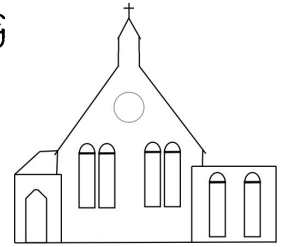
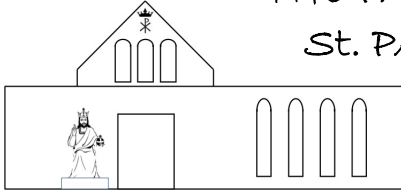


THE PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING, ALFRETON &  
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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent: Weekly Bulletin 14<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024**  
CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

**Alfreton**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December:** 6.30pm Mass:

Elsie Stewart Ints

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December:** 10.30am Mass:

For those who have no one to pray for them

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December:** **No Mass**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December:**

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Wellbeing of George Robinson

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December:**

9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Lilian Breeze RIP

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December:** 6.30pm Mass:

Wellbeing of James Bailey

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December:** 10.30am Mass:

Fr Con Moynihan & Deacon Les Lemon RIP

**Clay Cross**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December:** 9am Mass:

Tony Davey RIP

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December:**

9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Kathleen Smyth's Ints

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December:**

9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Anne Coffey's Ints

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December:** 9am Mass:

**December 2024 Cleaners**

**Alfreton:** Maureen Walker

**Clay Cross:** Justin / Amrutha

**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: Ryan Hudson/Moya Mellors

Sunday 10.30am: Barrie Meloy/Fiona Molumby

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

Sunday 9am: Francis Cassidy/Jiya

**Next Week's Readers: Alfreton**

Saturday 6.30pm: Clare Smith/Veronica Grant

Sunday 10.30am: Tom McCallum/Natasha Erskine

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

Sunday 9am: Patricia Byrnes/Manna

**Collection for 07<sup>th</sup> & 08<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

Alfreton	£258.54
Clay Cross	£245.07
Standing Order	£243.75

**Total Collection** **£747.36**

Repository: CTK	£37.54
Candles: CTK	£61.60
Hall Hire	£150.00
Second Collection: Poor and Needy Parishes:	£266.86
Christmas Bazaar	£2926.77

*Many thanks for your generosity*

**“If you have no joy, there's a leak in your Christianity somewhere.”**

*Billy Sunday*

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

Bank Details: Cheques payable to - **Christ the King Alfreton RCP, Account No: 03155671, Sort Code:30-92-59**

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**A Journey of Prayer for Advent 2024 “Walk with me” Booklet for Personal reflection, The Jubilee Year 2025 Prayer Card “Pilgrims of Hope, The Jubilee Companion Booklet** are available in the porch. Please leave a donation.

**Lottery winners for December** were Mr J Dunne, Mrs J Makinson, Mr B Brown, Mrs E Black and Mandy Gregory

**Second Collection: Next Saturday/Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> /22<sup>nd</sup> December for Christmas Flowers**

**Children’s meal being served after 10:30 mass at CTK hall on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>.** Please would parents be present. Free event and all welcome!

**Christmas Carols being led by CTK choir on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at CTK church.** Afterwards there will be hot festive drinks along with mince pies served. Free event and all very welcome!

**Christmas cakes, festive hot drinks, and mulled wine being served after mass on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> at CTK. All welcome!**

**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> January 5.30 pm

**Christmas Eve Children Mass at CTK:** It would be lovely to see all children dressed in their Christmas outfits at this Mass.

**Clay Cross Children’s Christmas Mass-** practice will take place after mass on December 22nd. On Christmas Eve children need to be at church by 2.30pm with Carol singing from 2.45 & Mass at 3pm. After Mass there will be a Children’s Party in the liturgy room.

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

**Housebound parishioners Some of our housebound parishioners receive Holy communion regularly through the Ministry of our Eucharistic Ministers.** It is Christmas soon and if you are housebound and wish to receive Holy Communion or if you know someone housebound who has suggested they would like Holy Communion please contact one of the following at Clay Cross: Sheila Hall and at Alfreton: Barrie Meloy.

CAFOD is organising a Christmas Fun Run on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December in Bollington (SK10 5JR). For more information see the poster at the back of church, or visit [www.cafod.org.uk/bollington](http://www.cafod.org.uk/bollington)

**Join CAFOD online on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 lead 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](mailto: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.

**Saint Barnabas Cathedral Choir** is singing Bach’s Saint John Passion on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 7.45pm. A QR code is available on the poster at the back of church, together with a 20% discount for bookings before Christmas.

**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/>

**School admissions to Catholic Primary Academies (Reception class) - children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021.** The deadline for submitting applications for a school place is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Application forms are available on ‘home’ Local Authority websites. For every Catholic school application where a child is to be considered and ranked under a faith criterion there should also be a supplementary information form, completed and returned to the school by the deadline; these forms are available from the LA and the school.