

THE PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING, ALFRETON &  
SS PATRICK AND BRIDGET, CLAY CROSS

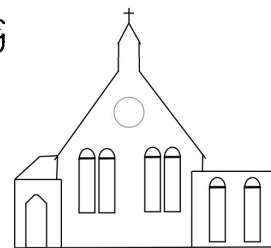
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**03<sup>rd</sup> Week of Ordinary Time: Weekly Bulletin 20<sup>th</sup>– 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024**  
**CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST**

**Alfreton**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January:** 6.30pm Mass:

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January:** 10.30am Mass:

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January:** No Mass

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January: St Francis de Sales**

9 am Adoration, 9.30am Mass

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January: Ss Timothy & Titus**

9 am Adoration, 9.30am: Eucharistic Service

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January:** 6.30pm Mass

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January:** 10.30am Mass

**Clay Cross**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January:** 9.00am Mass:

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January:**

9.30 Adoration, 10am: Eucharistic Service

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January: The conversion of St Paul**

9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January:** 9am Mass:

**January 2024 Cleaners**

**Alfreton:** Bridget W

**Clay Cross:** Maggie Smith

**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 Maureen Fuller. **Please remember all in our parish who need our prayers.**

**This Week's Readers: Alfreton**

Saturday 6.30pm: Jacob S / Volunteer

Sunday 10.30am: Catherine Galloway / Barrie Meloy

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

Sunday 9am: Ted Bennet / Sheila Hall

**Next Week's Readers: Alfreton**

Saturday 6.30pm: Moya Mellors / Peter Babe

Sunday 10.30am: Tom McCallum / Clare Smith

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

Sunday 9am: David Johnson / Rob Farrell

**Collection for 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024**

Alfreton	£299.15
Clay Cross	£187.48
Standing Order	£243.75
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>£730.38</b>

Candles	£33.68
Repository	£1.25
Hall Hire	£150.00
Knit & Natter	£5.00
CTK Tea/Coffee	£32.06
Pensioners Lunch	£93.00
Sick & Retired Priests Collection	£217.06

*Many thanks for your generosity*

**"Follow your heart to be amazed; and follow your head to be guided"**

*Dr. Lucas D. Shallua*

**Palm Crosses:** Anyone who has old palm crosses is invited to put them in the porch so that they may be used for ashes.

**Congratulations:** We welcome Evans Chingwenje & Fungai Chandiposha who married last Sunday at Christ the King church, Alfreton. We wish them every happiness and good luck.

**Parish Lunch, Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 1 pm.** Please put your name on the list at the back of Church by Sunday 28th January 2024 if you would like to attend the next Parish Lunch for Pensioners (60 and over). This will help us with catering. Look forward to seeing you there.

**Parish Pensioners Lunch Club needs volunteers to take charge of the running of the lunch from time to time.** This involves planning the menu, the buying and managing the kitchen on the day of the lunch. If you are interested in taking on this role from time to time, please speak to Barrie who will be happy to give you further details of what it involves. There is also a list at the back of the Church where you can see which months need covering, add your name and phone number against the month that you can commit to. Many thanks

**Warm Welcome Space will be moving from Friday to Tuesday as of Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024.** This is great news and we hope that it will mean more of you will be able to take advantage of this parish and local community initiative which will be open every Tuesday from 10.00 am. until 3.00 pm. We also still need volunteers to help run Warm Welcome Space either as supervisors or supporting staff. If you can help, even if it only for an hour or two, please sign up on the lists at the back of Christ the King Church. Many thanks.

**New Readers for Clay Cross:** Many new readers have kindly volunteered to join the existing team that read during Sunday Morning Mass at St Patrick & St Brigid Church, which is greatly appreciated. The latest Readers Rota is now published and available to view on the noticeboard inside the entrance to the church. Please note, new readers are always welcome to volunteer anytime.

**A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, Third Sunday of the Year:** If during prayer we feel sluggish and empty, we must at that moment beg that Jesus' prayer also become our own. "I cannot pray today, I don't know what to do: I don't feel like it, I am unworthy". In this moment Jesus is before the Father, praying for us; let us trust in this! If we are trustful, we will then hear a voice from heaven, "You are God's beloved, you are a child, you are the joy of the Father in heaven". To read the full reflection and find more resources at [dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer](http://dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer)

**Year of Prayer Podcast:** This month's episode of Encounter Prayer is now available. We explore a type of Lectio Divina (prayerful reading of the scriptures) with Sean Jinks and Sophie Rimac of the Seven Steps Scripture Sharing Group in Leicester. Please search Diocese of Nottingham on any podcast provider (Google, Apple, Amazon, Spotify etc) or visit [dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer](http://dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer) to listen and / or download.

**A spiritual challenge for Lent:** During the past year there have been over 200,000 abortions in England and Wales. This means many lives lost; many women harmed; many families hurt. The Church tells us that abortion is wrong. But what can we as Christians do about it? 40 Days For Life is the answer. During Lent Christians will be praying outside the largest abortion clinic in Nottinghamshire. We will also be offering practical, compassionate and non-judgemental help to any woman who feels pressured into abortion so that she has a genuine pro-life alternative. And we will be witnessing to the power of prayer. **Will you join us?** If you would consider it come to the launch of our campaign on **Sunday 4th February at 3pm**, in Cathedral Hall (NG1 5AE). You can find out about this spiritual movement spreading around the world, and have a chance to hear Rachel MacKenzie, of Rachel's Vineyard, which offers spiritual healing to post abortive women. More details are available at [www.40daysforlife.com/Nottingham](http://www.40daysforlife.com/Nottingham) or email [40daysforlifennotts@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlifennotts@gmail.com) Alone, we cannot change our society. But we are not alone! 'For with God nothing is impossible.' (Luke, 1:37)

Leicester Council of Faith is holding a series of **Conversations About Cancer** events where we can come together, in an informal and supportive environment, to talk about cancer, and help Macmillan Cancer Support to work with people affected by cancer. For the first Conversations about Cancer event members from the Christian faith are invited to Sacred Heart Guild Hall, 25 Mere Road, Leicester, LE5 3HS on **Tuesday 6th February from 5.30pm for a 6pm start**. Bookings are via [projectofficer@leicestercounciloffaiths.org.uk](mailto:projectofficer@leicestercounciloffaiths.org.uk)

**Talking Philosophy & Theology: A Carmelite Perspective** Zoom meetings are on Wednesday evenings, 8-10pm: 7th Feb (Philosophy); 21st Feb (Theology); 6th Mar (Philosophy); 20th Mar (Theology); 3rd Apr (Philosophy); 17th April (Theology); and on Thursday afternoons, 1-3pm: 8th Feb (Philosophy); 22nd Feb (Theology); 14th Mar (Philosophy); 11th Apr (Philosophy); 25th Apr (Theology). Please also see the three supporting documents or contact Deacon James Hunter [james.hunter200@btinternet.com](mailto:james.hunter200@btinternet.com).

**A Healing Retreat Day and Evening** is being held on **Saturday 27th January** 9.30am to 9.30pm, with Father Gladson Dabre OSA, at Our Lady of Lincoln Catholic Church, Laughton Way, Lincoln LN2 2HE. There will be Mass, engaging talks on healing a Healing Service, praise and worship, Adoration, Reconciliation, testimonies, times for sharing and opportunities for individual prayer ministry. This is a free event, and all are welcome. Please bring a packed lunch. For more information contact Susan Walsh on 07818 805847.

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