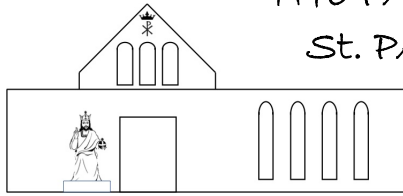
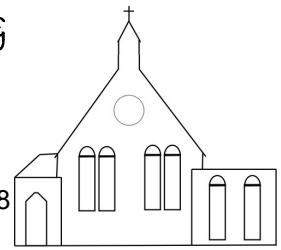


THE PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING, ALFRETON &
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Divine Mercy Sunday: Weekly Bulletin 06th April – 14th April 2024
CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST



Alfreton

Saturday 06th April: 6.30pm Mass: Jacqueline Mularkey RIP

Sunday 07th April: 10.30am Mass:
 Mary Murphy RIP & Bridie Browne RIP

Monday 08th April: **No Mass**

Wednesday 10th April:
 9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Nancy Hynes Wellbeing

Friday 12th April:
 9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Barney Hickey Wellbeing

Saturday 13th April: 6.30pm Mass: Paul O'Donnell RIP

Sunday 14th April: 10.30am Mass: Tom Waldron RIP

Clay Cross

Sunday 07th Sunday: 9.00am Mass: Michael & Mary Stenson RIP

Tuesday 09th April:
 9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: John Murphy RIP

Thursday 11th April:
 9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Bernice O'Rourke Wellbeing

Sunday 14th April: 9am Mass: Mary Shepherd RIP

April 2024 Cleaners

Alfreton: Maureen Walker
Clay Cross: Mary Bentley/Mary Shelton

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, Mick Mullarkey and Maureen Fuller. **Please remember all in our parish who need our prayers.**

This Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Eugene Grant / Maureen Fuller
 Sunday 10.30am: Natan / Fiona Molumby

This Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Wendy Tinsley / Jessica B

Next Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Volunteer / Veronica Grant
 Sunday 10.30am: Francis O'Brien / Clare Smith

Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: David Johnson / Kate Tippen

Collection for 30th & 31st March 2024

Alfreton	£526.39
Clay Cross	£353.28
Standing Order	£243.75
Total Collection	£1123.42

Alfreton: tea & Coffee	£15.00
Clay Cross: tea & Coffee	£40.00
Polish Food Blessing donation	£159.74
Holy Places of Palestine	£247.33
Hall Hire	£100.00
Mass Offerings	£345.00
Franciscan Sisters Donation	£50.00

Many thanks for your generosity

**“All the great things are simple, and many can be expressed in a single word:
 freedom, justice, honor, duty, mercy, hope”.** *Winston Churchill*

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, Second Sunday of Easter: Prayer is the rudder that guides Jesus' course. The stages of his mission were not dictated by success, nor by consensus, or the seductive phrase "everyone is searching for you". Jesus' path was charted by the least comfortable one, which obeyed the Father's inspiration, which Jesus heard and welcomed in his solitary prayer. From Jesus' example we can derive some characteristics of Christian prayer. First and foremost, it possesses primacy: it is the first desire of the day, something that is practised at dawn, before the world awakens. It restores a soul to what otherwise would be without breath. To read the full reflection and find more resources at dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer

James William O'Malley RIP: We pray for the repose of the soul of James William O'Malley who died recently. The funeral service will take place Tuesday 16th April at Christ the King church Alfreton at 12 noon followed by Cremation at Amber Valley. Please pray for his soul and our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

Planned Giving Envelopes: Your Planned Giving envelopes are available for collection from the back of the church.. Please pick yours up.

Catechists: We are planning to have the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2025 in Christ the King church. Fr Paul would like to have some committed Catechists for that. If you wish to help out please talk to him.

Missio Boxes are due to be emptied again during March/April 2024. Please bring your boxes into both churches. If you have lost or mislaid your box and would like a replacement please let your collector know.

Parish Lunch, Monday 8th April 2024 at 1pm. The booking lists for the April Pensioners Lunch are now at the back of both churches. If you would like to attend this lunch it is very important that you book your place by Sunday 31st March so that we know how many people we need to cater for. Since Christmas, there have been two occasions where the number of diners has exceeded bookings by 10 or more people. This places the volunteers in a very difficult position as they need to set up extra tables and reduce portion sizes to cater to the extra diners attending. Reluctantly, we have decided that in future diners will need to be checked in against the bookings list, as they arrive at the door. Anyone who has not booked will be put on a waiting list and asked to wait until 1.10 pm when we will know whether we can accommodate additional diners. We will continue to do our best to accommodate all those who come for the lunch but sadly, there may be occasions where we are at full capacity for that lunch and not able to do so.

Are you a university student looking for something to do over the summer holidays? Why not join The Briars at Crich for their summer internship programme? Develop skills that will support you in your future career, whilst also growing spiritually in a wonderfully supportive environment. With live-in opportunities, and flexible start dates available, there's no better time to join us! To request more information, please contact michelle.thomas@ndcys.com

Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation providing marriage preparation and relationship counselling services across England, Wales and Gibraltar. They are looking for Trustees to strengthen their board and to help continue to provide vital relationship support services to the Catholic community and beyond. For more information visit www.marriagecare.org.uk or email volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

A number of job vacancies for parishes, and the central office, in the Nottingham Diocese are currently listed on the careers page of the diocesan website. The jobs are listed below; for more information, and to apply, visit: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers: Clergy Health and Wellbeing PA: Nottingham / Hybrid (Apply by 8th April), Mission Support Assistant: Nottingham / Hybrid (Apply by: 8th April), Assistant Communications Officer: Nottingham / Hybrid (Apply by: 8th April), Parish Secretary: Brigg, North Lincolnshire (Apply by: 8th April), Parish Administrator: Shepshed and East Leake (Apply by: 8th April), Parish Facilities Manager: East/North Nottingham (Apply by: 8th April)

The Nottingham SPUC Pro-Life Chain will be on Trent Bridge, West Bridgford, from 10am until midday on Saturday 20th April. please contact John on 07757 815 625 or email pro-life@dioceseofnottingham.uk.

What is Divine Mercy Sunday? In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000. The Lord expressed His will with regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her Diary entry 699: My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy. In all, St. Faustina recorded 14 revelations from Jesus concerning His desire for this feast. Nevertheless, Divine Mercy Sunday is NOT a feast based solely on St. Faustina's revelations. Indeed, it is not primarily about St. Faustina — nor is it altogether a new feast. The Second Sunday of Easter was already a solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter. The title "Divine Mercy Sunday" does, however, highlight the meaning of the day.