

Notices for All Parishes / Diocesan Notices

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025 - I am delighted to tell you that bookings for our 2025 Jubilee Pilgrimage to Lourdes are now open. The brochure and booking forms are available to download from the Pilgrimage website www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk

2025 Leadership Programme for Sixth Form Students The CHC's Christian Leadership Formation programme is a fantastic opportunity for students in Year 12 / Lower VI, and is now open to applications for 2025. Offering media training, tools for personal development, philosophical and theological study, and a chance to meet like-minded peers and Catholic academics and public figures, the programme offers a certificate validated by St Mary's University, Twickenham. For more information and to apply please go to the following link: <https://www.christianleadershipformation.com>

Join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk in the Jubilee Year You are invited to join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and journey together with Catholics in England, Wales and Scotland as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year - walking 200km over 40 days during Lent. Journey to one of the churches or shrines designated as places of pilgrimage in our diocese as part of your Big Lent Walk. Every £1 you raise will support communities like Lokho's in Kenya, experiencing the worst impact of the climate crisis, to rebuild their lives in hope. Sign up here: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

Contacting Us: All Parishes

If you require assistance from a member of the clergy, please speak to them before or after Mass. The parish email for all three churches is wilmslowcatholic@gmail.com and the office number is 01625-533-268. For the Sacrament of Marriage – please see Fr Tony at least six months before the wedding date.

Contacting St. Pius X, Alderley Edge & St. Teresa's Wilmslow

For the Sacrament of Reconciliation – on request or as noted in the newsletter.
 For the Sacrament of Baptism - Please speak to Father Tony or Father Moses after any Mass. Baptisms take place on Saturdays at 12 noon.
 For the Newsletter – please email the parish using the address above.

Contacting St. Benedict's Handforth

There is a contact list in the Church entrance for all enquiries.
 St Benedict's Catholic Primary School: 01625 520207
 For the Sacrament of Reconciliation – on request after the 5.30 pm Sunday Mass.
 For the Sacrament of Baptism - Deacon Tom Chrisp is available after the 10 am Sunday Mass. He can also be contacted by telephone (M: 07925 072270). Baptisms take place after the Sunday 10 am Mass.
 For the Newsletter – please email the parish using the address above.

| | St Pius X, Alderley Edge | St. Benedict's, Handforth | Sacred Heart & St. Teresa's, Wilmslow |
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| Safeguarding Officer | Shaun Steele 07947-605-448 | Eithne Lennon 07915-918-056 | Cecilia Tinsley 01625-521-520 |
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 St. Benedict's RC Church, Hall Road, Handforth, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 3AD
 Sacred Heart & St. Teresa's Church, Green Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 1LD*



PARISHES OF **ST. PIUS X, ALDERLEY EDGE, ST. BENEDICT'S, HANDFORTH & SACRED HEART & ST. TERESA'S, WILMSLOW**

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Reg. Charity No. 234025

Parish Priest: Fr. Tony McGrath / Assistant Priest: Fr. Moses Ibeh
 Retired Priest (St. Benedict's): Fr. William O'Riordan / Deacon (St. Benedict's): Rev. Thomas Chrisp
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Sunday 2nd March, 2025: The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

| | St Pius X, Alderley Edge | St Benedict's, Handforth | Sacred Heart & St Teresa's, Wilmslow |
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| Saturday 1 st Mar <i>St. David, Bishop, Patron of Wales</i> | No Mass | No Mass | 9.30 am <i>Alan & Deborah Parry</i> Adoration 10 am – 11 am Confessions 10.15 – 10.45 am followed by Marian devotions Confessions 6 pm – 6.20 pm 6.30 pm (Vigil Mass) <i>People of the Parish</i> |
| Sunday 2 nd Mar <i>The 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> | 9.00 am <i>People of the Parish</i> | 10.00 am <i>People of the Parish</i> 5.30 pm <i>People of the Parish</i> | 11.00 am <i>Lena Gatt</i> |
| Monday 3 rd Mar | No Mass | No Mass | 9.30 am (Note earlier time) <i>Celebrant's Intention</i> |
| Tuesday 4 th Mar | 10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Elizabeth Holmes</i> | 9.30 am <i>Celebrant's Intention</i> | 6.30 pm (Adoration 6 pm) <i>Celebrant's Intention</i> |
| Ash Wednesday (5 th Mar) <i>With imposition of ashes</i> | 12.00 pm <i>Celebrant's Intention</i> | 9.30 am (Adoration 9 am) <i>Celebrant's Intention</i> 7.30 pm <i>Celebrant's Intention</i> | 10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Celebrant's Intention</i> Living Flame Prayer Group 11.15 am – 12.15 pm |
| Thursday 6 th Mar | No Mass | 9.30 am <i>Celebrant's Intention</i> | 8.30 am (Note earlier time) <i>Celebrant's Intention</i> |
| Friday 7 th Mar <i>Ss Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs</i> | 10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Vocations to the Priesthood</i> | No Mass | <i>Stations of the Cross</i> at 7 pm |
| Saturday 8 th Mar | No Mass | No Mass | 9.30 am Mass (<i>Celeb's Int</i>) Adoration 10 am – 11 am Confessions 10.15 – 10.45 am followed by Marian devotions Confessions 6 pm – 6.20 pm 6.30 pm (Vigil Mass) <i>People of the Parish</i> |
| Sunday 9 th Mar <i>The 1st Sunday of Lent</i> | 9.00 am <i>People of the Parish</i> | 10.00 am <i>Nora Waldron RIP</i> 5.30 pm <i>People of the Parish</i> | 11.00 am <i>People of the Parish</i> |

All Parishes - Attention all Gift Aid Donors The tax year 2024/25 is coming to an end on 5th April 2025 and the Parish will be claiming a tax refund on donations made during the tax year. If you no longer pay sufficient tax (Income or Capital Gains) or your personal details have changed please let your parish gift aid secretary know (details below) - otherwise it will be assumed that you have paid enough tax for the parish to reclaim Gift Aid on your donations made in the year.

St Pius X: Louise Jones louise.jones@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or leave a note in the sacristy.

St Benedict's: Tina Poucher tinapoucher@aol.com or leave a note in the sacristy.

St Teresa's: Michael Marsden wilmslowcatholic@gmail.com or leave a note in the sacristy.



St. Pius X Alderley Edge Notices

Weekly Reflections - following positive feedback from the poll recently conducted after Sunday Mass, the Weekly Reflections will continue to be available at the 9am Sunday Mass at St Pius X. The reflections are also available to read online on the St Pius X website at <https://stpiusalderley.com/reflections-cycle-c-2024-25/>. Additional contributors towards the Reflections are very welcome - please email Rachel at the following address: contact@musiclessonscheshire.co.uk if you would like to join the writing team.

March Coffee Morning Rescheduling Please note that the coffee morning scheduled for Sunday 2nd March has had to be rescheduled to Sunday 9th March.

World Day of Prayer 2025 Friday 7th March at Alderley Edge Methodist Church, Chapel Road, SK9 7DU from 6.30 – 7.30 pm. An international ecumenical prayer movement prepared this year by the women of the Cook Islands. All churches will be taking part in the service.

Food Bank Thank you for your continued support. Items can be left in the box in the church porch. Donations are taken to the food bank in Brownley Green in Wythenshawe. Please note no perishable foods. Thank you.



St. Benedict's Handforth Notices

ST BENEDICTS' GARDEN- hopefully better weather will be forthcoming and in March we will be starting to tidy up the garden. Anyone who has a spare hour or so and can help - please let one of the stewards know.

Red Box Missio Mill Hill Appeal - Missio is proud to be the Pope's charity for world mission igniting God's love alongside global communities that are poor or in need regardless of their background or belief. At present we do not have a parish co-ordinator for the Red Box appeal since our presentative stepped down about two years ago. If you might consider taking on this role please speak to Fr Tony or email at our parish email address wilmslowcatholic@gmail.com to express your interest. If we do not manage to find a parish volunteer, then rather than have an appeal from a Mill Hill missionary, we could simply have a retiring collection for this work. For more information also see <https://missio.org.uk/appeal>

FOODBANK items Thank you for your continued support - key priorities this week are long life milk (semi skimmed), tinned items - meat, ravioli, spaghetti hoops, jars/pots sandwich paste. Our collections at St Benedict's are on Saturdays between 10.00 and 11.00. Donations will now support both Hope Central's Food Bank and their new venture "My Pantry". This initiative allows people to choose and buy food and supplies for a small membership fee, thereby promoting dignity, choice and hope to those in our community facing food insecurity.



St. Teresa's Wilmslow Notices

Wilmslow Wells for Africa Souperday, Saturday, 8 March at Wilmslow Methodist Church Hall, Water Lane, Wilmslow, 11.30am to 2.00pm, admission £6 - includes choice of four home-made soups and bread. For further details visit Wilmslow Wells website - <https://wilmslowwells.org> Wilmslow Wells raises money to help supply clean water and sanitation to the poorest parts of Africa. 99% of the money raised goes to funding projects. Your support is most appreciated.

FOODBANK Please see Hope Central collection times & needed items above. (Items can also be left in porch box).

Ash Wednesday (5th March) This week Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the holy season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is designated as a day of prayer and fasting. Although attending Mass on Ash Wednesday is very popular among the faithful, it is not a holyday of obligation. Ashes will be imparted at all the Masses on 5th March.

Celebrating the Jubilee Year for Lent 2025 in our Parishes

Stations of the Cross at St Benedict's at 4.45pm on Sundays in Lent (and 10 am on Good Friday)

Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings in Lent at 7pm at:

Sacred Heart and St Teresa on 7th & 28th March, & 18th April

St Pius X on 14th March & 4th April

St Benedict on 21st March & 11th April

The Chosen – about the life of Jesus of Nazareth, The Chosen is the largest crowd funded TV series in history. An episode will be shown from 7pm to 8pm in St Teresa's Hall each Tuesday during Lent (except Holy Week). All are welcome. Tuesdays 11th, 18th, 25th March and 1st and 8th April

Churches Together in Wilmslow **Lent lunches** at the Dean Row chapel, SK9 2BT from noon until 1pm every Tuesday in Lent. Parishioners from Sacred Heart & St Teresa's are preparing the food on Tuesday 1st April

Wednesday 12th March at St Pius X, Alderley Edge, 7pm to 8pm

Adoration with Confessions and Benediction for Lent

Wednesday 26th March at St Benedict, Handforth, 7pm to 8pm

Adoration with Confessions and Benediction for Lent

Thursday 27th March – A **Half-Day Pilgrimage** to St Joseph's Shrine in Stockport (a designated Jubilee Church in our Diocese. St Joseph's is 5-10 minutes' walk from Stockport train station)

Arrivals around 11am. Adoration with Confessions available, 11.20am Rosary, 12pm Holy Mass followed by a talk on the stained-glass windows. Pilgrims are then free to go into the town for lunch or return home. No booking necessary. Fr Tony plans to arrive at Wilmslow train station at 10.15am; Fr Moses will take a train around 11am.

Wednesday 9th April at Sacred Heart and St Teresa, 7pm to 8pm

Adoration with Confessions and Benediction for Lent

The Sacred Triduum 2025 in our Parishes

Dear parishioners, looking ahead to the celebration of the Sacred Triduum 2025, I am considering that each of the three churches would have a Maundy Thursday evening Mass at 7.30pm and a Good Friday Service at 3 pm. There would be one joint celebration of the Easter Vigil which would be beneficial for the sharing of resources and have a congregation size more worthy of celebrating Christ's Passover from death into life. Before making any final decisions, I am open to hearing from any parishioners who would like to share their thoughts on the matter. I am happy to hear new perspectives and change my mind if a better option arises. I will be available to discuss this with anyone after the Masses at Sacred Heart & St Teresa's on Tuesday 4th March, at St Pius X on Friday 7th March, and at St Benedict's on Thursday 13th March. Many thanks. May God bless you all and may our patron saints pray for us. Fr Tony