

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
Safeguarding Officer	Shaun Steele 07947-605-448	Eithne Lennon 07915-918-056	Cecilia Tinsley 01625-521-520
SVP		SVP Society 07749-453-776	

Weekly Wordsearch

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St Pius X Church, Stamford Road, Alderley Edge, Cheshire, SK9 7NS
 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



Parish Priest: Fr. Tony McGrath / Assistant Priest: Fr. Moses Ibeh
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Sunday 9th March, 2025: The First Sunday of Lent

	St Pius X, Alderley Edge	St Benedict’s, Handforth	Sacred Heart & St Teresa’s, Wilmslow
Saturday 8 th Mar	No Mass	No Mass	9.30 am Mass (Celeb’s Int) 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>Father of Frances</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>
Monday 10 th Mar	No Mass	No Mass	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Gerald Ramsden RIP</i>
Tuesday 11 th Mar	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Lawrence Fielder RIP</i>	9.30 am <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	No Mass <i>The Chosen (1st of 5) in St Teresa’s Hall 7 - 8 pm</i>
Wednesday 12 th Mar	<i>Adoration with Confessions and Benediction, 7 - 8 pm</i>	9.30 am (Adoration 9 am) <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 13 th Mar	11.00 am <i>Requiem Mass for Lawrence Fielder RIP</i>	9.30 am <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>
Friday 14 th Mar	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Vocations to the Priesthood Stations of the Cross at 7 pm</i>	No Mass	No Mass
Saturday 15 th Mar	No Mass	No Mass	9.30 am Mass (Celeb’s Int) 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 16 th Mar <i>The 2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	9.00 am <i>People of the Parish</i>	10.00 am <i>People of the Parish</i> Stations of the Cross 4.45pm 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.

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

Copies of the Lenten booklet 'Walk with Me' are available in the Church porch. They are free. Please take one.

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

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

Notices for All Parishes / Diocesan Notices

CAFOD Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day collection Retiring Collection Next Weekend 15th/16th March 2025

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You'll be supporting communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

A vacancy has arisen for a Parish Secretary at the parishes of St Vincent's, Knutsford and St Winefride, Lymm (Based at St Vincent's). Hours: 12 per week. Rate of pay: £13 per hour. More details can be found via the Diocesan website <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> CV's with a covering letter should be sent to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date: Monday 31 March

Jubilee Retreat with a Focus on the Family

Come and learn about the biblical roots of a year of jubilee, and why a jubilee year includes an important focus on the family. Come and understand what that can mean for us today, in and through Jesus Christ. Venue: St. Columba's Church Hall, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA. Date & Time: Saturday 15th March 2025, 9.45 am- 1.00 pm. To register and for more information, please get in touch with Monika Golembiewska at monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org, Mobile: 07549 226794, or Jane Deegan at the following address jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Mobile: 07517 906435

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

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 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