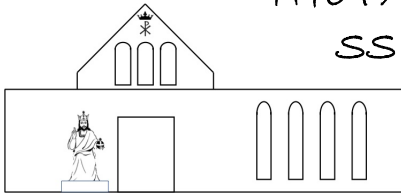


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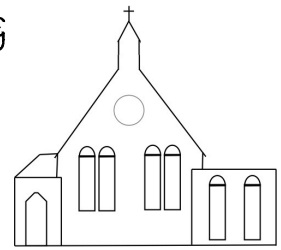
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Thirtieth Sunday: Weekly Bulletin 28th October – 05th November 2023
CONFESIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

Alfreton

Saturday 28th October: 6.30pm Mass:

Marie Clark RIP

Sunday 29th October: 10.30am:

Pat Lee Ints

Monday 30th October: **NO MASS**

Tuesday 31st November: All Saints: Vigil 6.30pm Mass

Thomas Doherty RIP

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday 02nd November: All Souls

10.30am Mass: Michael & Mary Stenson RIP

Friday 03rd November:

9 am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Shaiby Praveen Ints

Saturday 04th November: 6.30pm Mass

Krystyna & Wieslaw & Kazimierczau RIP

Sunday 05th November: 10.30am Mass

Peter Hacon RIP

Clay Cross

Sunday 29th October: 9.00am Mass:

Marie Clark RIP

Wednesday 01st November: All Saints

(Holy Day of Obligation)

9.30 am Adoration, 10am Mass: Alice Cahill RIP

Thursday 02nd November: All Souls

9am Mass: Lisa O'Reilly RIP

Sunday 05th November: 9am Mass:

David Wragg RIP

November 2023 Cleaners

Alfreton: RM Coyne

Clay Cross: Biju Thomas & Biji Biju

Collection for 21st – 22nd October 2023

Alfreton	£353.95
Clay Cross	£163.00
Standing Order	£243.75
Total Collection	£760.75

Candles	£44.78
Repository	£38.70
Hall Hire	£100.00
CTK Tea & Coffee	£16.60
October Parish Lunch	£61.10
Clay Cross Tea & Coffee	£620.00
Mission Sunday	£351.86

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, 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: Cecilia Fletcher / Paul Fuller

Sunday 10.30am: Tom McCallum / Clare Smith

This Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am Kate Tippen / Patricia Byrnes

Next Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Polly Welby/Moya Mellors

Sunday 10.30am: Barrie Meloy/Catherine Galloway

Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Laveena/Susan Smith

"Nobody can love you like God can. Whether your weight, height, mood, age, etc. change He always sees you for who you really are. God is love." *unknown*

First Holy Communion 2023/2024: If your child is in Year 3 or above and you wish for them to make their First Holy Communion this year then we invite you to attend an initial meeting on Thursday 9th November at 4:15pm at Christ the King CVA School. At the meeting we will explain the significance of your role in your child's preparation, share key dates and to give you information in regards to the preparation classes for the children. Application forms for First Holy Communion are available from the back of church or from school. Please return all completed forms at the parent's meeting on the 9th November. Please note there will be an enrolment Mass at Christ the King Church on Sunday 26th November 10:30am which all First Holy Communion candidates must attend. Any queries please contact Mrs Garside at school: 01773 832919.

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls: One of the best gifts you can give someone is to have a Holy Mass said for their intentions or for the repose of their souls. Feel free to request a Holy Mass for your intentions and Holy Souls envelopes are available in the porch.

Parish Monthly lunch: Monday 6th November 2023 at 1.00 p.m. Please put your name on the list at the back of Church by Sunday 29th October 2023 if you would like to attend the next Parish Lunch for Pensioners. This will help us with catering. Look forward to seeing you there. A special thanks to Nina who organised and worked so hard to make the October lunch such a success.

Musical Instruments: Does anybody play flute, Clarinet or Violin in fact any melody instrument to play the hymn tunes now and then with Martin on Sunday mornings. It helps people sing especially unfamiliar hymns. If you can play "morning has broken" you're good enough. Please see Martin, our Guitarist.

Christmas Cards: Please find a wide variety of Christmas cards now available to purchase in the church porch.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succor: Every Friday 2pm to 3pm at Clay Cross church. Everyone invited

Christmas Bazaar Preparations 2023: If you're able to help plan or have an interest in making this year's Christmas Bazaar on 2nd December a great success, please contact Mary Shelton, or Mary Bentley [leomarybentley@hotmail.co.uk or 07436000773]

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace are thrilled to announce that applications are now open to their twice-yearly grant scheme, offering support to local projects and initiatives that align with their mission of fostering peace and justice. The submission deadline for applications is 31st December 2023. The Application Form and Guidelines may be found here: <https://www.christthekingalfreton.org/cs/jp>

EN: An evening of English, American & Polish Music: Join us for a cultural musical celebration on Saturday, November 4th after Mass, featuring a harmonious blend of Polish, English, and American tunes. Admission is free, and we invite you to savour the cultural melodies while enjoying a selection of tasty snacks. <https://www.christthekingalfreton.org/events>

PL: Wieczór gitarowy :muzyki angielskiej, amerykańskiej i polskiej: Dołącz do nas podczas kulturalnego wydarzenia muzycznego w sobotę, 4 listopada po Mszy Świętej wieczornej podczas którego odbędzie się harmonijne połączenie melodii polskiej, angielskiej i amerykańskiej. Wstęp jest bezpłatny, a my zapraszamy do delektowania się kulturalnymi melodiami przy wybornych, smacznych przekąskach. <https://www.christthekingalfreton.org/events>.

Pie & Pea Supper (with Beetle Drive) - Saturday 11th November 7.30 PM: Join us for an evening of casual dining with a traditional, hearty, and comforting meal, including entertainment and games with prizes to be won. Availability is limited and for catering purposes, please book in advance by adding your name to the list at the back of the church and purchasing your ticket. Adults: £6, Children (under 11 years): £3. Please see <https://www.christthekingalfreton.org/events> for more info or speak to Rob F or Barrie M.

Catechist Formation and Training: Are you a Catechist? Or is God calling you to be one? It is such a rewarding ministry and the Diocese of Nottingham has put together a number of course for you to explore or grow further in this vocation. You will find something for you in these courses, from getting standard as a catechist, increasing your knowledge or taking your catechesis beyond sacramental preparation! All sessions are delivered online with the first course starting this November, for more information please speak to your parish priest or email: adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk

The Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst is offering two events: 1) A Pre-Advent retreat Why God Became Man between Friday 24th and Sunday 26th November. This weekend retreat just before Advent will be preached by Father Armand de Malleray FSSP. Information and registration is available at www.ChristianHeritageCentre.com/events/why-God-became-man. **2)** The Christian Leadership Formation programme uniquely offers a combination of stimulating and high-quality intellectual content, spiritual nourishment, and more, with expert academics and professionals. It is open to any student who is motivated by their faith and their studies, with bursaries available. More information is available at www.christianleadershipformation.com

All Saints Day: "We're all called to be great saints. Don't miss the opportunity!" This is a powerful message. It's a very timely reminder because even the saints themselves say that no state in life has a monopoly on holiness. They say that mere "separation from the world" is not an essential ingredient of sanctity. In the olden days, it was thought that if a man were to be holy, he should "leave the world" and live the life of a hermit or monk. In the early days of Christianity, holiness was necessarily associated with martyrdom or monastic virginity. But the good news is that Vatican II has discarded that view and declared that "all the faithful of Christ, of whatever rank and status, are called to the fullness of Christian life" (*Lumen Gentium*, 4). All Saints' Day in the Church's liturgy is to commemorate "all those who died in the grace of the Lord."

All Souls' Day: The Feast of All Souls, or All Souls' Day, is a day set apart for honoring all who have died. The official name for this feast in the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church is: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. It is celebrated on November 2nd and is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation. It is often confused with All Saints' Day, which IS a Holy Day of Obligation. While the two feasts are somewhat related, they do, in fact, have their differences. All Souls' Day is a day to remember the souls of all who have died, but especially those who have not yet attained Heaven. Having a feast such as this may sound dismal, scary, or morbid, but it should not be. This feast should serve as a valuable reminder of who we are and what we are made for. It should also be a special day to fondly remember loved ones who are no longer with us. Celebrating All Souls' Day is one way to never forget those who have gone before us. "The devotion to the memory of the dead is one of the most beautiful expressions of the Catholic spirit." ~ Pope Saint John XXIII

Holy Mass with the Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on Saturday 18th November at Cathedral