



THE PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING, ALFRETON &  
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**Twenty Sixth Sunday: Weekly Bulletin 26<sup>th</sup> September & 04<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

**Next 27<sup>th</sup> Saturday/Sunday (03<sup>rd</sup> & 04<sup>th</sup> October) Holy Mass Readings: Isa 5:1-7, Phil 4:6-9, Mt 21:33-43**

**Sacrament of Confession is available at any time**

**Alfreton**

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September:** 6.30pm Mass: Kathleen O'Brien RIP

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September:** 11am Mass: Parish Ints

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September: NO MASS**

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September: St Jerome**

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Harris Family Ints

**Friday 02<sup>nd</sup> October: The Holy Guardian Angels**

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Patrick Welby RIP

**Saturday 03<sup>rd</sup> October:** 6.30pm Mass:

Pat Whelpdale Wellbeing

**Sunday 04<sup>th</sup> October:** 11am Mass:

Marjorie Culligan RIP & Joseph Culligan 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, Anne Loughnane, Eugene Grant, Margaret Marsh, Alice Ibbotson and Pennie Burton. ***Please remember all in our parish who need our prayers.***

**This Week's Readers: Alfreton**

Saturday 6.30pm: Maureen Fuller/Paul Fuller

Sunday 11am: John Boxall/Anita Day

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

Sunday 9am: Rob Farrell/Bartosz

**Next Week's Readers: Alfreton**

Saturday 6.30pm: Alison Bailey/Moya Mellors

Sunday 11am: Clare Meloy/Barrie Meloy

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

Sunday 9am: Hanna/Kate Tippenk

**Clay Cross**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September:** 9am Mass: Parish Ints

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September: Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael**

9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Carol & David Spolding RIP

**Thursday 01<sup>st</sup> October: St Therese of the child Jesus**

9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Winnie & Michael Stenson RIP

**Sunday 04<sup>th</sup> October:** 9am Mass: Parish Ints

**September 2026 Cleaners**

**Alfreton:** Bridget W

**Clay Cross:** Mary Bentley & Mary Shelton

**Collection for 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

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| Alfreton       | £300.87 |
| Clay Cross     | £257.95 |
| Standing Order | £262.00 |

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| <b>Total Collection</b> | <b>£820.82</b> |
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| Candles CTK                            | £29.10  |
| CC                                     | £121.24 |
| Repository CTK                         | £9.40   |
| CC                                     | £35.71  |
| Beetle Drive                           | £301.00 |
| Second Collection: Home Mission Sunday | £252.21 |

*Many thanks for your generosity*

**“Welcome, Bishop Patrick McKinney and thank you for being with us.”**

**A Very Warm Welcome to Bishop Patrick:** Today, we warmly welcome Bishop Patrick McKinney to both of our parish communities. We are truly blessed by his presence among us, and we are very grateful to him for taking the time to visit us, celebrate three Holy Masses with us, discussing our parish 5year mission plans with us and pray with and for our parish communities. Let us give Bishop Patrick a very warm welcome and keep him in our prayers as he continues his ministry of shepherding our diocesan family.

**Second Collection: Next Saturday/Sunday 03<sup>rd</sup> & 04<sup>th</sup> October: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day.**

**Lottery winners for September** were Mandy Gregory, Angela Isaacs and Mark Boulton. Congratulations and thank you your support

**Beetle Drive:** A big thank you to all the coordinators and everyone who supported and helped with this wonderful parish event. Your time, hard work and generosity are very much appreciated. Thank you for helping to make the event such a lovely occasion for our parish community.

**Christ the King Church Centenary – Planning Meeting:** Our next meeting to plan the Centenary Year of Christ the King Church will take place on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> September at 6:30 pm. We warmly invite everyone to come along, share your ideas and offer your support. If you have any new or creative ideas about how we can make our Centenary Year a truly memorable and special celebration, we would love to hear them! Everyone is very welcome. We look forward to seeing you there and planning this important celebration together as one parish family.

**Christmas Bazaar Planning Meeting:** Our first planning meeting for the Christmas Bazaar will be on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> October, at 2.30pm in the Children's Liturgy Room at Alfreton. Please come along and share your ideas, suggestions and creative plans for this big parish event. Everyone is very welcome! The more ideas we have, the better—and the more people who come, the less work Mary Bentley \* Mary Shelton have to do!

**The Secular Franciscan Order of Clay Cross** will be celebrating the Transitus of St. Francis at St. Patrick & St. Bridget church at 3pm on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. All would be most welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing some of you there.

**Adoremus – National Eucharistic Congress and Process:** As part of Adoremus – the National Eucharistic Congress and Process, taking place on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> October, we will have one hour of Eucharistic Adoration in Christ the King Alfreton from 12 noon to 1 pm. Everyone is warmly invited to come, pray and spend some quiet time with the Lord in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

**Lasting Power of Attorney:** Anne Marie is a retired legal professional and can be contacted by phone on 07528 665238 or by email on [annemarie.wilson-geps@sky.com](mailto:annemarie.wilson-geps@sky.com)

**A Friendly Car Park Reminder:** Just a gentle reminder that the crossed/hatched area must be kept clear at all times, as it needs to remain accessible for emergency vehicles and safe access and movement after Mass. Please use the designated parking spaces and avoid parking in the restricted areas. Your cooperation helps us keep the car park safe and accessible for everyone.

**CAFOD Harvest Fast Day is being held on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.** CAFOD is the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, the official overseas aid charity of the Catholic Church in England and Wales, and part of Caritas International.

**Monthly Pensioner's lunch:** Join us for an enjoyable parish lunch on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2026, at 1pm! The booking lists for the October Pensioners Lunch are now available at the back of both churches. Don't miss out—reserve your spot today by adding your name to the list by Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2026, or call us at 07739896735 by Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2026. (If no one answers, please leave a message!) We can't wait to share a delicious meal and wonderful company with you!

**The Diocese is inviting all Catechists to a day at Holy Trinity Newark on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October entitled:** Reimagining Catechesis. As a catechist would you love to see more families engaged with parish life and growing in faith? That at the end of sacramental programs fewer people would 'disappear'. This day led by the team from GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) will share how this is happening in their parishes and it can happen in yours too. For more information see the poster in church or visit [dioceseofnottingham.uk/events](http://dioceseofnottingham.uk/events)

**Year 7 Secondary School Applications:** If your child is currently in Year 6, please remember that the closing date for applications for Year 7 places is 31 October 2026. To find the link to the application information form, please look on the website of the school you would like your child to attend. If your child is a Baptised Catholic, please ensure that evidence of your child's Baptism is sent directly to the school. If you need help completing your application, you are most welcome to contact the Diocesan Education Service: Sarah Hand (Admissions, Appeals and Compliance Manager) [sarah.hand@nottingham-des.org.uk](mailto:sarah.hand@nottingham-des.org.uk) or 07471 355534.

**A Parish Pilgrimage to Rome – May 2027** Next year, as part of our Parish Centenary celebrations, we are hoping to organise a one-week parish pilgrimage to Rome, probably during the first or second week of May 2027. It would be lovely to celebrate 100 years of our parish not only by looking back with gratitude, but also by making a pilgrimage together as a parish family and creating some wonderful new memories. Please contact: Laura at [LAURAQS@ME.COM](mailto:LAURAQS@ME.COM) or on WhatsApp +44 7747 837476

**First Holy Communion Programme 2026–2027:** Before we head off for the summer holidays, here is a friendly reminder about our 2026–2027 First Holy Communion Programme. Application forms are now available and ready for collection from the Priest or Catechists. If your child is eligible to receive their First Holy Communion, please take an application form before you leave for the summer holidays and return it by Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> September 2026. Our first meeting for parents and children will take place on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> October, immediately after the 11am Mass at Christ the King, Alfreton. The Enrolment Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> October, during the 11am Mass at Christ the King, Alfreton.

**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](mailto: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 chat, catch up with old friends, and make new ones. We look forward to seeing you there.