

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

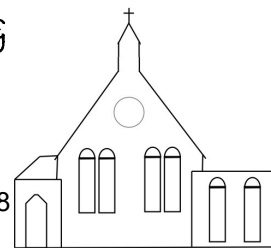
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## 01<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent: Weekly Bulletin 17<sup>th</sup>– 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024 CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

### Alfreton

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February:** 6.30pm Mass: Bridgitte Harrison RIP

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February:** 10.30am Mass: Barney Hickey Ints

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February:** No Mass

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February:**

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Nancy Hynes Wellbeing

**1pm Funeral service for Florence May Ledger**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February:** Jim Waldron RIP

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass & Station of the Cross

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February:** 6.30pm Mass

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February:** 10.30am Mass

### Clay Cross

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February:** 9.00am Mass: Robert Byrne RIP

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February:**

9.30 Adoration, 10am Mass: Madeline Bowers Ints

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February:** Bridie Joyce Wellbeing

9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass & Station of the Cross

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February:** 9am Mass: Anne Shirley Ints

### February 2024 Cleaners

**Alfreton:** Marta & York

**Clay Cross:** Terry & Ina

### 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 Maureen Fuller. **Please remember all in our parish who need our prayers.**

### This Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: S Chamberlain / Rob Farrell

Sunday 10.30am: Natan / Fiona Molumby

### This Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Kate Tippen / Seenia Bosko

### Next Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Peter Babe / Maureen Fuller

Sunday 10.30am: John Boxall / Clare Smith

### Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Reena Gigi / Sheila Hall

### Collection for 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Alfreton	£330.96
Clay Cross	£181.41
Standing Order	£243.75
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>£756.12</b>

Candles	£42.99
Repository	£8.20
Hall Hire	£100.00
Parish lunch	£94.00

*Many thanks for your generosity*

**"LENT: Some things don't need to be cut back. They need to be cut off"** Beth Moore

**Baptism:** We welcome James Michael Orru into the parish community of Ss Patrick & Brigid. Best wishes to him and his family.

**Florence May Ledger RIP:** We pray for the repose of the soul of Florence May Ledger who died recently. The funeral service will take place at Christ the King Church at 1pm, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February, followed by burial at Alfreton cemetery. Our sincere condolences to her family and friends.

**A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, First Sunday of Lent:** The saints recognise that prayer is not always easy, for our human nature is frequently distracted or tempted by seemingly more important priorities. Many of the saints experienced long periods of spiritual dryness and even darkness. They teach us that the only response to these temptations is greater perseverance. In our daily efforts to persevere in prayer may we trust that our own spiritual combat, like that of Jacob and the angel (Genesis 28:16), will bear fruit in a deeper and more mature relationship with the Lord.

**Family Fast Day.** When so many people in other parts of the world are worried about living, such as whether or not there will be food or health, CAFOD is there to help. We ask you to give up your normal meals on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February and give the money saved to CAFOD in the special envelope. Tax payers can add to their gift with Gift Aid, so £10 becomes £12.50 for CAFOD.

**Parish Lunch, Monday 4th March 2024 at 1 pm.** Please put your name on the list at the back of Church by Sunday 25th February 2024 if you would like to attend the next Parish Lunch for Pensioners (60 and over). This will help us with catering. Look forward to seeing you there.

**Calling all piano players:** Are you a pianist looking to expand your music skills? Join us at Clay Cross, where Hilary, our talented organist, is eager to help you transition to the organ! Learn to play beautiful hymns and contribute towards our worship during Mass. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to grow as a musician and serve our community. Come and chat with Hilary after Mass.

**Year of Prayer Podcast –** the latest episode of the Diocese of Nottingham's Podcast Encounter Prayer is now live. Sister Susan Richert, a Presentation Sister working in our diocese, leads us in mediative prayer. You can download or stream it from Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcasts and more or by visiting [dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer](http://dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer)

**Caritas invites you to the next online environmental workshop,** Faith and Footprint, on Tuesday 20th February from 7.00 – 8.30pm. Together we will reflect on Laudate Deum, Pope Francis's recent call to action on the climate crisis, and seek to respond to its challenge – including by making our parishes carbon-neutral. To receive the Zoom link book your place at [bit.ly/FaithandFootprint](http://bit.ly/FaithandFootprint)

**Caritas is offering another online workshop to support parish hospitality and outreach projects:** Warmer Welcome, on Monday 26th February, between 7.00 and 8.30pm. Join fellow volunteers, ask questions, gather ideas, or gain inspiration for a project we might start in the parish. This session will be an opportunity to plan for 2024 and learn about resources available through the nationwide Places of Welcome network. To book visit [bit.ly/WarmerWelcome](http://bit.ly/WarmerWelcome)

Nottingham Cathedral is hosting a **Lenten Chamber Concert on Friday 15th March at 7.00pm**, featuring Buxtehude's *Membra Jesu Nostri*, and other Lenten Music, performed by the Cathedral Choir, Boys' Choir, Girls Choir and Arculo Consort. Tickets are available from Diocese Website <http://www.nottinghamcathedral.co.uk/what-s-on/upcoming-events>

The **Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage** will be led by Bishop Patrick between **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July**. By air from East Midlands Airport directly to Lourdes, prices for the full-board five-day pilgrimage start at £819, including a full liturgical programme, and medical care and assistance for those who need it. For more details visit <http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/lourdes> or email the Pilgrimage Deputy Director at [simon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:simon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**The Diocese of Nottingham is delighted to offer three retreats this Lent.** As we celebrate the Year of Prayer and all of us look for ways to grow in our prayer life a retreat can be a fantastic way. The theme of all three retreats is the Year of Prayer and Deepening your Prayer Life. Each retreat day will run from 10am-4pm: Saturday 2nd March – Young Adults' Retreat (18-35) with Word on Fire – Holy Cross Leicester (Free); Saturday 9th March – Women's Retreat (18+) – Holy Trinity, Newark (£12); Saturday 23rd March – Men's Retreat (18+) – Mount Saint Bernard Abbey, Leicestershire (£12). Please see the posters for more information, visit [dioceseofnottingham.uk/events](http://dioceseofnottingham.uk/events) or email [adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**Called to Love** is a new, retreat for singles, dating and engaged couples who want to think more deeply about relationships and the call to marriage. It will be a relaxed weekend with input, prayer, discussion and social, as well as the opportunity to meet like-minded others, and runs from Saturday 4th until Sunday 5th May, with the option of a night's stay on Friday 3rd. To book, visit: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/called-to-love/>

All are welcome to join the **Heart of England Walking Pilgrimage** from Worcester to Peterborough, **10<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> August**. The route takes in Worcester, Coventry and Peterborough cathedrals, and much splendid countryside, together with rest days in Warwick and Market Harborough. Come for the whole journey or just an afternoon and experience walking as part of our travelling Christian community! To find out more and book your place, visit [www.thepilgrims.org.uk/book](http://www.thepilgrims.org.uk/book)

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