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**Twenty Sixth Sunday: Weekly Bulletin 30<sup>th</sup> September- 08<sup>th</sup> October 2023**  
**CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST**

**Alfreton**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September:** 6.30pm Mass:  
Jerry O'Brien RIP

**Sunday 01<sup>st</sup> October:** 10.30am Rae Morton Ints

**Monday 02<sup>nd</sup> October: NO MASS**

**Wednesday 04<sup>th</sup> October: St Francis of Assisi**  
9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Shaiby Praveen Ints

**Friday 06<sup>th</sup> October:**  
9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Denis Waterman RIP

**Saturday 07<sup>th</sup> October:** 6.30pm Mass

**Sunday 08<sup>th</sup> October:** 10.30am Mass

**Clay Cross**

**Sunday 01<sup>st</sup> October:** 9.00am Mass: Gail Cotter RIP

**Tuesday 03<sup>rd</sup> October:** Mary Harriman RIP  
9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass:

**Thursday 05<sup>th</sup> October:** David Johnson Ints  
9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass:

**Sunday 08<sup>th</sup> October:** 9am Mass:  
Joseph Culligan RIP & Marjorie Culligan RIP

**October 2023 Cleaners**

**Alfreton:** Marta/York  
**Clay Cross:** Bosko/Seenia

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

**Week's Readers: Alfreton**

Saturday 6.30pm Jacob S/Polly Wellby  
Sunday 10.30am Barrie Meloy/Rob Farrell  
**Clay Cross:** Sunday 9am Seenia Bosko/Ted Bennett

**Next Week's Readers: Alfreton**

Saturday 6.30pm Eugene Grant/Polly Wellby  
Sunday 10.30am Fiona Molumby/Natasha Erskine  
**Clay Cross:** Sunday 9am Bruce Johnson/David Johnson

**Collection for 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

Alfreton	£276.52
Clay Cross	£157.00
Standing Order	£243.75
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>£677.27</b>

Candles	£42.92
Repository	£1.35
Hall Hire	£100.00

***Many thanks for your generosity***

**“God does not begin by asking us about our ability, but only about our availability and if we then prove our dependability he will increase our capability” Neal Maxwell**

**Parish Lunch, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 at 1.00 pm.** Looking forward to seeing you there, all those put their names on the list.

**The SFO will be having the annual TRANSITUS** ceremony in memory of St Francis at 3pm on Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October at Ss Patrick & Brigid, Clay Cross. It is a beautiful Ceremony. All are welcome.

**Faith and Footprint:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 7.00pm – 8.30pm Caritas invite you to its online environmental workshop, dipping into Pope Francis' Message for the 2023 World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. We'll share practical ideas for reducing the carbon footprint of our churches and homes (and their energy bills). To receive the Zoom link book your place at [bit.ly/FaithandFootprint](https://bit.ly/FaithandFootprint)

**Saint Collette's Pregnancy Support Centre (SCPSC)** was established to support women who are pregnant in difficult circumstances and might be considering an abortion. The center, based in Nottingham, offers practical and emotional support to such women across the East Midlands. SCPSC is seeking to employ a researcher for a six-month project, the purpose of which is to investigate ways of reaching and helping more women. If you are interested in this exciting and positive opportunity, please contact John via email at [pro-life@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:pro-life@dioceseofnottingham.uk) for more information. The deadline for applications is Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October.

**Polish Cultural Evening / Polski Wieczór Kulturalny** - <https://www.christthekingalfreton.org/events> **EN:** Join us for an evening of Polish culture on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October, starting around 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall after the Saturday Vigil Mass. The program includes many attractions: Polish music, dancing, cake fair, games for children, lotteries with prizes, and delicious Polish food. All parishioners and guests are welcome. Any offers of help with organising will be appreciated. **PL:** Zapraszamy na wieczór kultury Polskiej który odbędzie się 7 października po nabożeństwie wieczornym o 19.30 start w hali przy Kościele . W programie zaplanowano wiele atrakcji : Polska muzyka, tance, kiermasz ciast, zabawy dla najmłodszych, loterie z nagrodami, pyszne polskie jedzenie . Serdecznie zapraszamy . Jeżeli ktoś miał by ochotę pomóc przy organizacji będziemy wdzięczni.

**Knit & Natter Appeal for remnants of fabrics:** Have you finished a sewing project that's resulted in some leftover fabric? Maybe you have a "fabric stash" that could do with a tidy up. Our parish Knit & Natter group are appealing for donations of fabric which could be used by members throughout the year to craft items to be sold at the bazaar and other fund raising events. Many thanks

**For the Mass with the Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on Saturday 18th November** a rehearsal will be held on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 10:30am-1.00pm, with tea and coffee available from 10.00am in the Cathedral. All are welcome.

**Revolution of Tenderness:** the 2023 annual Caritas Assembly with the SVP, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November at St Mary's church, Derby. Parishioners and SVP members are warmly invited to a day to help put faith into action and reach out to the community. The gathering starts at 10.00am with Mass celebrated by Bishop Patrick. During the day the keynote speaker is Alessandra Sciarra, SVP's parliamentary adviser, and afternoon workshops will focus on mental health, supporting refugees, offering hospitality and greening the parish. Join Caritas, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul and Catholics from around the diocese to discover Christ in those in need, deepen our discipleship and build a more just and peaceful world. **To book visit [bit.ly/revolutionoftenderness](https://bit.ly/revolutionoftenderness) or telephone 0115 648 1509**

**In preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025 Pope Francis** has asked the Church to look again at some of the documents of the Second Vatican Council. Nottingham Deanery is hosting a series of talks, open to all, and presented by specialists in each Constitution: **1)** Father Guy Nicholls cong orat, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour parish hall, Bulwell NG6 9ES, speaking about Sacrosanctum Concilium, the constitution about the liturgy; **2)** Father Richard Ounsworth OP, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October, at Sacred Heart community center, Carlton NG4 1FP, speaking about Dei Verbum, the constitution about scripture. **3)** Doctor Mary McCaughey, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November, at Saint John the Evangelist parish hall, Stapleford NG9 7BT, speaking about Gaudium et Spes, the constitution about the Church in the world. **3)** Bishop Patrick, Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> 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. **4)** Each evening will begin at 7pm with a talk, followed by questions, and light refreshments, before finishing at 8.30pm. All are very welcome to come and hear more about these documents which are central to our faith.

**October is designated by the Catholic Church as the "Month of the Rosary"** because in this month the Church celebrates the Marian advocacy of "Our Lady of the Rosary" on Oct 7. Here are 10 ways you can more closely align your life and home to the Rosary. Perhaps some of these wonderful devotions will stick around your domestic church even after October is over! **1 DESIGN AND PLANT A ROSARY GARDEN, 2 SET YOUR DINING TABLE, MANTEL OR OTHER PROMINENT AREA IN YOUR HOME WITH AN OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY ALTAR, 3 COOK FOR THE QUEEN, 4 ADD ROSARY-INSPIRED PRAYERS AT SPECIAL MOMENTS, 5 SURROUND YOURSELF WITH ART AND MUSIC THAT HONORS MARY, 6 READ A MARIAN CLASSIC, 7 DEVOTE SATURDAYS TO MARY'S HONOR, 8 PRACTICE SPECIAL ACTS OF CHARITY, 9 PRAY THE ROSARY EVERY DAY FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER OR PRAY A FAMILY ROSARY, 10 FIND WAYS TO SHARE THE ROSARY WITH OTHERS.**