

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

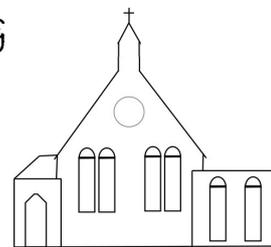
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Thirty Second Sunday: Weekly Bulletin 11th November – 19th November 2023
CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

Alfreton

Saturday 11th November: 6.30pm Mass:

Ted & Margaret Hemsley RIP

Sunday 12th November: 10.30am:

Des Hough RIP

Monday 13th November: **NO MASS**

Wednesday 15th November:

9 am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Deceased members of P. Coyne & Family

Friday 17th November: St Hugh of Lincoln

9 am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Peter Hacon RIP

Saturday 18th November: 6.30pm Mass

Franciszek, Kazimiera, Helen, Jozef & Family of Miazga RIP

Sunday 19th November: 10.30am Mass

Deceased members of the Prynne family

Clay Cross

Sunday 12th November: 9.00am Mass:

David Warner RIP

Tuesday 14th November: Memorial Mass

6.30pm Mass: Michael Sweeney RIP

Thursday 16th November:

9.30 am Adoration, 10am Mass: Kristen Holubec Wellbeing

Sunday 19th November: 9am Mass:

Bernard Cribbens RIP

November 2023 Cleaners

Alfreton: RM Coyne

Clay Cross: Biju Thomas & Biji Biju

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

This Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Jacob S/ Volunteer

Sunday 10.30am: Fiona Molumby/Natasha Erskine

This Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am David Johnson/Bruce Johnson

Next Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Peter Babe/Maureen Fuller

Sunday 10.30am: Clare Smith/Francis O'Brien

Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Wendy Tinsley/Katie Rayner

Collection for 04th – 05th November 2023

Alfreton	£314.91
Clay Cross	£244.62
Standing Order	£243.75
Total Collection	£803.28

Candles	£66.35
Repository	£27.10
Hall Hire	£100.00
CTK Tea & Coffee	£12.50
Live Music Night	£112.56

Many thanks for your generosity

“Without goals and plans to reach them you are like ship that has set sail with no destination.” *Fitzhugh Dooson*

November Lottery Winners were Angela Isaacs, Fr Paul, Bruce Johnson, Sheila Hall and Mr L Law.

For last weekend's charity concert, we express sincere appreciation to Noise Spectrum Studio for their generous performance, highlighting their remarkable talent through a captivating repertoire of Polish, American, and British songs. Our appreciation also goes to everyone who attended and volunteered, playing a vital role in making the parish fundraising event both enjoyable and successful.

Thank you to everyone who attended the November Lunch Club for Pensioners and for your generous donation of £102.00 towards parish funds. This is such a happy occasion and it is great to see our 'more senior' parishioners dressing up in their finery and enjoying the company of long-standing and new friends, not to mention 'World Class Entertainment'. Thank you also to the many members of our Parish SVP Conference and other parishioners who work so hard to help make the monthly lunch such a success. This is a fantastic team and community effort which is truly valued.

Next Saturday 18th November at 11.30 am 5 of our Parishioners Anita Day and June McCarthy-Boulton from Alfreton and Biji Biju, Seenia Bosko and Rob Farrell from Clay Cross will be commissioned as extra ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion by Bishop Patrick at St. Barnabas Cathedral. Please pray for them.

CAFOD Special Gaza Appeal: CAFOD representatives are working with local partners in Gaza and Israel to provide urgent humanitarian aid to those in need. We are supporting families with cash vouchers, essential supplies and counselling. There will be a Second Collection on the Next weekend 18th / 19th November for CAFOD .

Christmas Bazaar Preparations 2023: We express our gratitude to everyone who swiftly participated in our Christmas Bazaar Donation Drive. Appreciation also goes to those who have already enlisted to donate items for the Christmas Hampers and generously provided prizes for the Raffle. We continue to welcome donations in the boxes located at the rear of the church. Thank you for your continued support. For further information, please contact Mary Shelton, or Mary Bentley [leomarybentley@hotmail.co.uk or 07436000773]

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls: One of the best gifts you can give someone is to have a Holy Mass said for their intentions or for the repose of their souls. During this month we pray especially for our departed friends and loved ones on the last great journey towards the eternal light of God. As Catholics we believe that although those who have died are separated from us physically, they remain connected to us as members of the Church. Holy Souls Envelopes: We continue the tradition of placing the names of your deceased family, friends and relatives by the altar during November. Holy Souls Envelopes/Mass offering envelopes will be available for you to take from church for this purpose. If you are not currently able to get Mass, please feel free to email your list to the parish, stating clearly which church (Alfreton or Clay Cross) you wish the lists to be placed in. There will be a **special Memorial Holy Mass on 14th Tuesday 6.30pm at Clay Cross** and **22nd Wednesday 6.30pm at Alfreton** where you will be able to light a candle in honour of the deceased members of your family during the Holy Mass.

Warm Welcome Space Reboot: We're excited to announce that, thanks to the generous backing of Alfreton Town Council, our Parish has secured a grant to initiate the Warm Welcome Space this winter. This funding, coupled with the kind contributions of volunteers who assist in running the program, allows us to create a warm and inviting atmosphere throughout the colder months. The official launch is scheduled for Friday, 17th November, and the program will be active every Friday from 10 am to 3pm. Parishioners and friends are invited to consider becoming part of the dedicated volunteer team supporting this essential community initiative. A signup sheet is available at the rear of the church, where volunteers can select their preferred time slots. For more information about volunteering for this project, please reach out to Barrie, Dagoberto, Shiela, or Rob F.

The Parish SVP Conference will be serving their Famous Bacon and Sausage Butties on Sunday 26th November 2023 after Mass at both Clay Cross and Alfreton Church. This is to help raise funds for their 'Operation St. Nicholas Project'. This is when the Conference buys and distributes to a number of families in the parish a present from Father Christmas for each of their children, a meat voucher, and a hamper of groceries and fresh vegetables for Christmas Day.

First Holy Communion 2023/2024: Please note there will be an enrolment Mass at Christ the King Church on Sunday 26th November 10:30am which all First Holy Communion candidates must attend. Any queries please contact Mrs Garside at school: 01773 832919.

Holy Communion: Now that the poor winter weather is coming in some of our less able parishioners may find it difficult to get to Mass at the weekend. If you or someone you know is unable to attend Mass but still wishes to receive Holy Communion, please let any of the following Eucharistic Ministers know, Eleanor O'Donnell, Fiona Molumby, Sheila Hall or Bosco Joseph.

A Date for Your Diary. The Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch and Party will be on Monday 11th December 2023. Look out for further details in upcoming newsletters.

A reminder that In preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025 Nottingham Deanery is hosting a series of talks, open to all, two of which are still to be held: * Doctor Mary McCaughey, Monday 20th November, at Our Lady of Good Counsel parish hall, Eastwood NG16 2AQ, speaking about Gaudium et Spes, the constitution about the Church in the world, at 7.20pm. Please note the change of time and place – owing to road closures in Stapleford. *Bishop Patrick, Thursday 30th November, at Our Lady and Saint Patrick in the Meadows' parish hall, The Meadows NG2 1JQ, speaking about Lumen Gentium, the constitution about the Church, at 7.00pm. All are very welcome to come and hear more about these documents which are central to our faith.

World Youth Sunday is coming up later this month on Sunday 26th November, Feast of Christ the King, a day on which Pope Francis invites the global Church to celebrate and pray for young people. In Lisbon this year, Pope Francis told young people that "Jesus door is always open: Come and See!" This has inspired the theme for World Youth Day celebrations in England and Wales for 2023, and there are several World Youth Day resources available here: <https://worldyouthsunday.org/wyd2023>.

Christmas Cards: Please find a wide variety of Christmas cards now available to purchase in the church porch.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succor: Every Friday 2pm to 3pm at Clay Cross church. Everyone invited.

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace are thrilled to announce that applications are now open to their twice-yearly grant scheme, offering support to local projects and initiatives that align with their mission of fostering peace and justice. The submission deadline for applications is 31st December 2023. The Application Form and Guidelines may be found here: <https://www.christthekingalfreton.org/csfp>