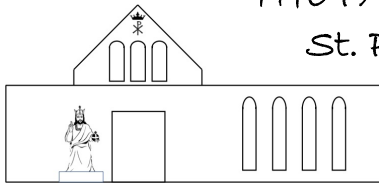


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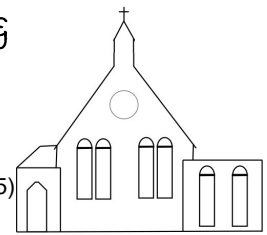
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Fourth Sunday of Easter: Weekly Bulletin 25th April – 03rd May 2026
CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

Alfreton

Saturday 25th April: 6.30pm Mass: Frances Hill RIP

Sunday 26th April: 11am Mass: Deacon Micheal's Ints

Monday 27th April: NO MASS

Wednesday 29th April: St Catherine of Siena

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Pat Howes RIP

Friday 01st May:

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Terrence Lowry RIP &
Monica Harvey RIP

Saturday 02nd May: Mass 6.30pm: Michelle Barker Wellbeing

Sunday 03rd May: 11am Mass: Mary Coyne RIP

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 Graczyk, Maureen Fuller, Paul Fuller, Isobel Hopkins, Diana Davey, Eugene Grant, Patrick Mackell, Margaret Marsh, Peter Babe, Alice Ibbotson and Pennie Burton.
Please remember all in our parish who need our prayers.

This Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Alison Bailey/Moya Mellors

Sunday 10.30am: Francis O'Brien/Natasha Erskine

This Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Ted Bennett/Francis Cassidy

Next Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Maureen Fuller/Paul Fuller

Sunday 10.30am: Barrie Meloy/Fungai Chingwenje

Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Bartosz/Laura Morris

Clay Cross

Divine Sunday 26th April: 9am Mass: Pray for Vocations

Tuesday 28th April:

9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Sick & Housebound

Thursday 30th April:

9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Holy Souls

Sunday 03rd May: 9am Mass:

Alice Ibbotson Wellbeing

April 2026 Cleaners

Alfreton: Maureen Walker

Clay Cross: Mary Bentley & Mary Shelton

Collection for 18th & 19th April 2026

Alfreton £394.36

Clay Cross £248.25

Standing Order £221.00

Total Collection £863.61

Repository CTK £17.00

Candle CTK £25.63

Knit & Natter £5.00

Pensioner's Lunch £138.73

Many thanks for your generosity

“The Good Shepherd does not count the cost; He simply comes in search of the one who is lost.” *Unknown*

Christ the King Alfreton & SS Patrick & Brigid church Clay Cross:

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Second Collection: This Saturday/Sunday 25th & 26th April 2026: Clergy Formation Fund

Next Saturday/ Sunday 02nd & 03rd May: Sudan Appeal

David Johnson RIP: We pray for the repose of the soul of David Johnson, who died recently. The Funeral Mass will take place at Christ the King, Alfreton, on Friday 8th May at 12:30pm, followed by committal at Swanwick Crematorium. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his wife Doreen, his family, and friends at this difficult time. May he rest in peace.

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday/Called by Name Sunday: Bishop Patrick is asking us to identify in our parish/chaplaincy, faithful young men (18 years and older, who have a love for Christ and his Church, who exhibit qualities of leadership and service, and who may be open to learning more about the priesthood. To submit names, please fill in one of the pew cards and return it in the collection basket, or to a basket at the end of Mass, or by email to vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk. To be able to fill out the details of the card, you will need to speak with the man you are nominating and to check they are happy for their name to be put forward. Those whose names you submit will receive a letter of encouragement from Bishop Patrick and be invited to meet with him. Fr Neil Peoples, our Vocations Director will also offer them support and guidance as they discern their vocation. Thank you for your participation in this important campaign.

Monthly pensioner's lunch: Join us for the parish lunch on Monday, 4th May 2026, at 1pm! The booking lists for the May Pensioners Lunch are now available at the back of both churches. If you'd like to join us, please be sure to reserve your spot by adding your name to the list by Sunday, 26th April, or give us a call at 07739896735 by Wednesday, 29th April 2026. (If no one answers, please leave a message!) We're looking forward to sharing a lovely meal together!

Future Five-Year Plan of Our Parish: Your presence and your ideas are truly valued as we continue to journey together in building a strong and faith-filled community in Christ. Each one of you has a unique role to play, and your voice can help shape the future of our parish in meaningful and lasting ways. Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 28th April at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. We warmly invite you to come along, share your thoughts, and be part of this important journey as we listen, reflect, and plan together. Thank you once again for your continued support, generosity, and commitment to our parish life. We look forward to seeing you all.

Sudan appeal and prayers: April marks three years since the conflict began in the neighbouring country of Sudan. Our brothers and sisters are facing what is officially the worst humanitarian crisis in the world. You may remember that parishes across England and Wales supported Sudan through emergency collections two years ago. Violence in Sudan has expanded and now 13.6 million people have fled their homes. Our Church partners remain supporting families in Sudan, while many other charities have been forced to leave. This has become a terrible, long-term emergency. And yet news broadcasts report so little of the suffering. We do our Sudan appeal very soon, asking for our support. Monthly gifts are an act of steady love for our neighbours, a way of saying: we will not abandon you; we will stand with you until peace is restored. It is like the Good Samaritan who stopped, cared for the wounded man, paid for his treatment, and promised to give more if needed. That is the kind of faithful solidarity Sudan needs today."

CTK Choir: Our Christ the King Parish community is looking for more members to join the choir and help make our liturgy even more beautiful. Music truly makes a great difference in our worship. As St. Augustine beautifully said, "To sing is to pray twice." If you enjoy singing and would like to be part of the choir, we warmly invite you to join us. Please contact Mercy Uche for more details.

Celebrate Trust is excited to announce two webinars for parents and carers of teenagers. Bringing up young people in today's world can be both a joyful and challenging experience, so the Celebrate Trust has booked some experts to share their wisdom in two webinars, to help parents and carers gain confidence and provide some practical ideas to support at home. Confident parenting in a world of screens: Wednesday 29th April, 8.00pm: Raising teenagers in a Catholic family: Tuesday 2nd June, 8.00pm. To book a place, visit www.celebratetrust.org/faith-parenting

Young adults aged 18–35 are invited to join a special overnight Pilgrimage to Walsingham (Saturday 20th to Sunday 21st June), taking place alongside the annual diocesan pilgrimage, with dedicated time, space and community for young adults. Staying at Elmham House (half board) pilgrims will share in the wider celebrations while also enjoying moments specifically for the young adult community and encounter. For any questions, contact Charles Archer, Young Adult Ministry Lead charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk. Bookings at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/walsingham-2026

The annual Saint Augustine Webster Diocesan Melwood Pilgrimage to the site of Melwood Abbey will be celebrated by Bishop Patrick on Saturday 2nd May, at 12 noon, at Low Melwood Farm, Owston Ferry, DN9 1AD. The Pilgrimage will start with the Rosary and Procession, and then Mass held in one of the farm's barns. Please bring a chair, picnic (optional), and appropriate footwear for country footpaths. All are very welcome.

Saturday 6th June. Our Lady of Guadalupe Relic is visiting the Mother of God Church, Abbeydale Road. The day begins at 10 am with Holy Mass. This Relic has been declared as an Authorised Relic that extends the graces of evangelisation, conversion and truth to those who receive it. The perfect and ever Virgin, Holy Mary's words to St Juan Diego : "Am I not here, I, who am your Mother?" Following Holy Mass and veneration of Our Lady of Guadalupe Relic, there will be a Rethink Abortion Day led by the March for Life team in the Parish Centre. The team will lead a series of engaging, inspiring and informative sessions aimed at motivating and equipping us to articulate our prolife beliefs. The booking fee for this event is being subsidised by the group. Please bring your own packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Are you interested in training and volunteering as a Relationship Counsellor? Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation specialising in relationship support and is currently looking for those who are empathetic, understanding and have an enthusiasm for supporting adult relationships, to train on the Certificate in Relationship Counselling (CRC) and volunteer. This is a great opportunity to make a real difference to couples and families. To find out more visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

After the 9 am Mass at Clay Cross and the 11am Mass at Alfreton, tea and coffee will be available in the hall. Please take this opportunity to chat, catch up with old friends, and make new ones. Share your faith experiences and enjoy the fellowship of our parish community. We look forward to seeing you there.