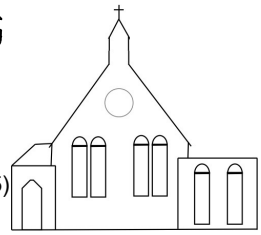


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Thirty First Sunday: Weekly Bulletin 31st October & 08th November 2026

Next 32nd Saturday/Sunday (07th & 08th November) Holy Mass Readings: Wis 6:12-16, 1Thes 4:13-18, Mt 25:1-13

Sacrament of Confession is available at any time

Alfreton

Saturday 31st October: 6.30pm Mass: Ints for Vocations

Sunday 01st November:11am Mass: Patrick Mackell RIP

Monday 02nd November: All Souls Day
9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Holy Souls

Wednesday 04th November:
9am Adoration, 9.30am: Eucharistic Service

Friday 06th November:
9am Adoration, 9.30am: Eucharistic Service

Saturday 07th November: 6.30pm Mass:
Lisa O'Reilly RIP & Gemma O'Reilly RIP

Sunday 08th November:11am Mass: Connie Francis RIP

Clay Cross

Sunday 01st November: 9am Mass:
Welfare of the parish community

Tuesday 03rd November:
9.30am Adoration, 10am Eucharistic Service:

Thursday 05th November:
9.30am Adoration,10am Eucharistic Service:

Sunday 08th November: 9am Mass:

November 2026 Cleaners

Alfreton: Margaret Hardinson
Clay Cross: Robert/Amy

Sick & Housebound:

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 Graczky, 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.***

Collection for 24th & 25th October 2026

Alfreton	£383.34
Clay Cross	£265.15
Standing Order	£158.00
Total Collection	**£806.49**
Repository CTK	£31.00
Candles CTK	£63.44

Many thanks for your generosity

This Week's Readers: Alfreton
Saturday 6.30pm: Moya Mellors/Alison Bailey
Sunday 11am: Joshua Chamberlain/Anita Day
This Week's Readers: Clay Cross
Sunday 9am: Ted Bennett/Laura Morris

Next Week's Readers: **Alfreton**
Saturday 6.30pm: Eugene Grant/Veronica Grant
Sunday 11am: Clare Meloy/Barrie Meloy
Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross
Sunday 9am: Bartosz/Nicole Grey

"Being saints is not a privilege for the few, but a vocation for everyone."

Pope Francis

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Second Collection: This Saturday/Sunday (31st October/01st November): Diocesan Hospices

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls: One of the most beautiful gifts you can give someone is to have a Holy Mass offered for their intentions or for the repose of their soul. You are warmly invited to request a Holy Mass for your own intentions or those of your loved ones. Envelopes for Mass intentions and the Holy Souls are available in the church porch. A Mass offered in prayer is a precious gift of faith, love and hope. As part of our parish tradition, we celebrate a Mass by candlelight during this month, offering our prayers for them and for all the Holy Souls. This year, the candlelight Masses will be celebrated as follows: **Clay Cross**: Tuesday 17th November at 10am, **Alfreton:** Wednesday 18th November at 9.30 am. Everyone is warmly invited to join us in prayer as we remember our loved ones and commend them to God's loving mercy. May the light of Christ shine upon them, and may they rest in eternal peace. Amen.

Join us for an enjoyable parish lunch on Monday, 2nd November 2026 at 1pm! We can't wait to share a delicious meal and wonderful company with you! Come and enjoy good company.

Bacon or sausage butties: On Sunday 8th November 2026 our parish SVP will be providing bacon or sausage butties after Mass at Clay Cross and Alfreton churches. Your support is needed and will be greatly appreciated. The money raised will be used to provide needy families in our parish with food hampers and Christmas presents for their children.

Children's Christmas Eve Mass and Christmas Party – Alfreton: Christmas is a special time for our children! 🎄 If anyone would be willing to help organise the Christmas Eve Mass for children and the children's Christmas party at Alfreton, please let Fr Paul know as soon as possible.

MISSIO BOXES - Please bring in your boxes for emptying in the month of October 2026/early November 2026. Please pick up your free copy of Mission Today magazine from the back of both churches. Your free 2027 Calendars will be left at the back of both churches (not yet received).

Christmas & Mass Cards: Please feel free to take some Christmas cards and Mass cards available in the porch. There are no prices mentioned, so please make a donation in the money box provided. If you need anything else from the shop, please let me know — I am very happy to help you.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR on Saturday 5th December 2026 – WE NEED YOUR HELP! 🎄 Our Christmas Bazaar is coming soon, and we want to make it a wonderful and memorable occasion! To make it a success, sell and buy our Christmas Raffle tickets and we need a few more volunteers and your generous donations. 🙋 Volunteers needed: Gift Stall: 2 people, Tombola Stall: 3 people, Booze Raffle: 1 person, 🎁 Donations needed for raffle prizes and stalls: Brandy, whisky, gin, sherry and port, Christmas cakes and Christmas puddings, Christmas crackers, Boxes of biscuits and chocolates, Bottles for the Bottle Stall. 🙏 Please be generous with your donations, cakes and other contributions. Every little bit helps, and together we can make our Christmas Bazaar 2026 a truly memorable and joyful celebration! A big thank you for your kindness, generosity and support and let's make this Christmas Bazaar a great success! For further information or to volunteer, please contact Mary Shelton (01246863099) or Mary Bentley (07436 000773). or leomarybentley@hotmail.co.uk

Centenary Celebration 2027: As we prepare to celebrate the centenary of our parish in 2027, we give thanks to God for the rich diversity of nationalities within our parish communities. It is a blessing to see people from different countries, cultures and backgrounds living their faith and working together in unity and harmony. To mark this special occasion, we invite parishioners to arrange a flag representing their country of origin. Please ensure that each flag measures 90 inches in length and 60 inches in width, with the name of the country clearly written on it, so that everyone can identify the flag. Please speak with fellow parishioners from your country and arrange the flag together, bringing it to the parish by the end of March 2027. As we have two separate parish communities, Alfreton and Clay Cross, we kindly ask each community to organise its own flags separately. Let us make our centenary a joyful celebration of our faith, our different cultures and our unity as one family in Christ. Thank you for your cooperation and generous support.

Volunteers Needed – Church Vessels: We are looking for one or two volunteers to polish our church vessels with Brasso at least twice a month. If you can spare a few minutes to help care for our parish church, please let Fr Paul know. Your time and support would be greatly appreciated. I would also like to express my sincere thanks to Frances and Eileen for their dedication and commitment in carrying out this task. We are very grateful for their generous service to our parish.

Clay Cross Afternoon Tea: 16th November and sign down by Sunday 8th November. All are welcome- where you can meet one another, enjoy a chat, have a laugh, and just be together.

Catechist Formation: The Diocese of Nottingham is offering three courses about being a catechist: All courses are on Zoom on Thursday evenings, with the first course, Encounter Catechesis, exploring four big questions about the foundations of catechesis, from Thursday 5th November. Speak to your parish priest, or email formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk

CAFOD: Love your neighbour and share the joy of Christmas with a CAFOD World Gift, from safe water to school supplies! Collect a catalogue from church, call 0300 777 0030 or visit www.worldgifts.cafod.org.uk.

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 relax, chat, catch up with old friends and make new ones. Everyone is warmly welcome.*