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Twenty Seventh Sunday: Weekly Bulletin 03rd & 11th October 2026

Next 28th Saturday/Sunday (10th & 11th October) Holy Mass Readings: Isa 25:6-10a, Phil 4:12-14,19-20, Mt 22:1-14

Sacrament of Confession is available at any time

<u>Alfreton</u>	<u>Clay Cross</u>														
Saturday 03rd October: 6.30pm Mass: Pat Whelpdale Wellbeing Sunday 04th October: 11am Mass: Marjorie Culligan RIP & Joseph Culligan RIP Monday 05th October: <u>NO MASS</u> Wednesday 07th October: Our Lady of Rosary 9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Frederick Forsyth RIP Friday 09th October: St John Henry Newman 9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Patrick Mackell RIP Saturday 10th October: 6.30pm Mass: Patrick Mackell RIP Sunday 11th October: 11am Mass: Tracy Connolly RIP	Sunday 04th October: 9am Mass: K M George RIP Tuesday 06th October: 9.30am Adoration, 10am Eucharistic Service: Thursday 08th October: 9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Rosarie Ripley Ints Sunday 11th October: 9am Mass: Patrick Mackell RIP														
<u>Sick & Housebound:</u>	<u>October 2026 Cleaners</u>														
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, Margaret Marsh, Alice Ibbotson and Pennie Burton. Please remember all in our parish who need our prayers.	Alfreton: Bridget W Clay Cross: Mary Bentley & Mary Shelton														
<u>This Week's Readers: Alfreton</u>	<u>Collection for 26th & 27th September 2026</u>														
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“God has given each of us a vineyard to look after. The only problem is that sometimes we start behaving as though we own the whole estate.”

Second Collection: This Saturday/Sunday 03rd & 04th October: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day.

Next Saturday/Sunday 11th & 12th October: Prisoner's Sunday

From Bishop Patrick McKinney: Dear Fr Paul, thank you for the warm welcome you gave me over the parish visitation weekend. I very much enjoyed my time with you and the conversations we had. You are doing an excellent job in the parish and are greatly loved and appreciated by parishioners in both Alfreton and Clay Cross. Thank you for your encouraging and affirming ministry to your parishioners. It is clearly bearing fruit. The Meeting with your Mission Team was very encouraging and there seemed to be a determined enthusiasm to produce a good Mission Plan for the parish. I pray that it will soon identify a few initiatives for this year which can then be developed and built upon over the next few years. Please pass on my thanks to parishioners in both churches for their kindness and the warmth of their welcome to me. I greatly enjoyed the opportunities to listen to and speak with parishioners before and after all the Masses. I was also really pleased to receive the cards signed by many parishioners in each church. Finally, thank you so much for your far too generous gifts and cheque on behalf of the parish. With gratitude, prayer and good wishes, **Bishop Patrick**

Thank You for a Wonderful Bishop's Visit: A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make Bishop Patrick's recent visit to Alfreton and Clay Cross such a successful, joyful and family-oriented occasion. Thank you to all who helped with the Holy Masses especially Altar servers, music, hospitality, food, preparation, decorations and all the little things behind the scenes. We are especially grateful to our Parish Mission Team for their time and commitment, and to everyone who welcomed Bishop Patrick so warmly. Bishop Patrick greatly enjoyed his visit and was very encouraged by the warmth, faith and friendship of both our parish communities. Thank you everyone—you helped make it a truly special and memorable weekend! May God bless you all abundantly.

Monthly Pensioner's lunch: Join us for an enjoyable parish lunch on Monday, 5th October 2026, at 1pm! We can't wait to share a delicious meal and wonderful company with you!

Christmas Bazaar Planning Meeting: Our first planning meeting for the Christmas Bazaar will be on Wednesday, 7th October, at 2.30pm in the Children's Liturgy Room at Alfreton. Please come along and share your ideas, suggestions and creative plans for this big parish event. Everyone is very welcome! The more ideas we have, the better—and the more people who come, the less work Mary Bentley & Mary Shelton have to do!

The National Eucharistic Congress and Procession, Adoremus, is being celebrated in London next Saturday, 10th October. Places are still available for parishioners to participate in the Day, with coach travel (leaving Clifton at 6.45am and returning at 9.30pm) which includes a talk and exhibition, Mass in Southwark Cathedral, the Eucharistic Procession from Southwark Cathedral to Westminster Cathedral, and then departure from there at about 6pm. The subsidised cost is £15 per person. There's no age restriction, although anyone aged under 18 on the day will need to be accompanied by a responsible adult. There is a requirement to be able to participate in the Pilgrimage route, which will be about two miles. To book contact Father Simon Gillespie – simon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk 6th October.

Adoremus – National Eucharistic Congress and Process: As part of Adoremus – the National Eucharistic Congress and Process, taking place on Saturday, 10th October, we will have one hour of Eucharistic Adoration in Christ the King Alfreton from 12 noon to 1 pm. Everyone is warmly invited to come, pray and spend some quiet time with the Lord in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Clay Cross Afternoon Tea: October 19th and sign down by October 11th. All are welcome- where you can meet one another, enjoy a chat, have a laugh, and just be together.

Lasting Power of Attorney: Anne Marie is a retired legal professional and can be contacted by phone on 07528 665238 or by email on annemarie.wilson-geps@sky.com

A Friendly Car Park Reminder: Just a gentle reminder that the crossed/hatched area must be kept clear at all times, as it needs to remain accessible for emergency vehicles and safe access and movement after Mass. Please use the designated parking spaces and avoid parking in the restricted areas. Your cooperation helps us keep the car park safe and accessible for everyone.

The Diocese is inviting all Catechists to a day at Holy Trinity Newark on Saturday 17th October entitled: Reimagining Catechesis. As a catechist would you love to see more families engaged with parish life and growing in faith? That at the end of sacramental programs fewer people would 'disappear'. This day led by the team from GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) will share how this is happening in their parishes and it can happen in yours too. For more information see the poster in church or visit dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/km

A Parish Pilgrimage to Rome – May 2027 Next year, as part of our Parish Centenary celebrations, we are hoping to organise a one-week parish pilgrimage to Rome, probably during the first or second week of May 2027. It would be lovely to celebrate 100 years of our parish not only by looking back with gratitude, but also by making a pilgrimage together as a parish family and creating some wonderful new memories. Please contact: Laura at LAURAQS@ME.COM or on WhatsApp +44 7747 837476

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.

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. For more information please contact Fiona Molumby at fmolumby@aol.com.

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.