

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 now 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 leave a note in the sacristy with your contact details on or email the parish.

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

E	D	E	E	G	A	M	O	H	T	BETHLEHEM
C	H	L	K	I	D	E	T	S	E	EAST
H	T	I	I	N	I	H	A	A	G	INFANT
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T	A	R	G	F	C	L	O	R	A	STAR
A	F	R	O	I	E	H	A	A	M	HOMAGE
D	N	Y	L	A	L	T	A	S	O	LEADER
E	I	M	D	R	S	E	R	R	H	DATE
S	K	E	T	A	D	B	D	Y	I	CHILD
A	R	B	E	T	L	E	M	E	M	DELIGHT
										GOLD
										MYRRH



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
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Sunday 5th January, 2025: The Epiphany of the Lord

	St Pius X, Alderley Edge	St Benedict’s, Handforth	Sacred Heart & St Teresa’s, Wilmslow
Saturday 4 th Jan	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) Celebrant’s Intention
Sunday 5 th Jan The Epiphany of the Lord	9.00 am Martyn & Anne Dyer	10.00 am Celebrant’s Intention 5.30 pm Celebrant’s Intention	11.00 am Intentions of Margaret Callaghan
Monday 6 th Jan	No Mass	No Mass	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) Celebrant’s Intention
Tuesday 7 th Jan St Raymond of Penyafort	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) Celebrant’s Intention	11.30 am Funeral: Edward Toole	No Mass
Wednesday 8 th Jan	No Mass	9.30 am (Adoration 9 am) Celebrant’s Intention	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) Celebrant’s Intention Living Flame Prayer Group 11.15 am – 12.15 pm
Thursday 9 th Jan	No Mass	9.30 am Celebrant’s Intention	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) Celebrant’s Intention
Friday 10 th Jan	10 am Special Intention	No Mass	No Mass
Saturday 11 th Jan	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) Celebrant’s Intention
Sunday 12 th Jan The Baptism of the Lord	9.00 am Celebrant’s Intention	10.00 am Celebrant’s Intention 5.30 pm Celebrant’s Intention	11.00 am Celebrant’s Intention



St. Pius X Alderley Edge Notices

Coffee Morning – Sunday 5th January

There will be a coffee morning this Sunday (5th January) after the 9.00am Mass in the parish hall. All are welcome to attend.

Churches Together Ceilidh 18th January, 2025

A fun Ukrainian dinner & ceilidh will be held at The Alderley Edge Scout Hall on Saturday 18th January 2025 to raise funds for Ukrainian guests. Tickets £20. Please book on Eventrite (Ukrainian Dinner and Ceilidh Dancing) or contact John Rylands on john.rylands@northernventure.co.uk All welcome; bring friends.

Food bank

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

Christmas Card Recycling After Christmas there will be a box in the porch where you can place any Christmas cards you have received this year. They will be recycled and used to make cards for next year which will then be sold for charity. If possible, please remove the backs of the cards. Thank you.

FOODBANK items Thank you for your continued support - key priorities this week are milk, cereal, biscuits, tins of meat & tuna, toilet rolls, eggs & jam. 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.

Confirmation Programme 2025 Any young people in Year 8 or above who have made their First Holy Communion are invited to join our Confirmation sacramental programme. The Confirmation ceremony will take place on Friday 27th June 2025 at Christ Church, Heald Green. There will be 7 preparation sessions, which will be held on Friday evenings at Christ Church between January and June, plus a Retreat Day. Those interested are invited to complete the Google Form to register: <https://forms.gle/Rv3TbHWw5f8N2UsC7> Once you have registered, you will receive an invitation to attend an information meeting in January.



St. Teresa's Wilmslow Notices

Leo Caprio RIP - The funeral for Leo will take place in the chapel within Southern Cemetery at 1 pm on Friday 24th January. A simple Requiem Mass will be offered for the repose of his soul at Sacred Heart and St Teresa's on Tuesday 28th January at 6.30 pm.

Christmas Card Sales to Aid to the Church in Need – Thank you for your support in buying the Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Christmas Cards. This raised £155, which, together with our commitment to send half of our Christmas offerings to them, means we will be sending them a cheque for £1,002.23.

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

Sunday's Gospel Reading is taken from Matthew 2:1-12

'We have come from the east to worship the king.'

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.' When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."'

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.' After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Notices for All Parishes / Diocesan Notices

Christmas Offerings

Many thanks for your Christmas offerings: St Pius X £1070.30, St Benedict £1335.05, Sacred Heart & St Teresa £1694.45. Cheques have been sent off to the relevant charities.

A Note from Seminarian Mark who is on placement in our churches for January 2025

My name is Mark Dilworth. I am 30 years old, and I am originally from Knockavilla, County Cork. I am the eldest of five children. I studied economics and politics at University College Cork. Feeling called to the priesthood, I entered Saint Patrick's College Maynooth for the Diocese of Cork and Ross, but after two years I needed to take time out. I spent several years working for a company involved with Airbnb. Bishop Mark accepted me to train for the priesthood for Shrewsbury Diocese and now I am in my third year of study at Saint Mary's College Oscott in Birmingham. I play the Clarinet, enjoy visiting new places, and I also collect stamps. I enjoy hill walking and travelling. I am a supporter of Arsenal!

Diocesan Vacancy – Shrewsbury Youth Mission

Exciting opportunities have arisen within the Diocese with the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team. Further details can be found on the Diocesan website at the following link <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> Completed applications to be sent to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org. Closing date 31 January 2025.