

**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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<b>SVP</b>		SVP Society 07749-453-776	<i>Society now retired</i>

**Weekly Wordsearch**

S	E	Y	H	A	J	I	L	E	A	JOHN	WITNESS	LIGHT
E	L	W	N	O	H	I	L	S	T	LEVITES	ELIJAH	PROPHET
S	E	N	H	A	G	R	E	I	S	ISAIAH	PHARISEES	BAPTISE
S	V	N	A	H	H	E	W	T	S	WATER	BETHANY	JORDAN
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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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[www.stteresawilmslow.org](http://www.stteresawilmslow.org)

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024: The Third Sunday of Advent**

	St Pius X, Alderley Edge	St Benedict’s, Handforth	Sacred Heart & St Teresa’s, Wilmslow
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>
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> <i>The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>9.00 am</b> <i>Lady Morag Stafford</i>	<b>10.00 am</b> <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i> <b>5.30 pm</b> <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	<b>11.00 am</b> <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	No Mass	No Mass	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	No Mass	6.30 pm (Adoration 6 pm) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	No Mass	11.45 am <i>Requiem Mass Paul Redmond</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Gerald Ramsden (RIP)</i>
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	No Mass	9.30 am <i>The Ryan family</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	No Mass	No Mass
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	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>
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec</b> <i>The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>9.00 am</b> <i>John Houlihan (RIP)</i>	<b>10.00 am</b> <i>Hugh Hartnett (RIP)</i> <b>5.30 pm</b> <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	<b>11.00 am</b> <i>Mary Moss (RIP)</i>

\*Please note, the Living Flame Prayer group at Sacred Heart & St. Teresa’s will now take a break over Christmas. The group will resume on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025.



### St. Pius X Alderley Edge Notices

**Christmas offering** This year the total sum of the Christmas collection will be given to East Cheshire Hospice. Thank you for whatever you can offer. You can see their website at <https://www.eastcheshirehospice.org.uk>

**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.



### St. Benedict's Handforth Notices

**Christmas offering** This year the total sum of the Christmas collection will be given to Right to Life. Thank you for whatever you can offer. Right to Life UK is a charitable organisation focused on life issues protecting and defending the right to life of every human being from conception to natural death. We are reminded of this important work in the face of the recent parliamentary debate on assisted suicide. Right to Life continue their work through education, politics, media, and a large network of people. You can see their website at <https://righttolife.org.uk>

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** Fr Moses will be available for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation after the 5.30 pm Sunday Mass on 15th December.

**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.

**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. *The 14<sup>th</sup> December is the last formal Saturday collection before Christmas as the food bank shuts for the holidays at the end of next week. Collections will resume in the new year.*



### St. Teresa's Wilmslow Notices

**Christmas offering** This year the total sum of the Christmas collection will be split equally between our parish and Aid to the Church in Need. Thank you for whatever you can offer. ACN is a Pontifical Foundation of the Catholic Church, supporting the Catholic faithful and other Christians where they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need. In November we heard from Rachel Buckley who movingly spoke to us about the persecution of the Church in many places in the world. You can see their website at <https://acnuk.org>

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**Christmas Cards – Now Half Price** Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Charity Christmas cards are now on sale in the church porch at the reduced priced at £2.50 per pack (of 10).

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

### Sunday's Gospel Reading is taken from Luke 3:10-18

*'And we, what shall we do?'*

*At that time: The crowds asked John, 'What, then, shall we do?' And he answered them, 'Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.' Tax collectors also came to be baptised and said to him, 'Teacher, what shall we do?' And he said to them, 'Collect no more than you are authorized to do.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what shall we do?' And he said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.'*

*As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, 'I baptise you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people.*

### Notices for All Parishes / Diocesan Notices

#### Christmas Mass Times 2024

##### Tues 24th 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 25th December (Christmas Day):

**St Pius X** 9 am; **St Benedict** 10 am; **Sacred Heart & St Teresa** 9 am & 11 am

• **Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury Christmas Aid Appeal this Sunday 15th 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>

• **St. James' Catholic High School Cheadle Hulme – Lay Chaplain Vacancy** The governors of the school wish to appoint an outstanding, dynamic and highly motivated Lay Chaplain to begin in February 2025 or sooner. For more information please visit: <https://www.stjamescheadle.co.uk/jobs>

• **CAFOD Christmas Fun Run Friday 27th 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)

• **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 14th and 28th. 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)