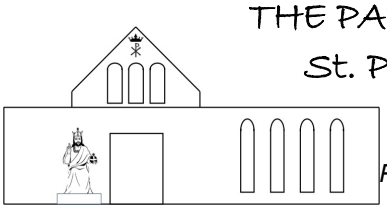

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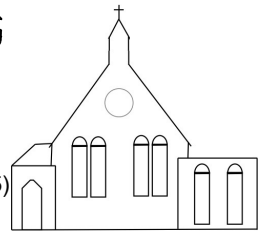

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Pentecost Sunday: Weekly Bulletin 23rd – 31st May 2026

CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

Alfreton

Saturday 23rd May: 6.30pm Mass: William & Teresa McGrath RIP

Pentecost Sunday 24th May: 11am Mass: Glynis McCallum RIP

Monday 25th May: NO MASS

Wednesday 27th May: St Augustine of Canterbury
9am Mass: Elsie Stewart Wellbeing

Friday 29th May:
9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Gene Hackman RIP

Saturday 30th May: Mass 6.30pm: Emilia Iwachow Wellbeing

Sunday 31st May:11am Mass: Roman Owczarek RIP

Clay Cross

Pentecost Sunday 24th May: 9am Mass:
Annakutty Abraham & Thomas Mathew RIP

Tuesday 26th May: St Philip Neri
9.30am Adoration,10am Mass: Private Ints

Thursday28thMay:OurLordJesusChrist,EternalHighPriest
9.30am Adoration,10am Mass: Nora Gannon RIP

Sunday 31st May: 9am Mass**:** Nora Gannon RIP

May 2026 Cleaners

Alfreton: Bridget W
Clay Cross: Rob Farrell

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, 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.***

Collection for 16th & 17th May 2026

Alfreton	£379.55
Clay Cross	£317.00
Standing Order	£ 221.00
Total Collection	**£917.55**

Repository CTK	£6.31
Candle CTK	£28.59
Knit &Natter	£5.00

Second Collection: *Catholic Communications* : £212.28

Many thanks for your generosity

This Week's Readers: Alfreton
Saturday 6.30pm: Eugene Grant/Veronica Grant
Sunday 11am: Natasha Erskine/Tom McCallum
This Week's Readers: Clay Cross
Sunday 9am: Laveena/Feo

Next Week's Readers: Alfreton
Saturday 6.30pm: Maureen Fuller/Paul Fuller
Sunday 11am: Fiona Molumby/Catherine Galloway
Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross
Sunday 9am: Amelia/Shawn

"Prayer opens the door, but the Holy Spirit gives us the courage to walk through it."

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Join us for the parish lunch on Monday, 1st June 2026, at 1pm! The booking lists for the June Pensioners Lunch are now available at the back of both churches. If you'd like to join us, please reserve your spot by adding your name to the list by Sunday, 24th May, or call us on 07739896735 by Wednesday, 27th May 2026. (If no one answers, please leave a message!) We're looking forward to sharing a lovely meal together!

Thank you and follow up meeting: A big thank you to everyone who has shared ideas and suggestions for the 5-year plan for the future of our parish. Your thoughts are really helping us to shape a hopeful and vibrant vision for the years ahead. Our next meeting with members of the PPC, Finance Committee, Catechists and elected representatives from the Mission Group will take place on Tuesday 9th 2026 at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall. Please do come along with confidence, prayerful reflection, and your ideas for discussion. Every voice matters, and your presence and contribution are deeply valued as we continue to plan together for the future of our parish. Thank you once again for your ongoing support and commitment.

Bishop Patrick will celebrate Mass praying for the Beatification and Canonisation of Venerable Mary Potter, on Thursday 4th June at 1.00pm at Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham. This special celebration is an opportunity to come together in prayer and thanksgiving, honouring the life and enduring legacy of Venerable Mary Potter. All are very welcome.

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.

Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage 2026 — 12th to 19th July: Are you 16 or over? Join the Nottingham Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes this summer. Travelling overland by coach with four nights in Lourdes and a stop in Paris on the way home, you'll serve assisted pilgrims, share in the life of the Sanctuary, and follow a programme of prayer, talks and time together. £1,050 all-in; bursaries available in confidence for any young person who needs one. To find out more or to register interest, email director@ndcys.com.

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 Diocesan Walsingham Pilgrimage is taking place on Saturday 20th June led by Bishop Patrick. Arrivals are from 11.30am, with Mass at the Catholic Shrine at 3.45pm.

All Young Adults are warmly invited to join the Diocese of Nottingham and Pope Leo in Seoul, South Korea, for World Youth Day 2027: a week of Encounter and Discipleship with 100,000s of other Young Catholics ready to hear the Lord speak into their lives. Please contact charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk for more information! As numbers are limited please do this by 31st July 2026.

The Briars Catholic Youth Retreat Centre in Crich is recruiting a part-time Cook to join its catering team. The role is 18 hours per week, term-time only plus two additional weeks, paying £12.60 – £14.00 per hour. The successful candidate will cook for retreat groups of up to 60+ guests in a friendly, supportive setting. To apply, or for more information please email recruitment@ndcys.com

Pentecost reminds us in a powerful and beautiful way that God never abandons His people, even in moments of fear, confusion, weakness, disappointment, and uncertainty. Before Pentecost, the disciples were not fearless heroes or perfect saints. They were ordinary people hiding behind locked doors, anxious about the future, wounded by failure, and unsure about what would happen next. They had seen the suffering and death of Jesus, and even after witnessing His Resurrection, they still struggled with fear and uncertainty. Like many of us, they carried questions in their hearts and worries in their minds. Yet everything changed when the Holy Spirit came upon them. The frightened became courageous. The weak became strong. The confused discovered purpose. Those who once hid in fear now stepped out boldly to proclaim hope, faith, and the love of Christ to the world. Pentecost was not simply a dramatic event with wind and fire; it was the transformation of ordinary human hearts through the power of God. The same Holy Spirit continues to work in our lives today. The Spirit is not present only in extraordinary miracles or great public moments, but also in the quiet and ordinary realities of daily life. The Holy Spirit works in tired parents who continue sacrificing for their children, in caregivers who patiently serve the sick and elderly, in people who carry hidden burdens but still keep going with faith, in those who continue praying even when answers seem delayed, and in hearts that choose forgiveness instead of bitterness. Every act of patience, kindness, compassion, and perseverance is a sign that the Holy Spirit is still alive and active in the world. Pentecost teaches us that no heart is too broken for God to heal, no life is too wounded for God to restore, and no situation is too hopeless for God to transform. Sometimes we spend much of our lives asking God to change our circumstances, while the Holy Spirit is quietly working to change us first — teaching us patience through waiting, strength through struggles, compassion through suffering, and trust through uncertainty. Yet Pentecost reminds us that we never walk alone. The Holy Spirit strengthens us when we are weak, comforts us when we are hurting, guides us when we are confused, and lifts us up when we feel like giving up. Our world today desperately needs people filled with the Spirit — people who bring peace instead of division, hope instead of negativity, kindness instead of anger, and love instead of selfishness. Perhaps the greatest message of Pentecost is this: God still transforms ordinary people into extraordinary witnesses of faith. The disciples were not chosen because they were perfect, talented, or fearless. They were chosen because they were willing to open their hearts to God. The same invitation is given to us today. So let us open our hearts once again to the Holy Spirit. Let us invite the Spirit into our fears, worries, relationships, struggles, and hopes for the future. HAPPY PENTECOST.

***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 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.*