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

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22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time: Weekly Bulletin **01**<sup>st</sup> – **08**<sup>th</sup> **September 2024** CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

### **Alfreton**

Saturday 31st August: 6.30pm Mass: Sibil Philbin Wellbeing

Sunday 01st September: 10.30am Mass: Holy Souls

Monday 02<sup>nd</sup> September: No Mass

Wednesday 04th September:

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Deacon Mike's Ints

Friday 06th September:

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Pope Benedict XVI RIP After Mass Adoration continues until 6pm Mass:

Nancy Hynes Wellbeing

Saturday 07th September: 6.30pm Mass:

Sunday 08th September: 10.30am Mass:

## **Clay Cross**

Sunday 01st September: 9am Mass:

Maragaret Mary Hudson RIP

Tuesday 03<sup>rd</sup> September: St Gregory the Great 9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Deacon Mike's Ints

Thursday 05th September:

9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Holy Souls

Sunday 08th September: 9am Mass: Mary Hickey Ints

## **September 2024 Cleaners**

Alfreton: Bridget W

Clay Cross: Mary Bentley/Mary Shelton

### Sick & Housebound

**Please pray for** – Sara Lane, Shirley Oakes, Ian Martin, Val Kerlin, 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 and Mick Mullarkey. **Please remember all in our parish who need our prayers.** 

This Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Eugene Grant/Veronica Grant

Sunday 10.30am: Catherine Galloway/Tom McCallum

<u>This Week's Readers</u>: Clay Cross Sunday 9am: David Johnson/Jessica

Next Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Maureen Fuller/Peter Babe Sunday 10.30am: Lilianna/Barrie Meloy Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross Sunday 9am: Tintu Mathew/Sheila Hall

Collection for 24th & 25th August 2024

Alfreton £310.40
Clay Cross £200.50
Standing Order £243.75

Total Collection £754.65

Repository £6.96
Candles £34.44
Donation £70.00

Many thanks for your generosity

"Watch your thoughts, they become words. Watch your words, they become actions. Watch your actions, they become habit". Laozi

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, for the Twenty-second Sunday of the Year: Consider the importance of the Sacred Scriptures in the life of prayer, a dialogue between God and ourselves. The interplay of prayer and the reading of Scripture is seen especially in the practice of lectio divina. This consists of slowly reading a biblical passage, then spending a period of time meditating on the text in openness to the Holy Spirit, letting God speak to us through a particular word, phrase or image. The fruit of this prayerful dialogue is contemplation, as we silently rest under the Father's loving gaze. The Scriptures thus become an inexhaustible source of peace, wisdom and strength as we grow in faith and give it concrete expression in charity and service of others. To read the full reflection and find more resources at dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer

Second Collection: Next Saturday/Sunday 07th & 08th September: Catholic Education Service

**Parish Lunch, Monday 2nd September 2024 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 Sunday 25th August so that we know how many people we need to cater for. Hope to see you there.

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES APRIL - OCT 2024: 7 Nights Apartment B&B from €273 per person sharing. Airport transfer available on request. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 020 3239 8662 or website www.medirishcentre.com

The Nottingham Roman Catholic Diocesan Education Service based at Mackworth, Derby, is seeking to appoint an Administrator / Receptionist to its team from 01st October. This role is for 21 hours per week, term time only. Please see www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers for further details. The closing date is Monday 16th September.

**Adoration:** All invited to join adoration on the first Friday of each month starting at 9am followed by mass at 9:30 with exposition and adoration concluding at an evening mass at 6pm. Divine Mercy Chaplet will be said at 3pm. If you can commit to a particular time, please write your name down on list at back of church.

**Legion of Mary:** Legion of Mary is a Worldwide Lay Person organisation focused on prayer and apostolic work. They support the parish in meeting the needs of the parishioners and the wider community in developing their spiritual life. For more information, a question and answer session for the Legion of Mary is on Sunday 8th September at Christ the King after 10:30am mass. Hope to see you there.

**Month of Rosary:** October is the month of the rosary. Before every weekend mass we are looking for volunteers to lead the rosary before the start of mass, including children. The rosary is known as the 'weapon' to defeat evil in the world. A gift will be provided for those taking part. Sign up for your preferred date at back of church.

**Shop:** CTK repository has been re-stocked with greeting cards, rosaries, books, gifts and candles at the entrance. Prices on back of each item, please place monies in the metal repository box.

**Sacrament of Confirmation 2025:** Bishop Patrick will be with us for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday 19th June at 7pm. If you are in year 8 or above and wish to be confirmed, please collect and complete an application form, from the back of the church. This needs to be given back along with your baptismal certificate by September 12th. Our Enrolment Mass is Sunday 29th September. Any question please see Fiona Molumby or Father Paul.

RCIA Program: Have you ever thought that you would like to know more about what Catholics actually believe? Perhaps you have been coming to Mass with your Catholic friend or spouse and would like to know how to take the next step, or you may just be curious to know more about the Catholic faith! You may feel that you have missed out on Religious Teaching or perhaps you are returning to the practice of the faith and would like a little guidance. The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is just for you. We shall be starting our next course in September. If you are interested or want to know a little more please speak to Fiona Molumby or Deacon Mike.

Enabling Our Mission campaign: As many of you know, our parish has been undertaking the Enabling Our Mission campaign over the last couple of months, which is an extremely important initiative for our Catholic community here in Alfreton and Clay Cross. Our vision for the Diocese is to become more outward looking, more missionary and this project will help us to realise our vision. This initiative will enable us to better support our clergy and our parishes in becoming more outward looking and missionary, while also striving to ensure that the fewer priests now available for active ministry are best able to serve their communities and have the resources to do so. Enabling Our Mission focuses on three key areas: 1. Firstly, this special endeavour will allow us to become more missionary by: Secondly, it will support our clergy by: And finally, it will strengthen our parishes by: Campaign: To play our part and to support our clergy and our parish, we have established a goal to secure £70,000 over the next five years. I know that some of you have already joined a meeting or group session regarding the campaign and I thank you for this. To date, just over £40,000 has been pledged. Importantly, when we reach our target, we will keep 40% of the funds raised, which means £28,000 coming back to our parish, providing us with the resources required to thrive in the future. Invitation: While we are well on our way, success now depends upon you. I invite you all to please join us in this endeavour. We need more families to contribute £1 per day for the next five years to reach our goal. We would like everyone to consider supporting the Enabling Our Mission campaign with a gift or pledge that's right for you. If you haven't yet received an information pack, you will receive one in the post over the coming days. Thank you for your commitment to our parish community here at Christ the King, Alfreton and St. Patrick & St. Bridget, Clay Cross. With the blessing of God, working together, we can look forward to success.

Adoremus is a Eucharist centred event that was last held in Liverpool, in 2018. The focus of the day is on the Eucharist with Mass, Adoration and Benediction as well as keynote speakers; Bishop Alan McGuckian of Down and Connor; Sister Margaret Atkins OSA. It is being held at Saint Mary's, Oscott on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Tickets are £10.00 and are limited, being held for young adults, so it is first come first served. Use the QR code to sign up now!

**Pilgrim's Progress to Rome!** You are invited to join a very special journey in Autumn 2025. You can walk for the charity Life as they walk with women in crisis, creating a world where no one faces pregnancy or pregnancy loss alone. Life are inviting people of all faiths and none to join Pilgrim's Progress to Rome. **Are you ready to discover more?** Register your interest by visiting 'fundraising events' on our website: https://getinvolved.lifecharity.org.uk/fundraising-events/pilgrims-progress2025-charity-fundraising-trek/ or you can find the link on Life's social media pages. By registering your interest, you'll be sent more details and an invitation to attend an online information event.