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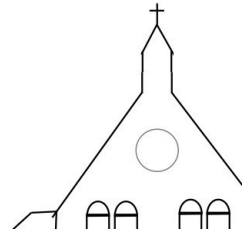
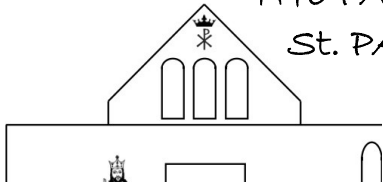
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**04<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time: Weekly Bulletin 01<sup>st</sup> – 09<sup>th</sup> February 2025**  
**CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST**

<u>Alfreton</u>	<u>Clay Cross</u>												
<p><b>Saturday 01<sup>st</sup> February:</b> 6.30pm Mass Jack &amp; Gladys Brooks RIP</p> <p><b>Sunday 02<sup>nd</sup> February:</b> 10.30am Mass: Wellbeing of the family of Catherine Joy</p> <p><b>Monday 03<sup>rd</sup> February:</b> <u>No Mass</u></p> <p><b>Wednesday 05<sup>th</sup> February:</b> <b>St Agatha</b> 9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Ints of Legion of Mary</p> <p><b>Friday 07<sup>th</sup> February:</b> <b>St John Bosco</b> 9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Ann Laughnane 90<sup>th</sup> BDay Ints</p> <p><b>Saturday 08<sup>th</sup> February:</b> 6.30pm Mass:</p> <p><b>Sunday 09<sup>th</sup> February:</b> 10.30am Mass:</p>	<p><b>Sunday 02<sup>nd</sup> February:</b> 9am Mass: The ints of all family members of Liyamol Augustine</p> <p><b>Tuesday 04<sup>th</sup> February:</b> <b>St Gilbert of Sempringham</b> 9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Ints of Religious Studies Department at St Benedict School</p> <p><b>Wednesday 05<sup>th</sup> February:</b> <b>11.30am</b> Funeral service of Jayne Melanie Riggott</p> <p><b>Thursday 06<sup>th</sup> February:</b> <b>Ss Paul Miki &amp; Companions</b> 9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Thanksgiving for Fatima Pilgrimage</p> <p><b>Sunday 09<sup>th</sup> February:</b> 9am Mass:</p>												
	<u>January 2025 Cleaners</u>												
	<p><b>Alfreton:</b> Bridget W <b>Clay Cross:</b> Maggie Smith</p>												
<u>Sick &amp; Housebound</u>	<u>Collection for 25<sup>th</sup> &amp; 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025</u>												
<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 and Pennie Burton. <i>Please remember all in our parish who need our prayers.</i></p>	<table> <tr> <td>Alfreton</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£347.65</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clay Cross</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£226.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Standing Order</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£243.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total Collection</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>£818.30</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Repository</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£2.70</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Candles: CTK</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£32.61</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Many thanks for your generosity</i></p>	Alfreton	£347.65	Clay Cross	£226.90	Standing Order	£243.75	<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>£818.30</b>	Repository	£2.70	Candles: CTK	£32.61
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**“Remember this—you can't serve God and Money, but you can serve God with money.”** *Selwyn Hughes*

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

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**Jayne Melanie Riggott RIP:** We pray for the repose of the soul of Jayne Melanie Riggott who died recently. The funeral service will take place Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at Clay Cross at 11.30 am followed by burial at Danesmoor Cemetery. Our sincere condolences to her family and friends.

**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.

**Sara Lane:** On behalf of Sara and her family, we would like to thank everyone who has prayed for her recovery and wellbeing. We would also like to acknowledge all the people that have repeatedly asked about how Sara has been getting on over the past three years, this has meant a lot to us. Warm regards Nina & Rob Lane. Also Rob would like to thank everyone that has kept him in their prayers over the past years.

**New Readers & Updated Rota [Clay Cross]** - Thank you to everyone who joined or remained on the readers' rota! The updated schedule is now on the church noticeboard. Your service is greatly appreciated.

**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.

**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.

**Next week, the Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service (NDCYS) is bringing The Briars to a parish near you!** They will be at Sacred Heart Parish, Leicester on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February, Our Lady of Lourdes, Mickelover on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February and Our Lady of Lincoln, Lincoln on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February. Come and hear about the exciting opportunities at the Youth Service, the skills you will gain and how these opportunities will help you to discover God's call. For more information visit [www.ndcys.com/events-and-opportunities](http://www.ndcys.com/events-and-opportunities) or email [events@ndcys.com](mailto:events@ndcys.com)

**The feast day of Saint Josephine Bakhita, the patron saint of victims of human trafficking and modern slavery, takes place on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February.** There are 50 million victims of human trafficking across the world and as many as 130,000 in the UK, hidden in plain sight in your neighbourhood. Pope Francis describes human trafficking as "blood money" and a "crime against humanity". We are all called to combat this evil trade. To find out more and what you can do, go to [santamartagroup.org/resources](http://santamartagroup.org/resources).

**On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February Bishop Patrick will celebrate Mass at Saint Barnabas Cathedral at 10pm for Young Adults** (18-35) making use of the beautiful lighting in the Cathedral for 'Nottingham Night Light'. If you would like to support the Mass in any way, eg reading, serving, welcoming, then please contact [charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**Father Matthew Blake, OCD will offer a weekend (Friday 14<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March) exploring the life and teachings of Edith Stein,** or Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, and her indomitable search for truth that led her to the Catholic faith. For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-search-for-truth-edith-stein/>

**A Retreat for married couples on 'The Four Disciplines of a Family' will take place on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March from 11.00am until 3.00pm.** Mike and Alicia Hennon, founders of the famous Messy Family Podcast are coming all the way from Ohio, USA to lead this Retreat. Please see the link below for more details. [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-messy-family-project-st-vincent-mission-hub-sheffield-tickets-1116789079199?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-messy-family-project-st-vincent-mission-hub-sheffield-tickets-1116789079199?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl)

**On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, Youth2000 is running a day retreat for all young adults (18-35) at The Briars, Crich, DE4 5BW.** The day will include lunch and dinner, inputs, prayer, and Mass with Bishop Patrick. To purchase a ticket and find out more visit: <https://youth2000.churchsuite.com/events/eo9c6nuj> and for more information contact: [charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk).

**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/>