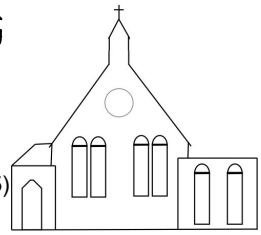


THE PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING, ALFRETON & St. PATRICK AND St. BRIGID, CLAY CROSS

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Thirtieth Sunday: Weekly Bulletin 24th October & 01st November 2026

Next 31st Saturday/Sunday All Saints Day (31st October & 1st November) Holy Mass Readings: Rev 7:2-4,9-14, 1 John 3:1-3, Mt 5:1-12a

Sacrament of Confession is available at any time

Alfreton

Saturday 24th October: 6.30pm Mass: Ints for Vocations

Sunday 25th October:11am Mass: Elsie Stewart Wellbeing

Monday 26th October: NO MASS

Wednesday 28th October: Ss Simon & Jude
9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Thanksgiving

Thursday 29th October:
4pm Reception of the body of Patrick Mackell RIP

Friday 30th October:
11am Funeral Mass of Patrick Mackell RIP:

Saturday 31st October: 6.30pm Mass: Ints for Vocations

Sunday 01st November:11am Mass: Patrick Mackell RIP

Clay Cross

Sunday 25th October: 9am Mass: Parish Ints

Tuesday 27th October:
9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: St Benedict CVA Ints

Thursday 29th October:
9.30am Adoration,10am Mass: All deceased members

Sunday 01st November: 9am Mass:
Welfare of the parish community

October 2026 Cleaners

Alfreton: Maureen Walker
Clay Cross: Emma Whitaker

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 Graczky, Maureen Fuller, Paul Fuller, Anne Loughnane, Eugene Grant, Margaret Marsh, Alice Ibbotson and Pennie Burton. ***Please remember all in our parish who need our prayers.***

This Week's Readers: Alfreton
Saturday 6.30pm: Maureen Fuller/Paul Fuller
Sunday 11am: Theresa Mundandi/Catherine Galloway
This Week's Readers: Clay Cross
Sunday 9am: Manna/Francis Cassidy

Next Week's Readers: **Alfreton**
Saturday 6.30pm: Moya Mellors/Alison Bailey
Sunday 11am: Joshua Chamberlain/Anita Day
Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross
Sunday 9am: Ted Bennett/Laura Morris

Collection for 17th & 18th October 2026

Alfreton	£314.98
Clay Cross	£271.66
Standing Order	£259.00
Total Collection	**£845.64**
Knit & Natter	£7.00
World Mission Sunday	£367.77

Many thanks for your generosity

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

Gandhi

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Second Collection: Next Saturday/Sunday (31st October/01st November): Diocesan Hospices

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls: One of the most beautiful gifts you can give someone is to have a Holy Mass offered for their intentions or for the repose of their soul. You are warmly invited to request a Holy Mass for your own intentions or those of your loved ones. Envelopes for Mass intentions and the Holy Souls are available in the church porch. A Mass offered in prayer is a precious gift of faith, love and hope.

Join us for an enjoyable parish lunch on Monday, 2nd November 2026 at 1pm! The booking lists for the November Pensioners Lunch now available at the back of both churches. Don't miss out—reserve your spot today by adding your name to the list by Sunday 25th October or telephone by Wednesday 28th October, or call us at 07739896735. (If no one answers, please leave a message!) We can't wait to share a delicious meal and wonderful company with you!

New Gate at Christ the King Church, Alfreton: For security reasons, a new gate will be installed at the entrance to Christ the King Church, Alfreton, in the near future.

Children's Christmas Eve Mass and Christmas Party – Alfreton: Christmas is a special time for our children! 🎄 If anyone would be willing to help organise the Christmas Eve Mass for children and the children's Christmas party at Alfreton, please let Fr Paul know as soon as possible.

MISSIO BOXES - Please bring in your boxes for emptying in the month of October 2026/early November 2026. Please pick up your free copy of Mission Today magazine from the back of both churches. Your free 2027 Calendars will be left at the back of both churches (not yet received).

Christmas & Mass Cards: Please feel free to take some Christmas cards and Mass cards available in the porch. There are no prices mentioned, so please make a donation in the money box provided. If you need anything else from the shop, please let me know — I am very happy to help you.

Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 5th December 2026: A big thank you to everyone who is selling and buying our Christmas Raffle tickets! We look forward to seeing even more tickets sold. We still need volunteers to help run three stalls at the Bazaar. If you can spare some time to help, we would be very grateful. We also warmly welcome donations for our Christmas Hampers and generous prizes for the Christmas Raffle. Donation boxes are available at the back of the church. We want cakes and good toys and If you make jam, marmalade, or chutney, we'd be grateful if you could donate a few jars to the preserves stall at the Christmas Bazaar. We have plenty of jars available if you need any. Thank you for your continued generosity and support. Every little contribution helps to make our Christmas Bazaar a success! For further information or to volunteer, please contact Mary Shelton (01246863099) or Mary Bentley (07436 000773). or leomarybentley@hotmail.co.uk

Catechist Formation: The Diocese of Nottingham is offering three courses about being a catechist: if you are interested in being a catechist, or are just starting out, or if you have been a Catechist for a long time, there is a course for you. All courses are on Zoom on Thursday evenings, with the first course, Encounter Catechesis, exploring four big questions about the foundations of catechesis, from Thursday 5th November. Speak to your parish priest, or email formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk

The Saint Colette's Pregnancy Support Centre, Nottingham, our centre for supporting pregnant women and their families, marks five years since it was opened. All are welcome to join the celebration on Wednesday 9th December, with veneration of the Poor Clare Colettine's Veil of Saint Colette from 6.30pm, and Mass offered by Bishop Patrick at 7pm, in Saint Paul's church, Lenton Boulevard, Nottingham NG7 2BY. After Mass there will be refreshments and live music in the social centre. For more information contact pro-life@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Encounter England is a two-day experience of Spirit-filled worship, transformational teaching, the Eucharist, and prayer ministry, designed to awaken a desire for more of God. Taking place on Friday 11th and Saturday 12th December, at Holy Cross Church, Leicester, current Encounter students receive a discounted ticket, as do any clergy; there's also a clergy lunch on Friday before the event, and a discount available for 18–35s (message directly for details). Early bird pricing is also available for the next couple of weeks! Visit https://encounterministries.regfox.com/uk-launch-december-11-12-2026

Flame is the national Catholic youth gathering, run by CYMF (the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation). Every two years Catholic young people from across England and Wales fill Wembley Arena for a day of music, speakers and prayer. The Diocesan Youth Service has 400 passes for school and parish groups, with ticket-only or coach packages available. To book email bookings@ndcys.com or visit www.ndcys.com/flame/

AI, Security and Peace: What kind of future are we creating? Artificial intelligence is transforming our world at extraordinary speed, raising questions about human dignity, ethics, freedom and the common good. How do we ensure that technology remains at the service of humanity, and contributes to peace rather than undermining it? Join Pax Christi for a free online on Thursday 12th November, at 7.00pm – 8.30pm for a thought-provoking presentation with Aaron Humphriss and Emmanuel Fisseha, exploring the ethical challenges posed by AI and its growing impact on human dignity. Register at https://paxchristi.org.uk/event/ai-security-and-peace/?instance_id=1647

Baptism: We warmly welcome all parents who are planning to have their child baptised in our parish. As part of the preparation for this joyful celebration, we kindly ask families to attend Holy Mass regularly for at least three months and to take part in the Baptism Preparation Sessions led by Fiona Molumby. Please note that of the two Godparents, at least one must be a practising Catholic who regularly attends Holy Mass. For more information please contact Fiona Molumby at fmolumby@aol.com.

After the 9am Mass at Clay Cross and the 11am Mass at Alfreton, *tea and coffee will be available in the hall. Please take this opportunity to relax, chat, catch up with old friends and make new ones. Everyone is warmly welcome.*