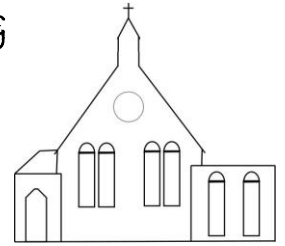
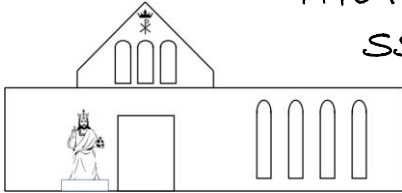


THE PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING ALFRETON &
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Nineteenth Sunday: Weekly Bulletin 12th – 20th August 2023
CONFESIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

Alfreton

Saturday 12th August: 6.30pm:
Roy & Cecilia Fletcher Ints: 60th Weds Anniversary

Sunday 13th August: Gladys McCallum RIP

Monday 14th August: 6.30pm **Assumption** (vigil Mass)
Shane Warne RIP

Wednesday 16th August: Aaron Malone Smyth RIP
9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass

Friday 18th August: Bill Hough RIP
9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass

12.30pm Funeral service of C Francis Sullivan RIP

Saturday 19th August: 6.30pm Mass
Larry Hickey RIP

Sunday 20th August: 10.30am Mass

Clay Cross

Sunday 13th August: 9.00am Mass: John Cassidy RIP

Tuesday 15th August: Assumption
9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Martin Stenson Wellbeing

Thursday 17th August: Michael and Paul Abbott RIP
9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass

Sunday 20th August: 9am Mass: Kathleen Webley RIP

August 2023 Cleaners

Alfreton: Volunteers

Clay Cross: Roy K Andrews & Fly

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 and Diane Davey. ***Please remember all in our parish who need our prayers.***

Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm Maureen Fuller/Paul Fuller
Sunday 10.30am Fiona Molumby/Natasha Erskine
Clay Cross: Sunday 9am Francis Cassidy/Suzanne Smith

Next Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm Paul Fuller/Moya Mellors
Sunday 10.30am Clare Smith/Francis O'Brien
Clay Cross: Sunday 9am Ted Bennett/Seenia Bosko

Collection for 05th – 06th August 2023

Alfreton	£306.67
Clay Cross	£123.30
Standing Order	£243.75
Total Collection	£673.72

Candles	£47.42
Repository	£4.10
Hall Hire	£100.00
Gift Aid	£14.00

Many thanks for your generosity

“Never trust your fears they don't know your strength”. Athena Singh

Cornelious Francis Sullivan RIP: His funeral service will take place in Christ the King church Alfreton on Friday 18th August at 12.30pm followed by burial at Tibshelf cemetery. Our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

SVP & Acts 435 Help for Families. Are you worried about whether you will be able to pay regular bills during the holiday season because of the extra money you are having to spend on your groceries? The SVP may be able to provide some financial support to help you meet these extra demands through its link with Acts435. For more information speak to any member of our SVP Conference or contact our Acts435 Advocate on 07739896735. All enquiries and support are treated confidentially. If you know of any other families who are struggling, please pass this information on to them.

Part II of the Parish Summer Garden Party Fundraiser Trilogy: The second installment of the Parish's BBQ Garden Party Fundraising events is set to take place at the Presbytery Garden after mass on Sunday 20th August. Building upon the success of its predecessor, this event promises to be another opportunity to enjoy delicious food and drink, music, games, and a warm parish community spirit. Please visit our website's events page <https://www.christthekingalfreton.org/events>. Food from the BBQ grill, Alcoholic Drinks, and Ice cream will be sold to raise funds for the Parish. Please let us know if you're able to bring a side dish to complement the BBQ.

Are you being called to a year of mission, formation and service at the Briars? We work with thousands of young people every year from schools and parishes across the diocese and beyond. We have two spaces left to join the Briars team 2023-24, starting at the end of August. This opportunity would suit young adults aged 18-24 who want to share their faith with young people whilst living in a community of other likeminded young adults. A year on team will help you grow as a person, develop skills in group work and leadership, and help you to grow in your faith. You will receive high quality professional training and support to equip you for youth ministry in a fun, vibrant and faith filled setting. Applications for next year are also now open (2024-25). The Youth Service is also advertising for an apprentice to start this month. The closing date for applications is 14th August. For any of these opportunities, apply at www.ndcys.com or email director@ndcys.com for more information and a conversation.

Pilgrimage for Women to Lincoln Cathedral: The Diocese of Nottingham is organising a Pilgrimage for Women to Lincoln Cathedral on Saturday 9th September. We will meet at 10:30am at the Cathedral, to be ready to celebrate Mass together at 11:00am, following Mass we will have lunch together and then have a private tour of this historic church built by our diocesan patron Saint Hugh, and where he was laid to rest. The day should finish by 2:00pm. Please note that this is an event for those aged 18 and over. For more information and to book your place visit www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events

The Jesuit Institute Summer Pilgrimage in the Lake District with other young adults (18-35 years) gives a journey through the beautiful landscape, leading to a reflect on life's journey. The outer journey is a walk of 36 miles over Cumbrian hills and beside lakes over three days; the inner journey draws on the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius to help reflection on how to navigate life in relationship with God. The pilgrimage will follow the route of Saint Bega, a local Cumbrian saint who aligned her compass with the way of Christ. The pilgrimage takes place from Thursday 14th – Monday 18th September and costs £290. For more information and an application form email eharrison@jesuit.org.uk by 7th August.

The Solemnity of Assumption of our mother Mary (Holiday of Obligation) : Now toward the end of the summer season, at a time when fruits are ripe in the gardens and fields, the Church celebrates the most glorious "harvest festival" in the Communion of Saints. Mary, the supremely blessed one among women, Mary, the most precious fruit which has ripened in the fields of God's kingdom, is today taken into the granary of heaven. (*Pius Parsch, The Church's Year of Grace*) The Assumption is the oldest feast day of Our Lady, but we don't know how it first came to be celebrated. On November 1, 1950, Pius XII defined the dogma of the Assumption. Thus he solemnly proclaimed that the belief whereby the Blessed Virgin Mary, at the close of her earthly life, was taken up, body and soul, into the glory of heaven, definitively forms part of the deposit of faith, received from the Apostles. To avoid all that is uncertain the Pope did not state either the manner or the circumstances of time and place in which the Assumption took place — only the fact of the Assumption of Mary, body and soul, into the glory of heaven, is the matter of the definition. All the feast days of Mary mark the great mysteries of her life and her part in the work of redemption. The central mystery of her life and person is her divine motherhood, celebrated both at Christmas and a week later (Jan. 1) on the feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. The Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8) marks the preparation for that motherhood, so that she had the fullness of grace from the first moment of her existence, completely untouched by sin. Her whole being throbbled with divine life from the very beginning, readying her for the exalted role of mother of the Savior. The Assumption completes God's work in her since it was not fitting that the flesh that had given life to God himself should ever undergo corruption. The Assumption is God's crowning of His work as Mary ends her earthly life and enters eternity. The feast turns our eyes in that direction, where we will follow when our earthly life is over.