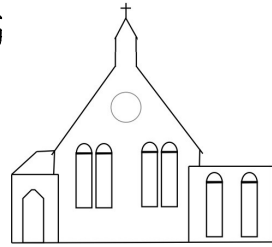
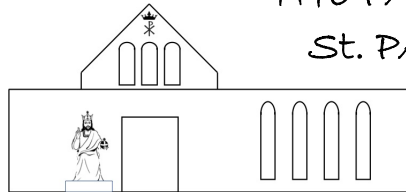


THE PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING, ALFRETON &
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1st Sunday of Christmastide: Weekly Bulletin 28th December 2024– 05th January 2025
CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

Alfreton

Saturday 28th December: 6.30pm Mass: Frank Sullivan RIP

Sunday 29th December: 10.30am Mass: Breda Hancock RIP

Monday 30th December: No Mass

Tuesday 31st December: David McCallum RIP
11pm- 12 Adoration followed by Midnight Mass

Wednesday 01st January: **Mary, the Holy Mother of God**
9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Parish Ints

Friday 03rd January: Gaza and Ukraine People
9am Adoration, 9.30 Mass

Saturday 04th January: 6.30pm Mass: Ursula RIP

Sunday 05th January: 10.30am Mass: Ints of Falzon Family

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 and Pennie Burton. **Please remember all in our parish who need our prayers.**

This Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Cecilia Fletcher/Alison Bailey
Sunday 10.30am: John Boxall/Catherine Galloway

This Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Reena Gigi/Sheila Hall

Next Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Maureen Fuller/Paul Fuller
Sunday 10.30am: Fiona Molumby/Fungai Chingwenje

Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Ted Bennett/Rob Farrell

Clay Cross

Sunday 29th December: 9am Mass:
Eileen & Anthony Mulrooney RIP

Tuesday 31st December: Thanksgiving
9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass

Thursday 02nd January: Holy Souls
9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass

Sunday 05th January: 9am Mass:
For those who have no one to pray for them

January 2025 Cleaners

Alfreton: Bridget W

Clay Cross: Maggie Smith

Collection for 22nd & 23rd December 2024

Alfreton	£381.42
Clay Cross	£249.25
Standing Order	£243.75

Total Collection **£874.42**

Repository: CTK	£1.85
Candles: CTK	£35.36
Christmas Bazaar (Knit&Natter Sales)	£49.50
Altar Carpet Donation	£20.00

Many thanks for your generosity

“Wishing all parishioners a healthy, joyful, and blessed New Year 2025. May God’s grace and peace be with you throughout the year.”

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

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Thank You: Personal thank you to all of you who sent me good wishes and personal gifts. I am glad to tell you that this year's Christmas celebrations went very well, starting from the church's decorations & Parish hall decorations inside and outside, Christmas Pensioner's lunch, Christmas Carols, Children's Parties, Christmas Party with drinks and cakes, Children's Christmas Eve Masses, and Christmas Holy Masses. Everything went very well, and I can see the teamwork behind this as a wider family. On behalf of the parish, I would like to express a special thanks to everyone who has worked so hard to achieve all these events. Thanks also to all of you who have supported the parish in so many ways throughout 2024—the PPC Members, Finance Committee, Catechists, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, SVP Members, Legion of Mary, Knit & Natter, Franciscan lay community, Church Cleaners, Collectors, Counters, Musicians, Choir, Florists, Altar Servers, Christ the King school and all the people who made the church warm and welcoming every Sunday. I apologize if I have missed anybody off. I hope this enthusiasm to work together for the parish may continue every year to build a very strong Catholic community in Christ the King, Alfreton, and Ss. Patrick & Brigid, Clay Cross. May we bear witness to Jesus's teaching not only through our words but also through our actions, becoming an exemplary parish for the neighboring parishes and the Diocese of Nottingham. I received Christmas cards and gifts from the parishioners but unfortunately, I don't know most of you by name, though I do recognize your faces. You all know me as your priest, but I find it challenging to remember all your names. Believe me, slowly but surely, I will get to know each of you. It is a pleasure for me to be your parish priest. From my heart, I wish you all a Happy New Year 2025. May God bless you all at this time. Fr. Paul

Just a quick note to share the details for the New Year's celebrations: Tuesday 31st December Midnight Adoration: 11pm to 12, followed by Holy Mass. New Year's Wednesday 1st January 2025 Morning Adoration: 9am, followed by Holy Mass at 9:30. Both celebrations will take place at Christ the King church, Alfreton.

Parish Lunch, Monday 6th January 2025 at 1pm. The booking lists for the January 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, 29th December 2024, so that we know how many people we need to cater for.

Reminder - in the porch at CTK there are faith-inspired books that can be borrowed or donated. During this advent season, we encourage all to take some time to reconnect with 'the word made flesh', our saviour Jesus Christ. Please just take what you need and return when finished (on small bookshelf - labelled Legion of Mary books).

First Holy Communion 2025: If your child is in Year 3 or above, they may be enrolled to receive their First Holy Communion in June 2025. A parents meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th January 4.15 pm at Christ the King Primary School, Firs Avenue. Sessions will be held at school (for pupils attending the school) and at Church for those not attending the school.

Confirmation 2025: A reminder that sessions begin at the Church Wednesday 15th January 5.30 pm

The Diocese has given an extension for completion of the DBS online course until March 25th because some people have had difficulty accessing the course.

Everyday Evangelising – Explore sharing your faith Join Bishop Patrick on Saturday 25th January (10.00am-3:30pm) at Holy Trinity Parish, Newark, for a day focused on how we can share our faith in simple ways every day! The day will be led by Deacon David Palmer (Birmingham Archdiocese) who will help us develop ways to live our baptismal calling to be Jesus' ambassadors in the world. There is no cost to the day but please bring a packed lunch. Book your place here: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/every-day-evangelising

Join CAFOD online on Saturday 18th January 2025 from 10.30am until 12.00 noon for Get Jubilee Ready, a general introduction to the Jubilee Year with some special guests. Hear what Jubilee years are all about, how we're celebrating as a global and national Church, and how we can be tangible signs of hope and build a better world together throughout this holy year. Visit: <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events/a-year-of-hope-an-introduction-to-the-jubilee-year>

ACN (UK) has launched an Open Letter Campaign calling on Foreign Secretary David Lammy to make persecuted religious communities priority recipients of UK Overseas Development Aid (ODA). They need your help to reach their goal of 10,000 signatures, which will trigger a response from the Government. Please sign their open letter today: <https://acnuk.org/our-campaigns/red-wednesday-advocacy-letter>. Together, we can help Christians and other religious minorities trapped in modern slavery, extreme poverty and worse.

Bishop Patrick invites representatives from every parish on Saturday 25th January to a day exploring how we can share our faith simply. It will be held at Holy Trinity parish, Newark, between 10.00am and 3.30pm, and led by Deacon David Palmer (Birmingham Archdiocese) together with the Catholic Evangelisation Services. More details will be sent out soon.

Is God calling me to be a priest? Do you feel that God might be calling you to the priesthood? If so, please contact Father Neil Peoples, Vocations Director, at vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk to book a place at the next discernment meeting, taking place in Cathedral House, Nottingham, NG1 5AE after 10.00am Mass on Saturday 7th December.

Men's Spiritual Exercises, Monday 31st March – Saturday 5th 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/>

School admissions to Catholic Primary Academies (Reception class) - children born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021. The deadline for submitting applications for a school place is 15th January 2025. Application forms are available on 'home' Local Authority websites.