

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
Safeguarding Officer	Shaun Steele 07947-605-448	Eithne Lennon 07915-918-056	Cecilia Tinsley 01625-521-520
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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



Reg. Charity No. 234025

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Sunday 23rd February, 2025: The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

	St Pius X, Alderley Edge	St Benedict's, Handforth	Sacred Heart & St Teresa's, Wilmslow
Saturday 22 nd Feb <i>The Chair of St. Peter, Apostle</i>	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 23rd Feb <i>The 7th 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>In Memory of Piyaseeli & Indra</i>
Monday 24 th Feb	No Mass	No Mass	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Celebrant's Intention</i>
Tuesday 25 th Feb	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Celebrant's Intention</i>	9.30 am <i>Celebrant's Intention</i>	6.30 pm (Adoration 6 pm) <i>Celebrant's Intention</i>
Wednesday 26 th Feb	No Mass	9.30 am (Adoration 9 am) <i>Celebrant's Intention</i>	10.30 am <i>Funeral Service for Margaret Winter</i>
Thursday 27 th Feb	No Mass	9.30 am <i>Celebrant's Intention</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Vocations to the Priesthood</i>
Friday 28 th Feb	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Fr Moses' Intention on his birthday</i>	No Mass	No Mass
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 2nd 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>



St. Pius X Alderley Edge Notices

Your Prayers are asked for Lawrence Fielder, who sadly died last week. May he rest in peace. Please pray for the repose of his soul. His funeral has been arranged for Thursday 13th March at 11 am at St Pius X.

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.

Attention all Gift Aid Donors The tax year 2024/25 is coming to an end 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 Louise Jones know as soon as possible 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. (E mail louise.jones@dioceseofshrewsbury.org. or leave a note in the sacristy).

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

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>

Gift Aid Donors - Tax year end and claiming of tax refunds Donations to the Sunday Collection under the Gift Aid Scheme must come from the donor's taxed income and the donor must have paid at least as much tax as the charities that the donor has donated to will reclaim. To allow the Parish to claim a tax refund, please let me know, by 5th April 2025, if your name, address or tax status has changed. I will assume that all donors have paid sufficient income tax and/or capital gains tax and will make a claim early in April if I do not hear otherwise by 5th April. Thank you. Tina Poucher (email tinapoucher@aol.com or leave a note in the sacristy for my attention)

FOODBANK items Thank you for your continued support - key priorities this week are milk, coffee/tea, baked beans, sandwich paste, soup, tinned meats, spaghetti & tomatoes. Please note no perishable foods. Our collections at St Benedict's are on Saturdays between 10.00 and 11.00 whilst Hope Central at St Chads is open for donations on weekdays between 11.00 and 12.00.



St. Teresa's Wilmslow Notices

Churches Together in Wilmslow Lenten Lunch at Dean Row Chapel on Tuesday 1st April from noon to 1pm. I am very grateful to the two parishioners who have volunteered to organise and co-ordinate our parish contribution to the Lenten lunches this year. All are welcome to attend. Fr Tony

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

Celebrating the Jubilee Year for Lent 2025 in our Parishes

The Catholic Parishes of St Pius X in Alderley Edge, St Benedict's in Handforth, and Sacred Heart and St Teresa's in Wilmslow

Ash Wednesday 5th March

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

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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