

**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](mailto: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
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**Weekly Wordsearch**

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- RIVER
- ISAIAH
- MESSENGER
- WILDERNESS
- BAPTISM
- REPENTANCE
- CAMELSKIN
- LOCUSTS
- HONEY
- STRAP
- SANDALS
- SPIRIT

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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[www.stteresawilmslow.org](http://www.stteresawilmslow.org)

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024: The Second Sunday of Advent**

	St Pius X, Alderley Edge	St Benedict’s, Handforth	Sacred Heart & St Teresa’s, Wilmslow
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec <i>St. Ambrose</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 <b>6.30 pm (Vigil Mass)</b> <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec <i>The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	9.00 am <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	10.00 am <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	11.00 am <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>
	3.00 pm <i>Catenian Carol Service</i>	5.30 pm <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	No Mass	No Mass	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	No Mass	6.30 pm ( <i>Celebrant’s Int</i> ) <b>Holy Hour for Advent 7 – 8 pm</b>
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Holy Hour with Confessions 7 – 8 pm</b>	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 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	No Mass	9.30 am <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>
		<b>6.00 pm Advent Service</b>	
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec <i>St. Lucy</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	No Mass	No Mass
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec <i>St. John of the Cross</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 <b>6.30 pm (Vigil Mass)</b> <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec <i>The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	9.00 am <i>Lady Morag Stafford</i>	10.00 am <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	11.00 am <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>
		5.30 pm <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	



### St. Pius X Alderley Edge Notices

**Food bank** A reminder that 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.

**Carol Service – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December** The Catenians will be hosting a carol service at St. Pius X on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 3 pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend. Refreshments & mince pies follow in the hall.



### St. Benedict's Handforth Notices

**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 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

**There will be an Advent Service on Thursday December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6.00 pm in church** Everyone from all our churches are welcome. Children from St Benedict's School will be leading the singing and readings. Please take an hour out of your Christmas preparations to come to church together as a community. There will be mulled wine and mince pies in the Parish hall afterwards.

**FOODBANK items & Mass Collections** 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.



### St. Teresa's Wilmslow Notices

**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 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Wilmslow Churches Together – Prayer Walk** The next prayer walk is on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December, meeting at 10 am outside the entrance to Waitrose which has 2 hours free parking. As Christmas approaches, I thought that it might be a good idea to pray around the central area of Wilmslow, particularly praying for the local churches where we want to see Jesus lifted high. We will walk for the usual hour and finish with a festive coffee. Please join us at this special time of year if you are able. Future prayer walks: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Please contact Lynne Leng (Life Church) on 07870 959379 for more information if required.

**Saturday Morning Mass During Advent** On Saturdays starting in Advent, Fr Moses will celebrate a 9.30am Mass. The first will be on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Adoration, confessions & Marian devotions follow as usual.

**Christmas Cards & Parish Diaries** Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Charity Christmas cards are now on sale in the church porch priced at £5 per pack (of 10). Also, our free parish diaries for 2025 are available in the church porch. Please feel free to take one.

**FOODBANK Items** Please see collection times above - items can also be left in the box in our church porch.

### Notices for All Parishes / Diocesan Notices

• **Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury Christmas Aid Appeal on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December** The final retiring collection of the year in all three churches is the annual offering for the work of Caritas within the Diocese of Shrewsbury. Your donations will go to the most vulnerable situations across the Diocese, ensuring they have a Christmas meal and gifts to celebrate the Nativity of Christ and create happy memories in a time of crisis. For more information see <https://www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk>

• **Advent reflection and prayer on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at Sacred Heart and St Teresa's** You are welcome to join us for the 6.30 pm Mass, followed by a Holy Hour with Scripture readings, a 10-minute introductory reflection to Advent, music and silent prayer concluding with Benediction at 8pm.

• **Preparing for Christmas with the Sacrament of Reconciliation** - 'Be Reconciled to God' writes St Paul (2 Corinthians 5:20). **On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, all are welcome to St Pius X for a Holy Hour from 7-8 pm.** Fr Tony will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the Confessional and Fr Moses will be available in the sacristy. This is not a service, but a simple time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament with Advent music playing, so you are welcome to arrive and leave as you wish during the hour. We'll end with Benediction at 8 pm.

• **St. Teresa's Wilmslow Church Access - Green Lane Closure Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 2 pm – Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 10 pm** Please note that owing to the 'Wilmslow Winter Wonderland' event, Green Lane will be closed at these times at the Bank Place Square end (access can still be gained to our church from the Tesco end of Green Lane).

• **CAFOD Christmas Fun Run Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December in Bollington** Join CAFOD for the annual Christmas Fun Run in Bollington! Wear your festive fancy dress and take on this joyful run to support communities around the world to lift themselves out of poverty. This is a great opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors over the Christmas period, whilst also contributing to a good cause. Adult, child and family entrance fees are available. Whether you walk, run or jog, every step makes a difference. We are also in need of volunteers to help out on the day. If you can spare a few hours, please contact [events@cafod.org.uk](mailto:events@cafod.org.uk) or [kkeen@cafod.org.uk](mailto:kkeen@cafod.org.uk) for more information. Find out more info on our website: [www.cafod.org.uk/Bollington](http://www.cafod.org.uk/Bollington)

• **St Teresa's Wilmslow: Senior Citizens Christmas Afternoon Tea 2024: Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Dec: \*EVENT CANCELLED\*** We are sorry to announce that the senior citizens afternoon tea event has had to be cancelled owing to insufficient interest. It is hoped that a parish social, open to all, will be arranged in the new year.

• **Parish Mission Led by the Redemptorists:** From Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> to Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart in Wythenshawe each evening at 7 pm. Fr. Elias Gweme and Fr. Royston Price invite you to experience a unique and uplifting opportunity at the upcoming Mission to deepen your faith. It is a wonderful opportunity to ask your questions, reflect on your relationships with God and those around you, and share your hopes for the future. There will be Mass, Confession, General Confession and a very special guest - the relic of St Gerard Majella. If you want a blessing with the relic, speak to one of the fathers. For more information contact Amy Doyle or Bernadette Hayward on 0161 503 2843.

• **South Manchester Catholic Young Adults Group:** Calling all young adults aged 18-35! Join us for the first event of the South Manchester Catholic Young Adults Group on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. We will start with Mass at St Vincent's in Altrincham at 5:30 pm, followed by a talk, social time, and food. The group will meet fortnightly, providing a space to connect, grow in faith, and build friendships. To stay updated, follow us on Instagram @southmanccatholicyoungadults / Email [southmanccatholicyoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:southmanccatholicyoungadults@gmail.com)

#### Christmas Mass Times 2024

**Tues 24<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Eve):** St Pius X - Vigil at 5 pm; St Benedict - Vigil at 5 pm and Mass of Christmas Night at 7 pm; Sacred Heart & St Teresa - Vigil at 5 pm and Mass of Christmas Night at 8.30 pm

**Wed 25<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Day):** St Pius X 9 am; St Benedict 10 am; Sacred Heart & St Teresa 9 am & 11 am