinner and Party. This is essential so that we can make sure that 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. Looking forward to seeing you there.

**From 1st November 2022 to 31st January 2023** donations made to Mary's Meals will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1,500,000. Today we face some of our greatest challenges yet in a world devastated by conflict, food insecurity and the cost-of-living crisis, which we know is affecting people here in the UK as well as in the countries where Mary's Meals works. With Double the Love donations will be matched, and kindness will go even further – meaning Mary's Meals can reach even more desperately hungry children with a life-changing school meal. There are many ways to get involved, to find out more visit [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk)

**Advent Reflection: Reflection:** What are you hoping for this Advent season? How can you put your hope in God? This time of year can be difficult for many of us as we grieve the loss of someone or something dear in our lives, how can you place your future hope in God during this time of sadness? What are some ways you celebrate the four weeks of Advent? How can you share this message of hope to others who still remain in darkness and separated from Christ?

### **CHRISTMAS MASSES & NEW YEAR 2023**

**CHRIST THE KING ALFRETON:** Saturday December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Children's Mass: 6pm and don't forget we have carol singing at 5.30pm before H Mass, Midnight Mass: 12pm

**CLAY CROSS:** Sunday December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day Mass:9am

**CHRIST THE KING ALFRETON:** Sunday December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day Mass:10.30am

**CHRIST THE KING ALFRETON:** NEW YEAR'S Mass on Saturday at 12pm (Midnight Mass) & Adoration 11pm to 12pm