

Catholic Parish of Alfreton & Clay Cross
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16th week of Ordinary Time 18th July 2021 - Psalter Week 4

Alfreton	
Sat 17th July 6.30pm	
Sr Bonnie RIP	
Sun 18th July 10.30am	
Roy Hudd RIP	
Wed 21st July 9.15am Rosary	
9.30am	
John O'Brien RIP	
Next weekend's Masses	
Sat 24th July	
6.30pm –	
Fr Don's Golden Jubilee	
Sunday 25th July 10.30am –	
Parishioners' Intentions	

Clay Cross	
Sun 18th July - 9am –	
Kathleen Webley RIP	
Next weekend's Mass	
Sun 25th July –	
Eddie Finn RIP	

Entrance Antiphon
See I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.
Responsorial Psalm
The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want.
Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

Please remember in your prayers
Sara Lane who is still in the QMC
Alex Mullarkey who is receiving end of life care
Shirley Oakes, Eddie Ronayne, Ian Martin.

Next Week's Readers –
Alfreton
Saturday 6.30pm- Susanna Goddard
Sunday 10.30am – Catherine Galloway
Clay Cross
Sunday 9am – Bruce Johnson

<u>Sick & Housebound</u>
Please pray for – Alex Mullarkey,, Val Kerlin, Betty Deane, Harold Riby, Mary Brennan, Mary Pfeffer, Hazel Titon, Martin Mullally, Teresa Stewart, Leah Philbin, Elsie Stewart, Rob Lane, Sr Helen, Peter Egan. Ted Bennett, Frances O'Hanlon & Brian Bradford. Please remember all in our parish who need our prayers

If anybody would like to read the Bishop's homily to the priests' conference it is on our website

<u>June Cleaners –</u>
Alfreton - Fran, Jeanette & Eileen
Clay Cross - Volunteers needed

St Clare's Convent Clay Cross 01246 862621
Safeguarding reps: Veronica Grant 01246 850419

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Diocesan update on the lifting of Covid Restrictions

We are still awaiting the final government information, and an update from CBCEW. But from the information available so far, I cannot see that there will be much change to what we have in place initially. Masks are still advised in indoor venues. With the Delta variant on the rise in our areas Hands, Face, Space, Ventilate is just as important still. If spacing drops to less than 1m+ then the likelihood of congregations isolating increases (as the vaccination exemption is not until the middle of next month). And we still have a legal obligation under H&S laws to do all we can to protect those in our premises, as well as a duty of care to parishioners through the working of the church. The restrictions that will be lifted as from Monday are the numbers that are permitted to attend Baptisms.

Congratulations

To our 5 parishioners, Eric, Catherine, Konrad, Nell and Ruby, who made their 1st Holy Communion on Saturday.

To Fr Matthew Bond who was ordained last week in the diocese of Wrexham. Fr Matthew is currently staying in Alfreton with his mother and is going to help us out by saying some Masses in the parish, the 1st one being next Wednesday morning. This will give Fr Bernard a well deserved break.

Thank you

To Rebecca, James, Antonia, Bethan, Nicola, Barbara, Natasha, Patrick, Bosco, Seenia, Cormac, Fiona, Anna, Brent, Barrie, Claire & Laura for their hard work in the presbytery garden- what a transformation! The 1st part of the garden has had a complete makeover however there is still a lot to do in the back part – hedge trimming, weeding, digging out brambles & removing the ivy from the church wall before it damages it. If anybody can spare any time next Thursday or Friday morning please come along and do your bit, you don't need to be a gardener just willing to help. The more people who come and help means that the same people don't have to do it all. It would be good to get it finished in time for Fr Paul's arrival.

Breast Cancer Now, Sponsored Bike Ride

This July, Rebecca Sharpe is cycling 300 kilometres to raise money for Breast Cancer Now! This challenge is about getting as many people as possible active and involved in raising awareness and funds for breast cancer research and care.

Breast Cancer Now is a charity that's steered by world-class research and powered by life-changing care. They're there for anyone affected by breast cancer, the whole way through, providing support for today and hope for the future. They believe that they can change the future of breast cancer and make sure that, by 2050, everyone diagnosed with the disease lives – and is supported to live well. But we need to act now.

Your contribution will make an impact, whether you donate £5 or £500. Every little bit helps. Thank you for your support.

Forever Alive

On Sunday 18th July there is an exciting event in Clay Cross called 'Forever Alive' for all denominations. It is a drive in event in the Tesco Car Park in Clay Cross 5.30-8.30pm. Live music, big screen presentation and speaker Mark Ritchie. Please invite people in the church and other friends. Park your car, bring your chair, picnic and enjoy the event. To ensure social distancing tickets must be booked through 'Eventbrite' in advance. (£5.00, monies going to charity). For further information visit; www.foreveralive.co.uk

Church Flowers 2nd collection Next Weekend

We normally have a collection for church flowers just before Easter for flowers for church, which sees us through until Christmas. Obviously due to lockdown this didn't happen so we are having a 2nd collection next week for the church flowers. Many thanks to our church flower arrangers.