

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	



St Joseph's Football Tournament

St Joseph's Eucharistic Shrine in Stockport is holding a men's football tournament on Bank Holiday Monday 26th May (9.30am to 3pm) to raise much needed restoration funds. Our three churches in Alderley Edge, Handforth, and Wilmslow have been invited to join together to form a team of seven players plus the parish priest, a referee, and three stewards willing to support on the day. The event will be held at Cheadle Catholic School in Cheadle Hulme. This is an event for all the family with drink refreshments, an inflatable, face painting etc.. What better way to spend a Bank Holiday supporting your parish - bring a picnic and support your parish. More details to follow. If you would be able to volunteer as a player, referee or steward, please email wilmslowcatholic@gmail.com giving your name and role **before Sunday 4th May.**

 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**



Reg. Charity No. 234025

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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
 Telephone (Office): 01625-533-268 / Email: wilmslowcatholic@gmail.com
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Sunday 13th April, 2025: Palm Sunday of the Passion of our Lord

	St Pius X, Alderley Edge	St Benedict’s, Handforth	Sacred Heart & St Teresa’s, Wilmslow
Saturday 12 th Apr	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 13th Apr <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of our Lord</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>
Monday 14 th Apr	No Mass	No Mass	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Kathleen Parr RIP</i>
Tuesday 15 th Apr	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	No Mass	6.30 pm (Adoration 6 pm) <i>The Vaughan-Neil family for healing</i>
Wednesday 16 th Apr <i>Chrism Mass at 7pm at St Anthony’s Wythenshawe</i>	No Mass	9.30 am (Adoration 9 am) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>David Haig RIP</i> Prayer Group 11.15 – 12.15
<i>Holy Thursday (17th Apr)</i>	7.30 pm <i>Mass of the Lord’s Supper & watching until 9 pm</i>	7.30 pm <i>Mass of the Lord’s Supper & watching until 9 pm</i>	7.30 pm <i>Mass of the Lord’s Supper & watching until 9 pm</i>
<i>Good Friday (18th Apr)</i>	3.00 pm <i>Liturgy of the Passion</i>	Stations of the Cross 10 am 3.00 pm <i>Liturgy of the Passion</i>	3.00 pm <i>Liturgy of the Passion</i> Stations of the Cross 7 pm
<i>Holy Saturday (19th Apr)</i>	No Mass	8.30 pm Easter Vigil	<i>Confessions</i> 10.15 – 10.45 am
Easter Sunday (20th Apr)	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>People of the Parish</i>

The Chrism Mass

This will be celebrated this year on Wednesday 16th April at Saint Anthony's, Wythenshawe at 7.00pm. All parishioners from across the Diocese are welcome to attend and to share in this always very beautiful and encouraging Diocesan celebration.

Good Friday Offertories – The Holy Places

The offertory collections on Good Friday in our parishes will be for the support of the Church in the Holy Land. Please give generously, as Christians in the Middle East are undergoing great suffering.

Easter Mass Offerings

Please note that the Easter offertory collections this year will go to parish funds.



St. Pius X Alderley Edge Notices

Good Friday Procession through Alderley Edge: Churches Together in Alderley Ecumenical Good Friday Walk of Witness, starting with a service at Alderley Edge Methodist Church at 10.30 am and walking through the village to St Philip & St James, accompanied by the Bishop of Chester. All are welcome.

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

Urgent Need: Befrienders The CAP debt centre in partnership with Hope Central meets with people who are in debt in their homes and leads them on the journey to becoming debt free. The team of debt coaches also have a team of volunteers, known as befrienders, who attend visits with the debt coaches to build friendships with the clients. We are looking to expand the Befriender team and are asking for people who are willing to be a friend and listen. If anyone is willing and available to help they can contact the debt centre's admin support; Simon Heal via email [simonheal@capuk.org]

FOODBANK items Collection for Foodbank and 'My pantry', Saturdays between 10.00 - 11.00 - St Benedict's Church car park. Priority foodbank items, please help if you can: Weetabix, Tinned Meat, spaghetti hoops, Jars of sandwich paste, toilet rolls, eggs, Long life milk, packet soups, tea, NB – no perishable foods. You can also donate direct to the Foodbank (side door at St Chads) from 11.00 - 12.00 on weekdays except Tuesday.



St. Teresa's Wilmslow Notices

Holy Thursday Appeal We would be grateful for six volunteers for the 'Washing of the feet' at the 7.30 pm Mass on Holy Thursday. If you can volunteer, please sign up on the sheet in the sacristy or email the parish.

The Wilmslow Passion Play The Wilmslow Passion Play will take place at 1pm on Holy Saturday 19 April 2025. Join the performance on the streets of Wilmslow including South Drive, Bank Square, the Memorial Gardens and Grove Street. https://www.passion-plays.co.uk/wilmslow_2025/

Parishioner Appeal for a Lift to Mass One of our parishioners would be most grateful if anyone who attends the Sunday 11 am Mass at St. Teresa's could offer her a lift to Mass. If you are able to help, please leave a note in the sacristy or email the parish and we can provide further details.

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

Celebrating the Jubilee Year for Easter 2025

in the Catholic Parishes of St Pius X, St Benedict, Sacred Heart & St Teresa.

Easter Season (Easter 20th April; Pentecost 8th June)

Easter Vigil - This year we will have one celebration of the Easter Vigil for the three churches to be held at St Benedict's at 8.30 pm. All are welcome to the hall at St Benedict's immediately after the Easter Vigil for a celebration with red and white wine, prosecco and fruit juice being served.

'The Joy of the Lord is my Strength' (Nehemiah 8:10) a Holy Hour with live worship music and Scripture readings on Sunday 4th May at St Benedict's Catholic Church at 7pm.

The Feast of Our Lady of Fatima on Tuesday 13th May at Sacred Heart and St Teresa, 7pm to 9pm - beginning with the celebration of Holy Mass including a longer homily on the events and message of Fatima, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Holy Rosary, and individual veneration of the relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco.

A Marian Procession on Sunday 18th May at St Benedict's - to the shrine of Our Lady with devotions, immediately following the 10am Mass.

A Day Pilgrimage to Shrewsbury Cathedral on Thursday 22nd May Confessions from 11am, Pilgrim Mass 12.15pm followed by lunch in the Cathedral's Orchard Café, Cathedral Tour 2pm, Jubilee Pilgrim Liturgy 3pm. Booking is essential by 13th April. The £13 cost includes lunch. The choice of lunch menu and booking forms are in the sacristy of each church. Book your own return train journey to Shrewsbury at 9.47am.

Other Notices for All Parishes / Diocesan Notices

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day Appeal Thank you for your generosity towards the recent CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day Appeals. Our parishes raised: St. Pius X: £150; St. Benedict's: £400; St. Teresa's: £222.55.

Assisted Dying Bill Fr Tony has informed our MP who was against the bill about the objections given by Cardinal Nichols (read out at Mass last Sunday). Copies of this pastoral letter are available in our church porches.

Jubilee Year Pilgrimage We are planning a joint pilgrimage of six local Catholic churches (including St Benedict, St Pius X, and Sacred Heart & St Teresa) to the North East of England from 29th September to 3rd October. We will be visiting Lindisfarne, Durham, Alnwick and other places of interest. Fr Louis (from the Cheadle parishes) and Fr Tony will be accompanying us. If you are interested, or would like to find out more, there will be a meeting at 7pm on Tuesday 6th May in the hall at Christ Church, Finney Lane, Heald Green, SK8 3DY. All are welcome.

Marriage Help Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 20-22 June www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 0788 7296983

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Day of Divine Mercy This special celebration will be held on Sunday 27th April 2025 at St. Vincent's Church, Altrincham. The church will be open from 1.30 pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and confession from 2 pm. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be read at 3 pm and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated at 3.30 pm. You are invited to recite the 9 Day Novena Prayers and Chaplet commencing on Good Friday. The Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet can be found at www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena For more information please contact noel@loughreys.com