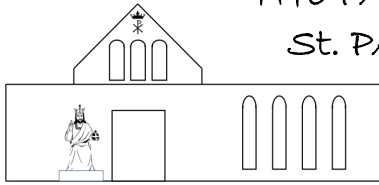


THE PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING, ALFRETON &
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01st Sunday of Lent: Weekly Bulletin 08th – 16th March 2025
CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

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<p>Saturday 08th March: 6.30pm Mass: St Anthony RIP</p> <p>Sunday 09th March: 10.30am Mass: Larry Hickey RIP</p> <p>Monday 10th March: <u>No Mass</u></p> <p>Wednesday 12th March: 9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Anita Day Ints</p> <p>Friday 14th March: Nancy Hynes Ints 9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass & Station of the Cross</p> <p>Saturday 15th March: 6.30pm Mass: John Ryan RIP</p> <p>Sunday 16th March: 10.30am Mass: Thomas McCallum RIP</p>	<p>Sunday 09th March: 9am Mass: Michael John Lannon RIP</p> <p>Tuesday 11th March: 9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Michelle Lemal RIP</p> <p>Thursday 13th March: Sheila Murphy Ints 9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass & Station of the Cross</p> <p>Sunday 16th March: 9am Mass: Thomas Kerlin RIP</p>																		
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<p><u>Sick & Housebound</u></p> <p><i>Please pray for</i> – 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 and Pennie Burton. <i>Please remember all in our parish who need our prayers.</i></p> <p><u>This Week's Readers: Alfreton</u> Saturday 6.30pm: Cecilia Fletcher/Alison Bailey Sunday 10.30am: Fiona Molumby/Lilianna</p> <p><u>This Week's Readers: Clay Cross</u> Sunday 9am: Nicole Grey/Rob Farrell</p> <p><u>Next Week's Readers: Alfreton</u> Saturday 6.30pm: Maureen Fuller/Paul Fuller Sunday 10.30am: Natasha Erskine/Tom McCallum</p> <p><u>Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross</u> Sunday 9am: Ted Bennett/Rita Topp</p>																			

“Do not worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older it will avoid you.” *Joey Adams*

Winners for March were Mark Boulton, Mrs Stef Gannon, Francis O'Brien, Mrs M Lane and Mr M Denton. Congratulations to all

"MISSIO BOXES - Please bring in for emptying during March/April. Thank you in anticipation of your co-operation".

Second Collection: Next Saturday/Sunday 15th & 16th March 2025: CAFOD Lenten fast Day

Walk with Me: Please take and reflect on the booklet A Journey of Prayer for Lent 2025 (Walk with Me). May it guide and inspire you throughout this Lenten season.

Car parking: Dear Parishioners, I am delighted to see more people attending weekend Masses and growing in faith. However, parking has become a challenge on Saturdays and Sundays. To help ease the situation: Please avoid parking near the entrance just to leave early, as this creates difficulties for others. Kindly leave space for an ambulance, should an emergency arise during the service. Let's prioritize parking for those with disabilities or mobility issues, ensuring they have easy access. Let us think of others, not just ourselves, as a community of faith. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Parish Action for Lent: Lent is about almsgiving and as a parish we are asking parishioners to bring in items for the Foodbank each week as our charitable contribution. The items can be placed at the box at the back of the church each week. We will remind each week in the newsletter. 2nd Week 16th March: Pasta, Rice and Noodles. Thank you

Sunday 10.30am Holy Mass: Each Sunday at the 10:30am Mass, we invite all children to gather around the altar and take part in the Eucharistic Prayer, returning to their families at the Sign of Peace. Please encourage your child to join in and pray the Our Father with the congregation. To ensure a prayerful atmosphere, we kindly ask that no toys or distractions be brought onto the sanctuary. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

CAFOD Family Fast day: As part of our Lenten journey, we are invited to support CAFOD's Family Fast Day on Friday 14th March. Please collect an envelope from the porch and consider making a generous contribution to help those in need. Your support will make a real difference in the lives of the poor and vulnerable.

Lenten Bishop's Mass on Tuesday 11th March at 7pm at Matlock: If you would like to attend the Bishop's Holy Mass during Lent, please confirm your attendance so that the Matlock parish can arrange seating accordingly. A sign-up form is available in the porch. Kindly complete and return the form by Friday, 07th March 2025.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration: We are delighted to invite you to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Saturday, 15th March. The festivities will begin after the 6:30pm Holy Mass and take place in the Hall. **We need enthusiastic volunteers on Saturday, at 1 pm to help decorate the hall for our annual St. Patrick's Day celebration. Event Details:** Entry Ticket: £3. Please bring your own food and drink. We will come together to share a meal, fostering a warm and friendly atmosphere together we will have live music and Raffles. Your presence and participation are essential in making this celebration a joyful and memorable occasion. We hope you can join us for an evening filled with fellowship, laughter, and community spirit.

Jubilee Year Visit to St Barnabas Cathedral – Sign-Up Required: As part of our Jubilee Year celebrations, we are excited to invite you to a visit to St Barnabas Cathedral. Below are the details of the event: Date & Time: Thursday, 24th July at 1:00 PM – we will celebrate Holy Mass at Cathedral church followed by a visit to the Heritage Centre. **Additional Arrangements:** Weather permitting, you are welcome to enjoy a picnic lunch in the hall or gardens. The Cathedral staff will provide tea and coffee. **Coach Booking:** In order to book the coach, I need to know how many people plan to attend. We will share details regarding the prize and other specifics once we have a confirmed headcount and the coach price. **Sign-Up:** A sign-up form is available in the porch. Please complete and return the form by Sunday, 23rd March 2025. I look forward to a wonderful day together.

Jubilee Year 2025 celebrations: As we prepare for the Jubilee Year, we invite you to share your ideas for events and celebrations. A suggestion box has been placed in the porch—please feel free to leave your suggestions. Your input is valuable in making this Jubilee a meaningful and joyful occasion for our parish. Collection date on Sunday 23rd March.

Parish Email: The Diocese has informed us that all parishes are required to change their email addresses within the next few months to one that is directly linked to the Diocese. Our new parish email address is ctkchurchalfreton@dioceseofnottingham.uk. This change is being made for security reasons, as the Diocese of Nottingham aims to centralize and secure all parish communications. Once the new email system is fully established, we will discontinue the use of our current parish Gmail account.

Nottingham Cathedral Choir and Youth Choir are gearing up to perform the Bach St John Passion on Saturday 29th March at 7.45pm, in Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham NG1 5AE. At the start of Lent, and for those haven't experienced the St John Passion, it is the perfect preparation for Holy Week. Since the performance falls the day before Mothering Sunday, the Choirs are offering 10% off tickets if you are treating your mum! This discount is available until 19th March; simply use the code MUM10 at the checkout: use the QR code on the poster at the back of church.

The Diocesan Women's Lent Retreat returns to Nottingham this year on Saturday 5th April. The theme of the retreat is 'The Sacred Heart: An Icon of Hope' and it will be given by Canon Jonathan Cotton, a fantastic retreat leader. Good Shepherd Church, Nottingham (NG5 4HT) will host the retreat which will include Holy Mass, Talks, confession, social time and more. The cost of the day is £15, please bring a packed lunch. For more details and to book please see the poster in church or visit dioceseofnottingham.uk/events

Join men from across the diocese on Saturday 12th April for our annual Men's Retreat, once again at Mount Saint Bernard Abbey. The theme of the retreat is 'The Journey Through Holy Week' and it will be given by Father John Farrell OP, former provincial of the Dominican Order. The retreat will include Holy Mass in the Abbey, Talks, confession, guided adoration and more. The cost of the day is £15, please bring a packed lunch. For more details and to book please see the poster in church or visit dioceseofnottingham.uk/events