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4th Week of Ordinary time: Weekly Bulletin 31st January– 08th February 2026
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<u>Alfreton</u>	<u>Clay Cross</u>														
Saturday 31st January: 6.30pm Mass: Peter Egan RIP	Sunday 01st February: 9am Mass: Anne Marie Fletcher RIP														
Sunday 01st February: 10.30am Mass: Elsie Stewarts Ints	Tuesday 03rd February: 9.30am Adoration, 10am Eucharistic Service														
Monday 02nd February: <u>NO MASS</u>	Thursday 05th February: 12.45pm Funeral Mass of Eileen Wragg RIP														
Wednesday 04th February: St Gilbert of Sempringham 9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Claire Uche BDay Ints	Sunday 08th February: 9am Mass: Reena Stanson Ints														
Friday 06th February: St Paul Miki & Companions 9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Michael Lowry RIP															
Saturday 07th February: 6.30pm Mass: Irena Zygmund RIP															
Sunday 08th February: 10.30am Mass: Emilia Iwachow Wellbeing															
<u>Sick & Housebound:</u>	<u>February 2026 Cleaners</u>														
<i>Please pray for</i> – 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. <i>Please remember all in our parish who need our prayers.</i>	Alfreton: Maureen Walker Clay Cross: Roy K Andrews & Fly														
<u>This Week's Readers: Alfreton</u> Saturday 6.30pm: Alison Bailey/Moya Mellors Sunday 10.30am: Fungai Chingwenje/ Natasha Erskine <u>This Week's Readers: Clay Cross</u> Sunday 9am: Adrian Goodall/Kate Tippen <u>Next Week's Readers: Alfreton</u> Saturday 6.30pm: Maureen Fuller/Paul Fuller Sunday 10.30am: Catherine Galloway/Francis O'Brien <u>Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross</u> Sunday 9am: Ted Bennett/Rita Topp	<u>Collection for 24th & 25th January 2026</u> <table> <tr> <td>Alfreton</td><td style="text-align: right;">£366.15</td></tr> <tr> <td>Clay Cross</td><td style="text-align: right;">£264.15</td></tr> <tr> <td>Standing Order</td><td style="text-align: right;">£143.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total Collection</td><td style="text-align: right;">£773.30</td></tr> <tr> <td>Repository</td><td style="text-align: right;">£22.80</td></tr> <tr> <td>Candles CTK</td><td style="text-align: right;">£28.50</td></tr> <tr> <td>Tea/Coffee</td><td style="text-align: right;">£48.28</td></tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Many thanks for your generosity</i></p>	Alfreton	£366.15	Clay Cross	£264.15	Standing Order	£143.00	Total Collection	£773.30	Repository	£22.80	Candles CTK	£28.50	Tea/Coffee	£48.28
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“The Beatitudes are not a list of rules, but a way of life rooted in love.”

Pope Francis

Eileen Wragg RIP: We pray for the repose of the soul of Eileen Wragg, who died recently. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, 5th February at 12:45 pm at Clay Cross, followed by the Committal at Chesterfield. We extend our sincere condolences to her family and friends at this sad time. May the Lord grant her eternal rest and comfort all who mourn. In accordance with Eileen's wishes and those of her family, this will be a celebration of her life. There will be no formal mourning, and parishioners are kindly asked to wear colourful clothing rather than black.

Old Palm Crosses: Please bring your old palm crosses to the church and leave them in the porch. They will be used to prepare the ashes for Ash Wednesday. Thank you for your help and cooperation.

Parish Lunch, Monday 2nd February 2026 at 1pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Bacon or sausage butty: Join us after Mass at Clay Cross and Alfreton churches on Sunday 8th February 2026 for a delicious bacon or sausage butty. Your support will help the parish SVP provide grocery packs for families in need during the Easter and summer holidays, replacing free school meals.

First Holy Communion Preparation session: The next First Holy Communion Preparation session will take place on Wednesday, 4th February at 5pm. We kindly ask all candidates and parents to please attend this important session as we continue our journey together in preparation for the Sacrament. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Baptism Preparation: We will be offering a Baptism Preparation Course every three months, led by Fiona Molumby. The sessions will take place on the first Tuesday of March, May, July, and October. Parents who wish to have their child or children baptised are kindly asked to contact Fiona in good time (fmolumby@aol.com). As Baptism is the beginning of a life of faith, parents are also encouraged to practise the faith regularly together with the godparents (2), taking part in the life of the Church and Sunday Mass. We kindly ask all candidates and parents to please attend this important session as we continue our journey together in preparation for the Sacrament.

Sacrament of Confession: The Sacrament of Confession is a beautiful and vital part of our Catholic faith, where we experience the mercy and forgiveness of our loving God. As always, Confession is available anytime upon request. During Lent, to help us prepare more deeply for Holy Mass, Confessions will be available every Saturday from 12 noon to 1pm at Christ the King Church, Alfreton, beginning Saturday, 21st February. We warmly invite you to come and experience the grace, peace, and healing of God's love through this wonderful Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Rite of Election 2026 Sunday 22nd February 3pm St Barnabas Cathedral, Derby Road, Nottingham. This year we are delighted that representatives from the Loughborough Deanery will be helping to plan and animate the liturgy. The celebration is significant as it marks the 40th anniversary of the first Rite of Election in the diocese. To commemorate this, we hope to gather at least 40 testimonies from people who previously attended the Rite of Election as catechumens or candidates, sharing how their faith has grown since that time. If there is a member of your parish who you think would like to contribute please let me know. **Registration:** Please register using the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/PL3gYnQ3uJ?origin=IprLink>

Warmer Welcome workshop, Monday 9th February at 7.00pm. The next online gathering for volunteers with parish-based drop-ins, lunch clubs or cafés features guest speaker Jo Holland from the UK-wide network 'Places of Welcome'. If you're thinking of starting one, come and find out how others do it! Visit bit.ly/warmer_welcome to book your place.

A Pro-Life Renewal Day is being held on Saturday 14th February, from 10am until 4pm, at Good Shepherd Church, Arnold, and led by Father Bernard Murphy CFR. All are welcome to this day of spiritual renewal, focused on prayer for the sanctity of life at all stages. How do we as Christians keep fighting for the dignity of life, when so many around us do not value it? Father Bernard will help us renew our motivation by opening scripture and Church teaching. There is no charge for the day (donations welcomed); a light lunch and refreshments are provided. To book a place or for more information contact John: pro-life@dioceseofnottingham.uk

The Nottingham 40 Days for Life, Praying for an end to abortion, runs between Wednesday 18th February and Sunday 29th March. During these 40 days of Lent pro-lifers will be: praying for an end to abortion in our community near the main abortion clinic in Nottinghamshire; offering peaceful witness to God's love and the possibility of healing; offering practical, non-judgemental help to women who may want to consider an alternative to abortion, and offering support for post-abortive women. More information is at www.40daysforlife.com/nottingham or contact 40daysforlifenotts@gmail.com

The Diocesan Youth Service NDCYS is taking a group of young people and young adults to Lourdes, France as part of the Diocesan Pilgrimage in July 2026. If you are aged 16+ and unable to go with your school, or a young adult who would like to be a small group leader, we encourage you to download the information pack and apply at ndcys.com/Lourdes

Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 27th – 30th September 2026: Flying from Stansted Airport Cost £674. This includes return flights, transfers from Tarbes/Lourdes Airport and Full Board at the Hotel Irlande and a full programme in Lourdes. More information can be found on their website, www.Allsaintstravel.co.uk. Bookings are being taken on that website too. For more information please contact Fr. John McCay on john.mccay@dioceseofnottingham.uk or 07853068189