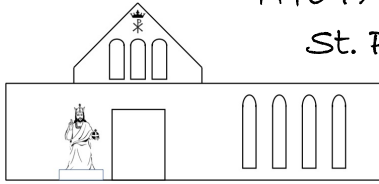
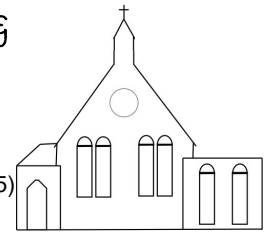


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Third Sunday of Easter: Weekly Bulletin 18th – 26th April 2026
CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

<u>Alfreton</u>	<u>Clay Cross</u>														
<p>Saturday 18th April: 6.30pm Mass: Joe Allen RIP</p> <p>Sunday 19th April: 11am Mass: Virginia Guiffse RIP 4.30pm 1 Holy hour Adoration</p> <p>Monday 20th April: <u>NO MASS</u></p> <p>Wednesday 22nd April: 9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Pray for Priests & Religious</p> <p>Friday 24th April: 9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Ignatius Uche BDay Ints</p> <p>Saturday 25th April: Mass 6.30pm: Frances Hill RIP</p> <p>Sunday 26th April: 11am Mass: Deacon Micheal's Ints</p>	<p>Divine Sunday 19th April: 9am Mass: Eileen Wragg RIP</p> <p>Tuesday 21st April: 9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Daniel Kerry RIP</p> <p>Thursday 23rd April: St George, Patron of England 9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Pray for those who have Separated from the Catholic Church</p> <p>Sunday 26th April: 9am Mass: Pray for Vocations</p>														
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<p><u>This Week's Readers: Alfreton</u> Saturday 6.30pm: Eugene Grant/Veronica Grant Sunday 10.30am: Tom McCallum/Fiona Molumby</p> <p><u>This Week's Readers: Clay Cross</u> Sunday 9am: Manna/Adrian Goodall</p> <p><u>Next Week's Readers: Alfreton</u> Saturday 6.30pm: Alison Bailey/Moya Mellors Sunday 10.30am: Francis O'Brien/Natasha Erskine</p> <p><u>Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross</u> Sunday 9am: Ted Bennett/Francis Cassidy</p>															

“It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you.” St John Paul II

Second Collection: Next Saturday/Sunday 25th & 26th April 2026: Clergy Formation Fund

Reminder: The Sunday Mass at Christ the King, Alfreton will be celebrated at 11am (instead of 10:30 am).

On Sunday, 19th April at 4:30 pm, the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales will hold a Holy Hour, praying for the promotion of a culture of life in our land. As a parish, we will also be holding a Holy Hour from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm. This will be a prayerful time to bring our petitions before the Lord, asking for the protection of the dignity of life from conception to natural end, and praying that assisted suicide will not become law. Please do join us for this important and grace-filled time of prayer.

Our next Afternoon Tea at Clay Cross will be held on Monday 20th April at 1pm. Everyone is warmly invited! Come along for a friendly chat, good company, and a little boost to your well-being. It's a lovely chance to relax, meet others, and enjoy the simple joy of being together. See you there!

Monthly pensioner's lunch: Join us for the parish lunch on Monday, 4th May 2026, at 1pm! The booking lists for the May Pensioners Lunch are now available at the back of both churches. If you'd like to join us, please be sure to reserve your spot by adding your name to the list by Sunday, 26th April, or give us a call at 07739896735 by Wednesday, 29th April 2026. (If no one answers, please leave a message!) We're looking forward to sharing a lovely meal together!

Future Five-Year Plan of Our Parish: Your presence and your ideas are truly valued as we continue to journey together in building a strong and faith-filled community in Christ. Each one of you has a unique role to play, and your voice can help shape the future of our parish in meaningful and lasting ways. Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 28th April at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. We warmly invite you to come along, share your thoughts, and be part of this important journey as we listen, reflect, and plan together. Thank you once again for your continued support, generosity, and commitment to our parish life. We look forward to seeing you all.

Restoring Pugin: Nottingham Cathedral Spring 2026: Nottingham cathedral and the staff of Nottingham Cathedral inviting everyone on Wednesday 22nd April at pm for a presentation and discussion on restoring Pugin project achievements to date. Tours of work and recent discoveries will be available. Refreshments will be provided.

Sudan appeal and prayers: April marks three years since the conflict began in the neighbouring country of Sudan. Our brothers and sisters are facing what is officially the worst humanitarian crisis in the world. You may remember that parishes across England and Wales supported Sudan through emergency collections two years ago. Violence in Sudan has expanded and now 13.6 million people have fled their homes. Our Church partners remain supporting families in Sudan, while many other charities have been forced to leave. This has become a terrible, long-term emergency. And yet news broadcasts report so little of the suffering. We do our Sudan appeal very soon, asking for our support. Monthly gifts are an act of steady love for our neighbours, a way of saying: we will not abandon you; we will stand with you until peace is restored. It is like the Good Samaritan who stopped, cared for the wounded man, paid for his treatment, and promised to give more if needed. That is the kind of faithful solidarity Sudan needs today."

Once a year, Nottingham SPUC holds a peaceful public act of witness in memory of the 10 million lives lost to abortion since the passage of the 1967 Abortion Act. This involves standing silently holding a poster up to passing traffic. The date for this year's witness is Saturday 25th April from 10.00am until midday. The venue is Trent Bridge, Nottingham. If you are saddened by the injustice of abortion and the harm it does to women, and would like to take part, please meet at 9.55am on the north side of the bridge, next to the Brewhouse and Kitchen. Posters will be provided. For more information contact pro-life@dioceseofnottingham.uk

The annual Saint Augustine Webster Diocesan Melwood Pilgrimage to the site of Melwood Abbey will be celebrated by Bishop Patrick on Saturday 2nd May, at 12 noon, at Low Melwood Farm, Owston Ferry, DN9 1AD. The Pilgrimage will start with the Rosary and Procession, and then Mass held in one of the farm's barns. Please bring a chair, picnic (optional), and appropriate footwear for country footpaths. All are very welcome.

A Retreat in Daily Life for Chaplains is being hosted by the Jesuit Institute between Sunday 10th and Friday 15th May. This online retreat in daily life will draw on the Ignatian tradition for Christian Chaplains (voluntary or paid) who work in a variety of contexts: schools, hospitals, universities, and elsewhere. It will provide an opportunity for chaplains to take stock of their ministry and to deepen and refresh their relationship with God. For booking information, visit: www.jesuitinstitute.org/events/a-retreat-in-daily-life-for-chaplains-3

Between Saturday 16th and Saturday 23rd May the Jesuit Institute is holding a 6-day online Retreat in the lead up to Pentecost, offering an opportunity to spend more time with God and listen to how God as at work in the everyday lives of those taking part. For details, and to book, visit: www.jesuitinstitute.org/events/online-individually-guided-retreat---pentecost

Saturday 6th June. Our Lady of Guadalupe Relic is visiting the Mother of God Church, Abbeydale Road. The day begins at 10 am with Holy Mass. This Relic has been declared as an Authorised Relic that extends the graces of evangelisation, conversion and truth to those who receive it. The perfect and ever Virgin, Holy Mary's words to St Juan Diego : "Am I not here, I, who am your Mother?" Following Holy Mass and veneration of Our Lady of Guadalupe Relic, there will be a Rethink Abortion Day led by the March for Life team in the Parish Centre. The team will lead a series of engaging, inspiring and informative sessions aimed at motivating and equipping us to articulate our prolife beliefs. The booking fee for this event is being subsidised by the group. Please bring your own packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Are you interested in training and volunteering as a Relationship Counsellor? Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation specialising in relationship support and is currently looking for those who are empathetic, understanding and have an enthusiasm for supporting adult relationships, to train on the Certificate in Relationship Counselling (CRC) and volunteer. This is a great opportunity to make a real difference to couples and families. To find out more visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

After the 9 am Mass at Clay Cross and the 11am Mass at Alfreton, tea and coffee will be available in the hall. Please take this opportunity to chat, catch up with old friends, and make new ones. Share your faith experiences and enjoy the fellowship of our parish community. We look forward to seeing you there.