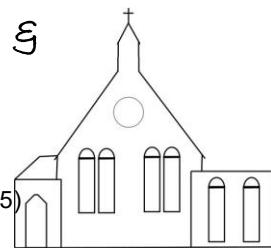


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Thirty-Third Sunday: Weekly Bulletin 15th – 23rd November 2025 CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

Alfreton

Saturday 15th November: 6.30pm Mass:
Michael Stenson RIP & Mary Robertson RIP

Sunday 16th November: 10.30am Mass:
Virginia Guiffre Ints

Monday 17th November: NO MASS

Wednesday 19th November: Candle Mass for Holy Souls
9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Ollie Hardiman RIP

Friday 21st November:
9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Tony & Lena Clements RIP

Saturday 22nd November: 6.30pm Mass:
Jim & Peggy Lemal RIP

Sunday 23rd November: 10.30am Mass:
Lezlie Clements RIP

Clay Cross

Sunday 16th November: 9am Mass:
Holy Souls & No one to pray

Tuesday 18th November: Candle Mass for Holy Souls
9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Hurricane disasters

Thursday 20th November:
9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Enit & Roy Rowley RIP

Sunday 23rd November: 9am Mass:
Noel & John O'Malley RIP

November 2025 Cleaners

Alfreton: RM Coyne
Clay Cross: Biju Family

Sick & Housebound:

Please pray for – Shirley Oakes, Ian Martin, Val Kerlin, Mary Pfeffer, Hazel Titon, Martin Mullally, Elsie Stewart, Brian Bradford, Peter Egan, Ted Bennett, Jim Johnson, John Oliver, Karen Parker, Bridie Joyce, Mick Mullarkey, Kath McGrath, Mark McCallum, Roseanne Coyne, Cecilia Fletcher, Thomas Graczyk, Maureen Fuller, Paul Fuller, Isobel Hopkins, Diana Davey, Eugene Grant, Patrick Mackell and Pennie Burton. **Please remember all in our parish who need our prayers.**

This Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Alison Bailey/Moya Mellors

Sunday 10.30am: Lilianna/John Boxall

This Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Reena Gigi/Kate Tippen

Next Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Margaret Kerry/Clare Smith

Sunday 10.30am: Tom McCallum/Fiona Molumby

Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Laveena/Feo

Collection for 08th & 09th November 2025

Alfreton	£371.66
Clay Cross	£307.26
Standing Order	£245.00

Total Collection **£923.92**

Repository CTK	£16.12
Candles CTK	£49.75
Tea/Coffee CC	£50.00

Many thanks for your generosity

**“The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only a page —
but the last chapter belongs to God. St. Augustine**

Christ the King Alfreton & SS Patrick & Brigid church Clay Cross:

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Jubilee of the poor: On Sunday 16th November the Church throughout the world prays for those who are poor, in whatever ways.

Baptism: We welcome Wilfred Stanley Hibbert into the parish community of Clay Cross. Best wishes to him and his family.

Clay Cross Afternoon Tea on Monday 17th November at 1pm: Come and enjoy good company, tea, and conversation!

"Walk With Me" Advent Recollection booklets are now available in the church porch. This year, we have ordered more than usual to support your spiritual journey during this holy season. Please feel free to take a booklet and spend some time reflecting on our faith as we prepare for the joyful celebration of Christmas. A suggested donation of £1 per booklet would be greatly appreciated.

MISSIO BOXES: Please bring in for counting during November 2025. Thank you.

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls: If you wish to bring a picture of your loved ones to place by in front of the altar during the Month of the Holy Souls, please feel free to do so. 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. Feel free to request a Holy Mass for your intentions and Holy Souls envelopes are available in the porch.

Christmas Bazaar 2025: Next Bazaar Meeting: Wednesday 19th November at 2pm CTK Alfreton Church – Liturgy Room. Your support, enthusiasm, and generosity make all the difference. Thank you for helping to bring our parish community together in the true spirit of Christmas!

Seniors' Christmas Dinner is on Monday, 1st December 2025 at 1pm. Please put your name on the list at the back of the Church by Sunday, 23rd November 2025, or telephone 07739896735 by Wednesday 26th November (leave a message if there is no answer), if you would like to attend the Parish Christmas Dinner. This is so we can make sure 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 a seasonal Sing-along with Gerry, Martin and Paul, Bingo, Raffle and maybe even some Dancing! Looking forward to seeing you there.

School admissions to Catholic Primary Academies (Reception Year) - Children born between 01/09/2021 and 31/08/2022. The deadline for submitting an application for a school place is 15th January 2026. Application forms are available on your 'home' Local Authority website. For every Catholic school you apply for if you wish your child to be considered and ranked under a faith criterion you should also complete a supplementary information form, and return this form to the school by the deadline, (forms are available from the LA and the school). You must also include the supporting evidence* as required with this form, ie a baptism certificate (photocopies are acceptable; contact the parish of baptism if you don't have a copy); failure to supply the required supporting evidence will mean your child is ranked in a lower criterion which may affect your chance of a place.

As Advent approaches you are warmly invited to take some quiet time for reflection, prayer, and renewal with Father Chris Thomas, a priest of the Archdiocese of Liverpool, reflecting on the Figures of Advent: the prophets, Mary, Joseph, and John the Baptist, whose faith, courage, and hope prepared the way for Christ's coming. The Retreat is being held at the Presentation Sisters Convent, Chesterfield Road, Matlock DE4 3FT on Saturday 29th November between 10.00am and 4.00pm. A suggested donation is £10, bring a packed lunch. For more details email associates@pbvmengland.co.uk

The Jesuit Institute is offering an Advent Online Retreat between Sunday 7th and Thursday 11th December, giving participants an opportunity to spend more time with God and listen to how God is at work in their lives in the lead up to Christmas. Details, and booking information, is at: www.jesuitinstitute.org/events/online-individually-guided-retreat--advent

The African Catholic Community Choir, Nottingham, warmly invites you to its Christmas Carol service A Christmas Story: The Coming of the Lord on Friday 19th December at 7pm, in Saint Teresa's Catholic Church, Nottingham (NG8 3EP). Come and experience the beauty of the season through scripture, music, and reflection as we prepare our hearts for the birth of Christ. All are welcome to share in this evening of faith, song, and community spirit.

Message of the Holy Father Pope Leo XIV for the Ninth World Day of the Poor: You are my hope (cf. Psalm 71:5). These words well up from a heart burdened by grave hardship: "You have made me see many troubles and calamities" (v. 20), the Psalmist exclaims. At the same time, his heart remains open and confident; steadfast in faith, he acknowledges the support of God, whom he calls "a rock of refuge, a strong fortress" (v. 3). Hence, his abiding trust that hope in God never disappoints: "In you, Lord, I take refuge; I shall never be put to shame" (v. 1). Amid life's trials, our hope is inspired by the firm and reassuring certainty of God's love, poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. That hope does not disappoint (cf. Rom 5:5). Thus Saint Paul could write to Timothy: "To this end we toil and struggle, because we have our hope set on the living God" (1 Tim 4:10). The living God is in fact "the God of hope" (Rom 15:13), and Christ, by his death and resurrection, has himself become "our hope" (1 Tim 1:1). We must never forget that we were saved in this hope, and need to remain firmly rooted therein. The poor can be witnesses to a strong and steadfast hope, precisely because they embody it in the midst of uncertainty, poverty, instability and marginalization. They cannot rely on the security of power and possessions; on the contrary, they are at their mercy and often victims of them. Their hope must necessarily be sought elsewhere. By recognizing that God is our first and only hope, we too pass from fleeting hopes to a lasting hope. Once we desire that God accompany us on the journey of life, material wealth becomes relativized, for we discover the real treasure that we need. The words that the Lord Jesus spoke to his disciples remain forceful and clear: "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consume and where thieves do not break in and steal" (Mt 6:19-20). It is my hope, then, that this Jubilee Year will encourage the development of policies aimed at combatting forms of poverty both old and new, as well as implementing new initiatives to support and assist the poorest of the poor. Labor, education, housing and health are the foundations of a security that will never be attained by the use of arms. I express my appreciation for those initiatives that already exist, and for the efforts demonstrated daily on the international level by great numbers of men and women of good will. Let us entrust ourselves to Mary Most Holy, Comforter of the Afflicted and, with her, let us raise a song of hope as we make our own the words of the Te Deum: "In you, O Lord, is our hope, and we shall never hope in vain."