

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

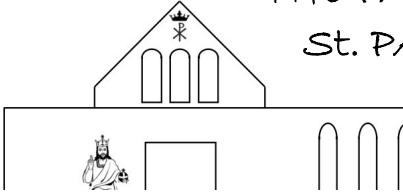
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02nd Sunday of Christmastide: Weekly Bulletin 04th – 12th January 2025
CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER HOLY MASS ON REQUEST

Alfreton

Saturday 04th January: 6.30pm Mass: Ursula RIP

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

Monday 06th January: No Mass

Wednesday 08th January:
9am Adoration, 9.30am Mass: Elsie Stewart's Wellbeing

Friday 10th January:
9am Adoration, 9.30 Mass: For all in purgatory

Saturday 11th January: 6.30pm Mass:
Molly & Peter Egan RIP

Sunday 12th January: 10.30am Mass:
Rae Morton's Wellbeing

Clay Cross

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

Tuesday 07th January:
9.30am Adoration, 10am Mass: Alun Evans RIP

Thursday 09th January:
9.30am Adoration, Eucharistic Service

Sunday 12th January: 9am Mass:

January 2025 Cleaners

Alfreton: Bridget W
Clay Cross: Maggie Smith

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

This Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: Ted Bennett/Rob Farrell

Next Week's Readers: Alfreton

Saturday 6.30pm: Peter Babe/Margaret Kerry
Sunday 10.30am: Natasha Erskine/Lilianna

Next Week's Readers: Clay Cross

Sunday 9am: David Johnson/Juval

Collection for 28th & 29th December 2025

Alfreton	£284.44
Clay Cross	£218.85
Standing Order	£243.75

Total Collection **£747.04**

Christmas Collection	£744.58
Repository: CTK	£0.80
CC	£196.49
Candles: CTK	£50.16
CC	£133.00
Tae/Coffee CTK	£97.51

Many thanks for your generosity

“Don't watch the clock; do what it does. Keep going.”

Sam Levenson

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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Second Collection: Next Saturday/Sunday 11th & 12th January 2025: Sick and Retired Priests

Christmas Raffle tickets prizes: Some Christmas Raffle ticket prizes are still awaiting collection. Please check your names on the notice board and collect your prizes as soon as possible. Thank you

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.

Appeal for New Readers [Clay Cross] We're refreshing the rota for readers at the Sunday morning Mass in Clay Cross and warmly invite new volunteers to join this important ministry. All current readers will remain on the rota unless they request otherwise, but we're keen to welcome fresh voices to proclaim God's Word. If you're interested in joining the team, please speak to Rob after Mass. Thank you to all our readers for your dedication and service!

Musical Instrument: Did you get a musical instrument for Christmas? Or do you want to learn to play one? We are holding a practice day with our guitarist Martin on Saturday 24th January from 2-3pm at CTK church. Depending on interest future sessions to be planned. Hope to see you there!

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>

Jubilee Year 2025: Pope Francis said, brothers and sisters, do not be afraid! The Holy Door is open, the door is wide open! There is no need to knock on the door. It is open. Come! Let us be reconciled with God, and then we will be reconciled with ourselves and able to be reconciled with one another, even our enemies. God's mercy can do all things. It unties every knot; it tears down every wall of division; God's mercy dispels hatred and the spirit of revenge. Come! Jesus is the Door of Peace. Jesus, the eternal Word of God made incarnate, is the wide-open Door; he is the wide-open Door that we are invited to enter, in order to rediscover the meaning of our existence and the sacredness of all life – for every life is sacred – and to recover the foundational values of the human family. May the Jubilee be an opportunity to tear down all walls of separation and may the Jubilee be an opportunity to forgive debts, especially those that burden the poorest countries. Each of us is called to forgive those who have trespassed against us, because the Son of God, born in the cold and darkness of the night, has forgiven our own. He came to heal us and forgive us. As pilgrims of hope, let us go out to meet him! Let us open to him the doors of our hearts. Let us open to him the doors of our hearts, as he has opened to us the door of his heart.

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 Fr Neil Peoples - Vocations Director at vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk to book a place at the next discernment meeting. Taking place in Cathedral House, Nottingham after the 10am Mass on Saturday 11th January

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.