

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

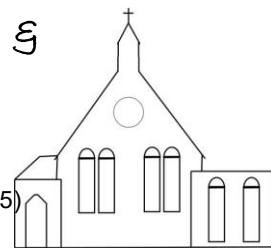
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Twentieth Sunday: Weekly Bulletin 16th – 24th August 2025 CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

Alfreton

Saturday 16th August 6.30pm Mass: Rea Morton Ints

Sunday 17th August: 10.30am Mass: Bill Hough RIP

Monday 18th August: No Mass

Wednesday 20th August: St Bernard

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Kevin & Lisa Family Ints

Friday 22nd August: The Queenship of the BV Mary

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Thanksgiving

Saturday 23rd August: 6.30pm Mass:

Sunday 24th August: 10.30am Mass: Gladis McCallum RIP

Clay Cross

Sunday 17th August: 9am Mass: Kathleen Webley RIP

Tuesday 19th August:

9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Larry Hickey RIP

Thursday 21st August: St Pius X

9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Margaret Martin Ints

Sunday 24th August: 9am Mass:

Richard Plantagenet RIP

August 2025 Cleaners

Alfreton: Maureen Walker

Clay Cross: Roy K Andrews/Fly

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 and Pennie Burton. **Please remember all in our parish who need our prayers.**

This Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Margaret Kerry/Veronica Grant

Sunday 10.30am: Francis O'Brien/Fungai Chingwenje

This Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Wendy Tinsley/Manna

Next Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Maureen Fuller/Paul Fuller

Sunday 10.30am: Lilianna/Barrie Meloy

Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Sheila Hall/Francis Cassidy

Collection for 09th & 10th August 2025

Alfreton	£353.96
Clay Cross	£287.70
Standing Order	£420.00

Total Collection **£1061.66**

Candles CTK	£27.94
Repository CTK	£7.20
Pensioner's lunch	£228.85

Many thanks for your generosity

“The quality of our lives depends not on whether or not we have conflicts, but on how we respond to them.” Tom Crum

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

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A Word of Thanksgiving to Deacon Michael Browne (01st November 2014 – 17th August 2025): As a parish community, we come together to celebrate the grace-filled life and ministry of Deacon Michael Browne. To mark this special occasion and express our gratitude, we will have a BBQ on Sunday, 17th August, following the 10:30am Holy Mass, in the presbytery garden. All are warmly invited to join us for this joyful gathering, as we give thanks for Deacon Michael's faithful service and enjoy a time of fellowship together.

Mary's Mantle Consecration: are you interested in doing a 46-day retreat involving a daily rosary and guided reflection (sent on email), a little fasting, and a weekly online zoom meeting with our group (optional, recording available to watch later). The idea is to focus on prayer and meditate on various virtues whilst allowing the Holy Spirit to transform us through Our Mother Mary's intercession. Why 46 days? This number represents the 46 stars on Our Lady of Guadeloupe's Mantle (cloak) from the supernatural image. Starting August 23rd and ending on the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th. For more info or to sign up please contact Anita Day - starfly83@hotmail.com.

Pilgrimage for 2026: If you are looking to grow in your spiritual life why not consider going on a life-changing pilgrimage. The next pilgrimage proposed for 2026 is to Medjugorje. Please put your name and contact info down if you are looking for more information with no obligation. Depending on interest, arrangements will be made and cost confirmed in months to come. You can also express interest or ask questions to Anita Day - 07709445578.

Parish Lunch, Monday 1st September at 1pm. The booking lists for the September 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 adding your name by Sunday, 24th August 2025 or by telephoning 07739896735 by Wednesday, 27th August 2025 (please leave a message if no one answers), so that we know how many people we need to cater for.

CAFFOD: An invitation to all Parishioners to attend a CAFOD meeting: Friday 12th September at 1830 Christ the King Alfreton for us all to see how we can support the work of CAFOD in our Parish, School and Community. Many thanks, *Chris Gallagher, Community Participation Co-ordinator* – CAFOD Nottingham.

The Diocese is looking to appoint a Clergy Health and Wellbeing Assistant to provide a professional service supporting the health and wellbeing of clergy in the Diocese. If you have experience in nursing, social work, etc, where care and empathy are combined with skills and creativity, then consider applying for this role. The job is 22.5 hours per week over 3 days, and details are available at: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers. The deadline for applications is 9am on Monday 18th August, emailed to office@dioceseofnottingham.uk

What is God? Philosophical, Christian and Islamic Approaches, Friday 22nd until Monday 25th August this annual course in partnership with CEPHAS will look at the nature and knowledge of God from a pre-religious, philosophical understanding, before comparing the Islamic concept of God with the Christian, leaning on Saint Thomas Aquinas' elaboration of the Trinity and the Incarnation. For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/what-is-god/>

The Diocese is looking to appoint an Administration Assistant – IT and GDPR based at the Diocesan Curia Office, someone who can support the work of the IT and GDPR Department supporting staff in the curia and parishes, focusing on delivering solutions using 365 Microsoft Ecosystem Apps, ensuring data privacy and cybersecurity. More details are available at: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers Please send application forms to: Christa Wardle, HR Officer: office@dioceseofnottingham.uk by 9am on Tuesday 26th August.

A Jubilee of Hope Pilgrimage will be held at Mount Saint Bernard Abbey on Sunday 31st August, starting with Mass at 2pm, together with a family picnic, Marian Procession, and Adoration. For more details email jnoakes@englishmartyrs.org

On Saturday 6th September the annual UK March for Life 2025 will take place in London. Join with thousands of others from all over the UK who believe that all life is sacred, as we march through the streets of London to the Houses of Parliament. The Walk is peaceful, legal and always spiritually uplifting. There will be a coach from Nottingham, picking up from Good Shepherd Arnold and Cathedral Derby Road, costing adults £30, unwaged including students £15, under 16s £10. To book on the coach or for more information contact Marie (marielangford@live.co.uk, 07948 151264). "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

The Martyr-Saints of the North-West, Friday 12th until Sunday 14th September is a weekend studying some of the Reformation-era martyrs of the North-West region. Part-retreat, part-biographical, the weekend will be led by Monsignor John Allen of Salford Diocese, who has recently published a history of the diocese with a foreword by Eamon Duffy. For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-martyr-saints-of-the-north-west/>

First Holy Communion 2026 – Information for Parents: Children aged 7 and above are eligible to register for the First Holy Communion Programme. Registration forms will be distributed at the information meeting for parents and candidates, which will take place on Sunday, 14th September, immediately after the 10:30am Mass at Christ the King. Please note: The First Holy Communion celebration will be held on Saturday, 6th June 2026. We look forward to welcoming all our new candidates and their families.

The Roman Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady is seeking a dedicated and organised Sacristan to join their team. This vital role supports the daily liturgical life of the Shrine, ensuring the sacred spaces are well-prepared, reverent and welcoming for all pilgrims and visitors. For more details about this full time position, visit: www.walsingham.org.uk/2025/07/22/job-advert-sacristan

Join the diocese for a special Young Adults' Pilgrimage to Rome between Friday 5th and Monday 8th September for the Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. The Pilgrimage is open to anyone aged 18-35, costing £475 per person based on sharing a room, with financial help available. For more information and to book a place email: vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk