

THE PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING, ALFRETON &
ST. PATRICK AND ST. BRIDGET, CLAY CROSS

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4th Sunday of Advent: Weekly Bulletin 21st – 29th December 2024
CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

Alfreton

Saturday 21st December: 6.30pm Mass:
Wellbeing of James Bailey

Sunday 22nd December: 10.30am Mass:
Fr Con Moynihan & Deacon Les Lemon RIP

Monday 23rd December: **No Mass**

Tuesday 24th December: Christine Walker RIP
Children's Christmas Eve Mass: 6pm

Wednesday 25th December: Christmas:
10.30am Mass: Tommy Martyn RIP

Friday 27th December: **No Mass**

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

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

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: Clare Smith/Veronica Grant
Sunday 10.30am: Tom McCallum/Natasha Erskine

This Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Patricia Byrnes/Manna

Next Week's Readers: Alfreton

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

Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Reena Gigi/Sheila Hall

Clay Cross

Sunday 22nd December: 9am Mass: Michael Gambon RIP

Tuesday 24th December:
Children's Christmas Eve Mass: 3pm
Frank & Mary & Francis McGrath RIP

Wednesday 25th December: Christmas: 9am Mass
Christine O'Malley RIP

Thursday 26th December: **No Mass**

Sunday 29th December: 9am Mass:

December 2024 Cleaners

Alfreton: Maureen Walker

Clay Cross: Justin / Amrutha

Collection for 14th & 15th December 2024

Alfreton	£287.86
Clay Cross	£337.40
Standing Order	£243.75

Total Collection **£869.01**

Repository: CTK	£25.60
Candles: CTK	£52.59
Christmas Bazaar	£27.27+ £64.89
Knit & Natter	£3.00
Pensioners Lunch	£188.00
Christmas Flowers	£100.00

Many thanks for your generosity

**“WISHING ALL OUR PARISHIONERS AND THEIR FAMILIES
A HAPPY AND HOLY CHRISTMAS.”**

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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Secon Collection: This Saturday/Sunday 21st /22nd December for Christmas Flowers

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

The lottery for the year ended 31st December 2024 amount to £927.00. Thanks to all who support.

Christmas Eve Mass (6pm) at Christ the King church: It will be lovely to see the children dressed up for this special celebration! The children will bring up the crib figures, lead the readings, and participate in the Offertory procession. Fiona will meet with any willing children after the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday to prepare. If you cannot attend Mass but would like your child to be involved, please email Fiona at fmolumby@aol.com. Let's make this a memorable and joyful occasion for everyone!

Clay Cross Children's Christmas Eve Mass (3pm)- 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.

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.

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.

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.

Every Day 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 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 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. 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.