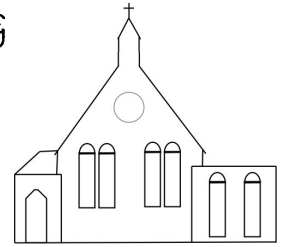
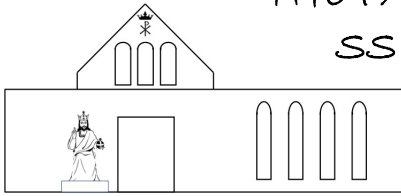


THE PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING, ALFRETON &  
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**02<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent: Weekly Bulletin 09<sup>th</sup> December – 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023**  
**CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST**

**Alfreton**

**Saturday 09<sup>th</sup> December:** 6.30pm Mass: Tony Wilson RIP

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December:** 10.30am: Frances Hill RIP

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December:** **NO MASS**

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

**Sac of Confession Day:** 6pm Mass: Raymond Briggs RIP

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December:**

**1.30pm Funeral Mass of Sandra Gail Johnson**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December:** **Sac of Confession Day**

9 am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: P.K.Joseph & Mary Kurian RIP

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December:** 6.30pm Mass

Bob Hilton RIP

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** 10.30am Mass

Edward De Bono RIP

**Clay Cross**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December:** 9.00am Mass: Ann Coffey RIP

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December:**

9.30 am Adoration, 10am Mass:

Margaret O'Callaghan & Family Ints

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December:** **St John of the Cross**

9.30 am Adoration, 10am Mass: Bride Joice wellbeing

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** 9am Mass:

**December 2023 Cleaners**

**Alfreton:** Maureen Walker

**Clay Cross:** Justin/Amrutha

**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 Diane Davey. ***Please remember all in our parish who need our prayers.***

**This Week's Readers: Alfreton**

Saturday 6.30pm: Paul Fuller/Moya Mellors

Sunday 10.30am: Lilianna/Fiona Molumby

**This Week's Readers: Clay Cross**

Sunday 9am Eileen Wragg/Laveena

**Next Week's Readers: Alfreton**

Saturday 6.30pm: Eugene Grant/Veronica Grant

Sunday 10.30am: Natan/Tom McCallum

**Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross**

Sunday 9am: Sheila Hall/Tintu

**Collection for 02<sup>nd</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

Alfreton	£172.84
Clay Cross	£51.22
Standing Order	£243.75
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>£467.81</b>

Candles	£218.54
Repository	£5.20
Hall Hire	£50.00
Pie/Pea	£100.00
Knit/Natter	£5.00
Christmas Bazaar	£2575.98

*Many thanks for your generosity*

**“Even if nothing ever does go wrong, I have to prepare as though it might.”**

*Becky Chambers*

**Second Collection Today: Poor and Needy Parishioners:** Saturday/Sunday (09<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> December) Second Collection all Holy Masses.

**Christmas Flower collection:** There will be a collection next Sunday. You don't have to give a lot if everybody give a little.

**Christmas Bazaar 2023:** Our Christmas Bazaar went extremely well. We raised £2575.98. Thank you to everybody who worked so hard, especially Mary Bentley and Mary Shelton (Organisers) and everybody who supported us.

**Sandra Gail Johnson RIP:** We pray for the repose of the soul of Sandra Gail Johnson who died recently. The funeral Mass will take place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at Christ the King Alfreton at 1.30 pm followed by 3.00pm Amber Valley Memorial Park & Crematorium. Our sincere condolences to her family and friends.

**December Lottery winners were** Mr. J Dunne, Peter Connolly, Cecelia Fletcher, Howard Booth and L. Law. Thank you to all new subscribers enrolled at the bazaar. Wish luck to all in the new year. If you wish to make a £3 stake per month, in the hope of winning £100, please contact Margaret or Marie Orme for more details.

**Advent Confession at Christ the King Alfreton (English/Polish):** Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December after 6pm Mass, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December after 9.30am Mass. Season of Preparation, Repentance, Penance and Renewal. In confession, God draws us very near, pouring out his merciful love. In confession we are brought close to God.

**A Stamp Reminder:** Please put your stamps with plenty of paper around them into the tub at the back of church. They are collected for charity.

**Pensioners Christmas Dinner and Party.** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023 starting at 1.00 pm. Due to the bad weather, we realise that many of the people who intend to come to the Christmas dinner and party were not able to sign up for it last week. Do not worry. We are catering for the same number of people that came to the dinner last year and the year before (around 50 people). The lists have been left at the back of both churches and it would be helpful if you could sign up this weekend so that we can make sure we set up enough places to accommodate everyone. Many thanks.

**Warm Welcome Space: Urgent appeal.** We need volunteers to help supervise and staff the Warm Welcome Space over the next few weeks. If you can help, even if it is only for a few hours, please sign up on the lists at the back of Christ the King Church. Many thanks. This community initiative operates from 10am to 3pm each Friday.

**The diocese is producing a monthly podcast for the Year of Prayer called Encounter Prayer.** Each month a different type of prayer will be showcased; this first episode is given by Bishop Patrick who introduces the Year of Prayer, his hopes for it, and shares insights from his own prayer life. The Podcasts can be found on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcasts, Amazon Music and Audible by searching Diocese of Nottingham; they are also on the diocesan website: [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer).

**A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer:** To God who blesses, we too respond by blessing — God has taught us how to bless and we must bless — through the prayer of praise, of adoration, of thanksgiving. The Catechism writes: "The prayer of blessing is our response to God's gifts: because God blesses, the human heart can in return bless the One who is the source of every blessing" (n. 2626).

**RCIA** Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church? Would you like to become a full member of the Church? See Fiona for details.

**Parish Accountant:** After reorganising the Parish's Financial System and moving it to the Diocesan on-line application our Parish Accountant, Valerie Inja is retiring. Is there an Accountant in the parish who would be able to take on this role? This important role is an honorary position. Training will be provided. For further information please phone Francis O'Brien on 07592 386341.

**If you are a Gift Aid Declaration Holder please advise your parish office,** or the Diocesan Gift Aid Department ([parish.giftaid@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:parish.giftaid@dioceseofnottingham.uk)) of any change in your circumstances, such as name change / address change / no longer a taxpayer. If your spouse has died and the GA Declaration was in his / her name, and you wish to continue to contribute because you are a taxpayer, then a new GA Declaration Form will need to be completed. Please also advise of the date of your spouse's death. Your continued support of both parish and Diocese is always very much appreciated – thank you! If you do not gift aid your contributions, and you are a taxpayer, and wish to do so, please speak with your parish priest, or contact the parish office for a Gift Aid Declaration Form.

**Vacancies.** In response to the outcomes of our recent consultation the Diocese of Nottingham is pleased to announce two opportunities for individuals to assist in the mission of the diocese, through Young Adult Ministry and through Communication. These new roles will provide key practical support in fulfilling and expanding the objectives of our small but effective one-person departments of Formation for Mission, Communications, and Outreach (Caritas). To apply visit: [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers)

**From the start of December CAFOD is sharing daily Bible reflections,** stories of our global family, prayers and practical ideas for action, as we create a space to prepare for the coming of Christ. This online Advent calendar of daily prayer and reflection will offer an opportunity to pause, reflect, pray and take action as we prepare for Christmas. To sign-up for the Calendar, visit: <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/advent-calendar>

**Christ the King Alfreton & SS Patrick & Brigid church Clay Cross, Bank Details:** Cheques payable to **Christ King Alfreton RCP** Account No: 03155671, Sort Code:30-92-59