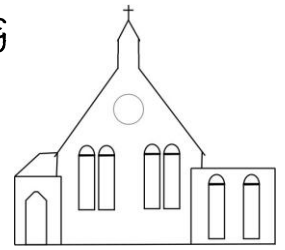
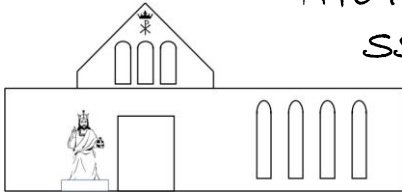


THE PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING ALFRETON &  
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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent 2022

Weekly Bulletin 3<sup>rd</sup> November – 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022

CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

**Alfreton**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December: 6.30pm Mass:**  
Ted & Margaret Hemsley RIP

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December: 10.30am Mass:**  
Parish Ints

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December: No Mass**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December: St Ambrose**  
Holy Souls: 9am Adoration, 09:30am Mass

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December:**  
9am Adoration, 09:30am Mass

**Next weekend's Masses**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December: 6.30pm: Mass**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December: 10.30am Mass**  
Kathen Vickers RIP

**Clay Cross:**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December: 9am Mass:**  
Kathleen Smyth Ints

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December: Anne Coffey Ints**  
09:30am Adoration, 10 am Mass

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December: Immaculate Conception of BVM:** John & Joice Matthew 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anni  
09:30am Adoration, 10 am Mass

**Next weekend's Mass**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December: 9am Mass:**

**December Cleaners**

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

**Collection for 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**Alfreton**  
Envelopes £92.50  
Loose Plate £201.73  
**Total £294.23**

**Clay Cross**  
Envelopes £51.00  
Loose Plate £80.88  
**Total £131.88**

**Grand Total £426.11**

Repository £34.85, Candles £68.33, Hall Hire £100:00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection £10.00, Standing Orders £203.00,  
Mass Offerings £305.00.

***Many thanks for your generosity***

**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 - Kate B  
Sunday 10.30am - John Boxhall  
**Clay Cross:** Sunday 9am Fran Hill

**Next Week's Readers: Alfreton**

Saturday 6.30pm – Cecilia Fletcher  
Sunday 10.30am – Fiona M  
**Clay Cross:** Sunday 9am Francis Cassidy

**“Our prime purpose in this life is to help others. And if you can't help them, at least don't hurt them”** Dalai Lama

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2022:** Thank you to the people who donated and helped with this event especially the 2 organizers Mary Bentley and Mary Shelton. It was a great success.

**Parish Breakfast.** The final parish breakfast of 2022 will take place this Wednesday 7 December at 10am straight after morning mass at Christ the King church. Our Knit & Natter group will meet afterwards at 10:30 am.

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

**CTK CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS:** We need volunteers to decorate the church inside and some strong people for the outside who are not scared of heights, please get in touch with Manu on 07588719588 (CTK Church) and Bosko 07828138082 (Clay Cross Church).

**Loaves and Fishes Pantry Shop at the Christian Centre,** Hall Street, every Thursday 10 am to 12 noon. An opportunity for those hit by the cost of living crisis to buy a bag of shopping for just £2.

**Christmas Carols** by the Christmas tree in Alfreton High Street, Saturday 17th December at 11.30 am. Wrap up well.

**Carols at Costa:** Sing the Good News of Christ's birth at Costa Coffee in Alfreton High Street on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm

**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.

**Bishop Patrick will celebrate First Vespers of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary,** patron of our Diocese, in Saint Barnabas Cathedral on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm. During Vespers the new Chapter Canons (Canons-elect Andrew Cole, Matthew Jakes, John Kyne, and Peter Vellacott) and Honorary Canons (Canons-elect Stephen Dye and Stanley Ofoegbu) will be installed. All are very welcome, and to the Reception in Cathedral Hall immediately following Vespers.

**The Rosmini Centre House of Prayer** welcomes all to a monthly lecture given by Father Jonathan Cotton about Saint Teresa of Kolkata (Mother Teresa), at 2.30pm on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December. More information can be found at [www.rosminicentre.co.uk](http://www.rosminicentre.co.uk)

**Seniors' Christmas Dinner and Party Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022** at 1.00 pm: Please put your name on the list at the back of Church by Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022 if you would like to attend the Parish Christmas Dinner and Party. This is essential so that we can make sure that we cater for the correct number of people. Join us for a fantastic Christmas get together and feast with carols from the children of CTK School and our very own resident MC, comedian, and crooner extraordinaire, Gerry Molumby. Not to mention the Just Three Musketeers! Sing-along, Bingo and Dancing! Looking forward to seeing you there.

**From 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk)

**Advent Thoughts:** A Short Reflection on Gratitude: Every year, when Advent rolls around, we promise ourselves that we will spend less time stressing about all the things we have to do, and spend more, much more time in prayer. I'm always amazed at the number of seasonal devotional books available to us. Old, new or classic, there is always a new way to look at this season of longing. One idea I've been pondering is the idea that we are to be gift recipients as well as gift givers. This goes against the grain for me, because I was always taught "it is better to give than to receive" and "charity is what we give, not what we get". While in both cases, the point is not to be selfish, to think of what we can do for others, and not just what they can do for us.

### **CHRISTMAS MASSES & NEW YEAR 2023**

**CHRIST THE KING ALFRETON:** Saturday December 24<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day Mass:9am

**CHRIST THE KING ALFRETON:** Sunday December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day Mass:10.30am

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