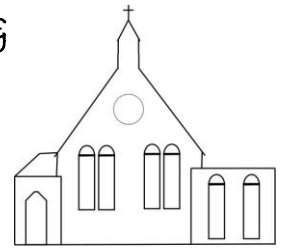
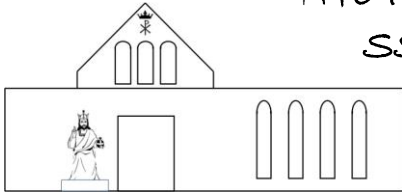


THE PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING ALFRETON &
SS PATRICK AND BRIDGET CLAY CROSS



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4th Sunday of Advent 2022

Weekly Bulletin 17th December - 25th December 2022

CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

Alfreton

Saturday 17th December: 6.30pm Mass
Parish Ints

Sunday 18th December: 10.30am Mass
Mark Sanderson RIP

Monday 19th December: No Mass

Wednesday 21st December: Rita Babe RIP
9.0am Adoration, 9.30am mass

Friday 23rd December: Lilian Breeze RIP
9am Adoration, 09:30am Mass

Next weekend's Masses

Saturday 24th December: 6.00pm: Children's Mass

Saturday 24th December: Midnight Mass 12pm
Sean McGing RIP

Sunday 25th December: 10.30am Mass
Tommie Martyn RIP & Urszula Ragus RIP

Sick & Housebound

Please pray for – Sara Lane, Shirley Oakes, Ian Martin, Val Kerlin, Betty Deane, Mary Pfeffer, Hazel Titon, Martin Mullally, Leah Philbin, Elsie Stewart, Brian Bradford, Peter Egan. Ted Bennett, Jim Johnson, Rob Lane, John Oliver, Karen Parker, Bridie Joyce and Tony & Diane Davey

Please remember all in our parish who need our prayers

Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm Paul Fuller
Sunday 10.30am Catherine Galloway
Clay Cross: Sunday 9am Ted Bennett

Next Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm Moya A
Sunday 10.30am Tom McCullum
Clay Cross: Sunday 9am David Johnson

Clay Cross:

Sunday 18th December: 9am Mass:
Tony Davey Well being

Tuesday 20th December: Johnson Fund benefactors
09:30am Adoration, 10 am Mass

Thursday 22nd December: Fr Con Moynihan RIP
09:30am Adoration, 10 am Mass

Next weekend's Mass

Sunday 25th December: 9 am Mass
Christine O'Malley RIP

December Cleaners

Alfreton: O'Donnell Family
Clay Cross: Ina Byrne & Terry Mortimer

Collection for 10th – 11th December 2022

Alfreton

Envelopes	£83.50
Loose Plate	£233.65
2 nd Collection	£56.00
Total	£373.15

Clay Cross

Envelopes	£61.00
Loose Plate	£83.00
Total	£144.00

Grand Total **£517.15**

Repository £ Candles **£67.59**
Standing Orders **£203.00**,

Many thanks for your generosity

**“Remembrance, like a candle, burns brightest at
Christmastime”** Charles Dickens

Christmas Flowers Collection: Today we will take a collection for our Christmas flowers.

Fire Evacuation Drill: A planned Fire Evacuation Drill will take place immediately after both the 09:00 Mass at Clay Cross, and the 10:30 Mass at Alfreton on Sunday 18th December. This activity, along with other recent fire safety improvements, helps us in our committed efforts to secure our personal safety and protect our buildings from the dangers of fire. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Raffle prizes unclaimed from the Christmas Bazaar: Christmas cake: Jacob White, and Box Biscuits: Lola Evans

On Christmas Eve there will be a Children's Mass at Christ the King Church. Carols will be sung by the children from 5:30pm followed by Mass at 6pm. The children are welcome to attend Mass in Nativity costumes or festive wear. The children from school will be leading the readings and there will be a nativity tableau created during the Mass. Please see Catherine Washbourne if you would like your child to be included in the tableau.

Children's Liturgy: Volunteers are needed to help with the Children's Liturgy for 10.30 mass at Alfreton. Please speak to Matthew (McCallum) to find out more information.

Stamps: I know we don't get many these days, but please SAVE YOUR STAMPS for charity. Box in the porch

George Jones' posthumous 100th Birthday Wednesday 28 December 2022: On the Wednesday after Christmas it is the posthumous 100th birthday of our much loved and respected, deceased parishioner, George Jones. George worshipped at Christ the King for decades, and in retirement was one of the most loved and respected altar servers and a tremendous support to our parish priests. George was 21 when he landed on the Normandy Beaches on D-Day, and fought all the way to Germany where he took part in the liberation of the concentration camps and saw the end of World War 2. George fell in love with and married a local girl, before returning home to England with their young family. George never lost his humanity, his trust in God or his Welsh accent. George died on 30 May 2012. Come and join us on Wednesday 28th December to celebrate posthumously his 100th birthday. May he forever rest in peace with his Queen, Elizabeth II and her father King George VI.

CTK Warm Space: As the cold weather is upon us and fuel bills start to rise, we have decided to make the Parish Centre available to the community as a Warm Space where people can come to keep warm. Refreshments will be available throughout the day along with biscuits and snacks. We would also like to make games available, so if you have any spare packs of cards, dominoes, or board games that you could let us have that would be great. We plan to run The Warm Space every Tuesday from 9.00 pm until 4.00 pm.

From 1st November 2022 to 31st January 2023 donations made to Mary's Meals will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1,500,000. Today we face some of our greatest challenges yet in a world devastated by conflict, food insecurity and the cost-of-living crisis, which we know is affecting people here in the UK as well as in the countries where Mary's Meals works. With Double the Love donations will be matched, and kindness will go even further – meaning Mary's Meals can reach even more desperately hungry children with a life-changing school meal. There are many ways to get involved, to find out more visit www.marysmeals.org.uk

The Synod – Continental Stage Consultation. All the Synod feedback from parishes, dioceses, and national Bishops' Conferences around the world has been gathered, considered, discerned, and distilled into a Report which is now being given to each continent to consider in light of their own tradition, history, experience, and religious perspective. Within Europe we now have the opportunity to consider the Synodal feedback from around the world and to report on:

- a) What we feel resonates with our own experiences – list the top three priorities from those given
- b) Consider what are the challenges and tensions in each of those three areas
- c) Define the next steps which move us (parish, deanery, diocese, the Church) forward

Please engage with this consultation by:

- a) Completing the form available in church
- b) Complete the feedback form on-line at: <https://forms.office.com/e/2Yfs77hHsp>
- c) Follow the QR code and access the on-line diocesan consultation

All responses should be received by 9th January 2023 so they can be included in the overall diocesan response. Let us dream of the Church the Holy Spirit is calling us to become.

CHRISTMAS MASSES & NEW YEAR 2023

CHRIST THE KING ALFRETON: Saturday December 24th Christmas Children's Mass: 6pm and don't forget we have carol singing at 5.30pm before H Mass, Midnight Mass: 12pm

CLAY CROSS: Sunday December 25th Christmas Day Mass:9am

CHRIST THE KING ALFRETON: Sunday December 25th Christmas Day Mass:10.30am

CHRIST THE KING ALFRETON: NEW YEAR'S Mass on Saturday at 12pm (Midnight Mass) & Adoration 11pm to 12pm