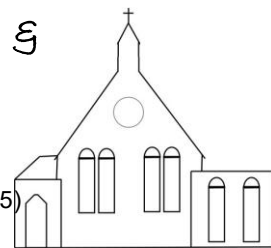


# THE PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING, ALFRETON & ST. PATRICK AND ST. BRIGID, CLAY CROSS

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## First Sunday of Advent: Weekly Bulletin 29<sup>th</sup> November – 07<sup>th</sup> December 2025 CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

### Alfreton

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November:** 6.30pm Mass:  
Margaret & Ted Mounsley RIP

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November:** 10.30am Mass:  
Terry Pittman RIP

**Monday 01<sup>st</sup> December:** **NO MASS**

**Wednesday 03<sup>rd</sup> December:**  
9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Bill Hough RIP

**Friday 05<sup>th</sup> December:**  
9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Mary Teresa Hough RIP

**Saturday 06<sup>th</sup> December:** 6.30pm Mass:  
Graham Thorpe RIP

**Sunday 07<sup>th</sup> December:** 10.30am Mass:

### Clay Cross

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November:** 9am Mass:  
Janet & Les Day RIP

**Tuesday 02<sup>nd</sup> December:**  
9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Maureen Waddoups RIP

**Thursday 04<sup>th</sup> December:**  
9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Edna O'Brien RIP

**Sunday 07<sup>th</sup> December:** 9am Mass:  
Joe, Pauline & Theresa Connors RIP

### December 2025 Cleaners

**Alfreton:** Maureen Walker  
**Clay Cross:** Rob Farrell

### 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: Joshua Chamberlain/Veronica Grant

Sunday 10.30am: Francis O'Brien/Natasha Erskine

### This Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Amelia/Shawn

### Next Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Maureen Fuller/Paul Fuller

Sunday 10.30am: Barrie Meloy/Fungai Chingwenje

### Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Francis Cassidy/Ian Patterson

### Collection for 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

Alfreton	£277.72
Clay Cross	£308.37
Standing Order	£186.00

**Total Collection** **£772.09**

Repository CTK	£19.25
Candles CTK	£35.67

*Many thanks for your generosity*

**"It is not the end of the world that we should fear, but the end of love, the end of faith, and the end of compassion."** *St Mother Teresa*

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

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## **Second Collection: Next Saturday/Sunday (06<sup>th</sup> & 07<sup>th</sup> December): Poor and Needy Parishes**

**Baptism:** We welcome Lily Ho into the parish community of Christ the King, Alfreton. Best wishes to her and her family.

**Children's Christmas Party – Volunteers Needed:** Our parish hopes to host a Children's Christmas Party on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December, after the 10.30am Mass at Christ the King Parish Hall, Alfreton. Sabrina Monk and Matthew McCallum have kindly offered to lead this wonderful event, but they need more volunteers to help make it a joyful and successful day for our children. **If you can offer your time or support, please contact: Sabrina Monk — ☎ 07766 737173, email: [sabrina.mcn27@gmail.com](mailto:sabrina.mcn27@gmail.com)**

**We are also preparing for the Children's Christmas Mass on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm at Alfreton Church.** Sabrina has again generously volunteered to take the lead, but more helpers are needed to organise and prepare for this special Mass. If you are able to assist with the preparations or on the day itself, please get in touch with Sabrina. Your help will make a big difference and will be greatly appreciated.

**“Walk With Me” Advent Recollection booklets are now available in the church porch.** A suggested donation of £1 per booklet would be greatly appreciated.

**Seniors' Christmas Dinner is on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025 at 1pm.** Looking forward to seeing you there.

**Christmas Bazaar 2025:** Our joyful annual Parish event — the Christmas Bazaar — is fast approaching! This year it will take place on next Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> December, from 12 noon to 2.30pm. I warmly encourage all of you to take part in this beloved tradition by: Buying and selling Christmas Raffle tickets, Donating good-quality items, Offering any support you can to make the day a great success. Your generosity, as always, helps our parish community flourish. We would be truly grateful for your support in making the 2025 Christmas Bazaar another wonderful celebration. Thank you, and God bless you for all you do.

**DROP-IN DROP-OFF:** As we approach Christmas, I've been thinking about our many elderly parishioners who would love to take part in the Christmas celebrations, Christmas meals, and other parish events. These faithful men and women—who are truly the cornerstones of our parish—often need a little help getting to church. If anyone is able to offer a lift from Alfreton & Clay Cross to an elderly parishioner for Saturday or Sunday Mass, or for special gatherings such as the Christmas meals or the pensioners' lunch, your kindness would make a big difference. If you can help, please speak to Fr. Paul after any of the Holy Masses. Thank you very much for your generosity and care.

**Music to Counter Dark Days,** a warm evening of traditional folk music with mulled wine and mince pies, is being held in Cathedral Hall, Nottingham NG1 5AW, on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm. All are welcome to this free event, with arts and crafts, and Christmas gifts on sale too.

**Father Michael O'Kane OFM,** of the Commissariat of the Holy Land, has written to thank Bishop Patrick for the generosity of parishioners earlier this year when the Collection for the Holy Places in the Holy Land was taken on Good Friday. Across the Diocese more than £20,000 was given to support the Christian communities in this war-torn part of the world, where Jesus himself lived and ministered. The Franciscans keep our Diocese, and all the parishioners, in their thankful prayers.

**The Parish of All Saints, West Nottingham is seeking to appoint a part-time Parish Administrator to support the day-to-day running of the parish.** The role will be for 10 hours per week (preferably Friday, and one other weekday) at Band 4 (£14.17 per hour). The parish is looking for a candidate with proven experience in administration and finance, ideally within parish, school, or charity settings. The successful applicant will play a key role in supporting parish operations and financial processes. For an informal chat about the role, contact Canon Stanley Ofoegbu [stanley.ofoegbu@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:stanley.ofoegbu@dioceseofnottingham.uk) and to request an application form, email [office@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:office@dioceseofnottingham.uk). The closing date is Monday 29th December.

**Advent Reflection – “Make Room for the Lord”:** Advent is the season that reminds us: Christ is coming, but He also comes today.” Advent is a gentle but powerful season, a sacred time when God invites us to slow down, breathe, and prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus. The world around us may rush toward Christmas with noise, bright lights, and endless lists of things to do, but Advent calls us to something deeper. It is a season of waiting—not a passive waiting, but a hopeful, joyful, expectant waiting. Just as Mary prepared her heart and life to welcome the Christ Child, we too are invited to make room for Jesus in the quiet places of our lives. Advent reminds us that God often enters our world softly. He comes not in thunder or grandeur, but in the simplicity of a manger, in the ordinary moments of our day, and in the silent corners of our hearts. This season calls us to light a candle in the darkness—an act of faith that says: “Lord, even in the challenges of life, I believe You are coming.” Every candle we light on the Advent wreath pushes back the darkness a little more, reminding us that God's love always brings hope, healing, and new beginnings. But Advent is also a time of preparation. Not just preparing our homes, but preparing our hearts. It is an invitation to reconciliation, forgiveness, and renewed faith. It is a season to remember that Jesus comes not only at Christmas, not only at the end of time, but every single day—whenever we choose love over anger, generosity over selfishness, and mercy over judgment. Advent is our opportunity to ask: What needs healing in my life? What needs letting go? Where do I need Christ's light? So let this Advent be different. Let it be a time when we intentionally pause, pray, and listen. A time to rediscover the joy of the Gospel, the quiet peace of God's presence, and the simple truth that we are deeply loved. Remember: Every candle we light is a reminder that God's light grows even in small steps. Every prayer we whisper becomes an open door for Christ to enter. Every act of kindness makes the world a little more like Bethlehem on that holy night. As we prepare the crib in our churches and homes, let us also prepare a place in our hearts—clean, ready, and joyful—for the One who comes to save us. May this holy season awaken in us a new hope, a deeper faith, and a renewed desire to welcome Christ into our hearts, our homes, and our parish community. Come, Lord Jesus—do not delay.