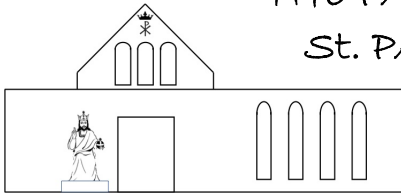


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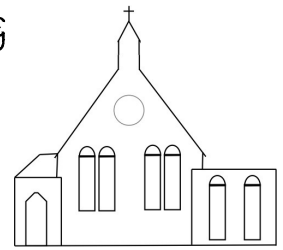
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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time: Weekly Bulletin 25<sup>th</sup> January– 02<sup>nd</sup> February 2025**  
**CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST**

**Alfreton**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January:** 6.30pm Mass

Ted Arrowsmith RIP

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January:** 10.30am Mass:

Barrie Meloy Wellbeing & Elsie Stewart Ints

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January: No Mass**

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January:**

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Sr Mary Teresa OP Ints

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January: St John Bosco**

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Harry & Sandra Flood Int

**Saturday 01<sup>st</sup> February:** 6.30pm Mass:

Jack & Gladys Brooks RIP

**Sunday 02<sup>nd</sup> February:** 10.30am Mass:

Wellbeing of the family of Catherine Joy

**Clay Cross**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January:** 9am Mass: Nora Hickman RIP

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January: St Thomas Aquinas**

9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: George Hall RIP

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January:**

9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Suzanne Dawson Ints

**Sunday 02<sup>nd</sup> February:** 9am Mass:

The ints of all family members of Liyamol Augustine

**January 2025 Cleaners**

**Alfreton:** Bridget W

**Clay Cross:** Maggie Smith

**Sick & Housebound**

**Please pray for** – Sara Lane, Shirley Oakes, Ian Martin, Val Kerlin, Mary Pfeffer, Hazel Titon, Martin Mullally, Elsie Stewart, Brian Bradford, Peter Egan. Ted Bennett, Jim Johnson, Rob Lane, John Oliver, Karen Parker, Bridie Joyce, Mick Mullarkey, Kath McGrath, Mark McCallum, Roseanne Coyne, Cecilia Fletcher and Pennie Burton. **Please remember all in our parish who need our prayers.**

**This Week's Readers: Alfreton**

Saturday 6.30pm: Veronica Grant/Clare Smith

Sunday 10.30am: Lilianna/Barrie Meloy

**This Week's Readers: Clay Cross**

Sunday 9am: Laveena/Feo

**Next Week's Readers: Alfreton**

Saturday 6.30pm: Alison Bailey/Cecilia Fletcher

Sunday 10.30am: Fungai Chingwenje/John Boxall

**Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross**

Sunday 9am: Wendy Tinsley/Manna

**Collection for 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

Alfreton	£415.00
Clay Cross	£237.56
Standing Order	£243.75

**Total Collection** **£896.31**

Repository	£6.54
Candles: CTK	£33.89
Pensioner's lunch Raffle	£56.00
Knit & Natter	£7.00

*Many thanks for your generosity*

**“God is like Oxygen. You can't see him but you can't live without him”**

*Unknown*

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

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**Theme and Focus for Word of God Sunday: Jubilee Year Context:** Emphasize that the Jubilee Year is a time of renewal, reconciliation, and deepening faith. The Word of God plays a central role in this journey, as it provides guidance, inspiration, and transformation. Link the Jubilee theme of "Pilgrims of Hope" (if officially designated) to the Word of God, highlighting Scripture as a lamp for our path (Psalm 119:105). **Scripture as a Living Word:** Reflect on how the Word of God is not just a text but a living, active force (Hebrews 4:12). Encourage the congregation to see Scripture as God speaking directly to their hearts in today's context. **Personal and Communal Renewal: A deeper engagement with Scripture through Bible studies, Lectio Divina, or group reflections. Highlight the Eucharist and Scripture together:** just as we are nourished by Christ in the Eucharist, we are also nourished by His Word. Pope Francis suggests, "May you have the habit of always carrying a small Gospel in your pocket, in your bag, to be able to read it during the day". There are several editions of the New Testament or the Gospel, in handy little volumes, pocket versions, that easily fit in our bags or backpacks and that we can carry with us at all times. Pope Francis continued: "What would happen if we treated the Bible as we treat our mobile phone? If we always carried it with us, or at least the pocket-sized Gospel, what would happen? If we turned back when we forgot it, if we opened it several times a day, if we read God's messages contained in the Bible as we read messages on our mobile phones?" The Pope highlighted the importance of always keeping God's Word close to us, just as we keep our phones—a tool we often prioritize in our daily lives. He pointed out that in today's digital age, it's easy to access the Scriptures through mobile apps, giving us the opportunity to meditate on God's Word anytime and anywhere.

**Parish Lunch, Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 at 1pm.** The booking lists for the February Pensioners Lunch are now at the back of both churches. If you would like to attend this lunch, it is very important that you book your place by Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025, so that we know how many people we need to cater for.

**Can you help at Warm Welcome Space on Tuesday January 28<sup>th</sup> 2024?** One or two Volunteers are needed to help serve at Warm Welcome Space on Tuesday, especially between 10:30 am and 2 pm. If you can help, please add your name to the rota at the back of the Church. Many thanks.

**The Secular Franciscan Order members** will resume their regular meetings for 2025 on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 2.00pm. Any new visitors would be made very welcome to attend in Thanet House at Clay Cross R.C. Church. Any queries in the meantime, please feel free to contact Adrian (Fraternity Minister) on 07548 104044, email [adriangoodall54@gmail.com](mailto:adriangoodall54@gmail.com), or just turn up on Thursday.

**Nottingham Cathedral Choirs** will be collaborating with Southwell Minster Choir to sing Evensong together at Southwell Minster to celebrate the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 5.30pm. All are very welcome to attend.

**The Rosary in a Year Podcast:** In Ascension's Rosary in a Year podcast, Fr. Mark-Mary Ames, CFR, guides listeners in a step-by-step journey that will change the way you pray – no matter where you are in your spiritual life. By starting small and adding on over time, listeners will find themselves falling more in love with this powerful Marian devotion, becoming a source of grace for the whole world.

**February 2<sup>nd</sup> is the traditionally the day when we pray for those living the Consecrated Life.** If you would like to explore what Consecrated Life means, you are invited to join the Sisters in Matlock for a cup of tea and informal chat on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February between 2.30pm and 4.30pm, at the Presentation Convent, Matlock, DE4 3FT. Just turn up.

**Bishop Patrick warmly invites all married couples to Saint Barnabas Cathedral (NG1 5AE) on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February** when we will celebrate Mass at 3.00pm to mark the Jubilee of Marriages. The Bishop will lead a Renewal of Vows during the Mass, impart a special Jubilee Blessing, and afterwards host a Reception in Cathedral Hall. All married couples (and their families) are very welcome to attend, especially those recently married, and those celebrating significant anniversaries this Jubilee year.

**Assisted Suicide Legislation – what happens next?** Bishop John Sherrington writes regarding an update on the assisted suicide legislation, known as the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, that the next stage is evidence-gathering by the committee examining the Bill, and Bishop John will submit written evidence to that. This committee will examine the Bill in detail, after which it will then return to the floor of the House of Commons for a further substantive vote. This vote will probably take place in late April or early May. The Bill could be defeated in that important division. Individuals and interested organisations can submit written evidence to the committee, and further details can be found at [www.parliament.uk/business/news/2025/january/terminally-ill-adults-end-of-life-bill-call-for-evidence/](http://www.parliament.uk/business/news/2025/january/terminally-ill-adults-end-of-life-bill-call-for-evidence/)

**Men's Spiritual Exercises, Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April:** A 5-day version of the Ignatian Exercises offered specifically for men (whether lay or ordained), this retreat will be preached at the Christian Heritage Centre, Lancashire, by the Benedictine Monks of Saint Joseph's Abbey, France. Founded in 1988, this community has retained its charism of a specific apostolate to men. One-to-one direction will be offered alongside the talks. For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-spiritual-exercises/>

**The third course of the Society of Saint Gregory's Taking Liturgy Seriously starts later this month.** There are six modules and the focus will be on liturgical spirituality, taking its inspiration from Pope Francis' letter on liturgical formation, Desiderio Desideravi: "I would like this letter to help us to rekindle our wonder for the beauty of the truth of the Christian celebration." (n.62) For each of the six modules there are three Zoom webinars. Each module is £30 with a discount for booking all six in advance. However, one important thing is that since many people have busy weeks, all the webinars will be recorded and made available for anyone who has signed up but could not make the webinar live. The calibre of the speakers is very good. More information on speakers, dates, etc can be found at: <https://ssg.org.uk/taking-liturgy-seriously-3/?unapproved=4258&moderation-hash=e6b10bdd806efe1ef247052f42a31a73#comment-4258> Bookings can be made at: <https://ssg.org.uk/tls3/>