

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	Society now retired

Weekly Wordsearch

G	A	B	R	H	E	S	U	O	H	ANGEL	GABRIEL	JOSEPH
A	J	O	S	T	N	O	S	T	A	MARY	REJOICE	SON
B	A	R	R	E	N	N	E	M	N	LORD	JESUS	CHILD
R	C	E	E	R	D	B	D	A	D	ELIZABETH	BARREN	HANDMAID
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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
 Retired Priest (St. Benedict’s): Fr. William O’Riordan / Deacon (St. Benedict’s): Rev. Thomas Chrisp
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Sunday 22nd December 2024: The Fourth Sunday of Advent

	St Pius X, Alderley Edge	St Benedict’s, Handforth	Sacred Heart & St Teresa’s, Wilmslow
Saturday 21 st Dec	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 22 nd Dec The 4 th Sunday of Advent	9.00 am John Houlihan (RIP)	10.00 am Hugh Hartnett (RIP) 5.30 pm Celebrant’s Intention	11.00 am Mary Moss (RIP)
Monday 23 rd Dec	No Mass	No Mass	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) Special Intention
Tuesday 24 th Dec Christmas Eve	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) Celebrant’s Intention 5.00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass	5.00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass 7.00 pm Mass of Christmas Night	5.00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass 8.30 pm Mass of Christmas Night
Wednesday 25 th Dec The Nativity of the Lord	9.00 am Christmas Day Mass	10.00 am Christmas Day Mass	9.00 am Christmas Day Mass 11.00 am Christmas Day Mass
Thursday 26 th Dec St. Stephen, the first Martyr	No Mass	No Mass	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) Celebrant’s Intention
Friday 27 th Dec St. John, Apostle, Evangelist	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) Celebrant’s Intention	No Mass	No Mass
Saturday 28 th Dec The Holy Innocents, Martyrs	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 29 th Dec The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	9.00 am Cyril & Phyllis Stewart	10.00 am Celebrant’s Intention 5.30 pm Celebrant’s Intention	11.00 am Elizabeth & John Riordan (RIP)



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>

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 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

Children's Nativity All children are invited to join in a Children's Nativity at the 10am Mass this Sunday 22nd December. Children may come dressed as a Nativity character - shepherd, animal, angel, king etc and we do have extra costumes available. There will be some narration by older children. Please come to the hall before or at the beginning of Mass and we will practise together. The Nativity will take place before the Final Blessing.

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>

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

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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Sunday's Gospel Reading is taken from Luke 1:39-45

"Why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?"

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.'

Notices for All Parishes / Diocesan Notices

Christ is born in Bethlehem! The clergy wish you and your families a blessed Christmas and a peaceful New Year. Thank you for the cards and gifts that we have received.

• **Your prayers are asked for...** Let us pray for Paul Redmond, Joan Keeney, Edward Toole, Eileen Fisher, and Leo Caprio who have died recently; may they rest in peace.

• **Mark Dilworth** We are pleased to announce that Mark Dilworth, a seminarian who is training for the priesthood within our Diocese, will be on placement in the three parishes from 4th to 30th January 2025. Mark will celebrate Sunday Mass with the community at St Benedict's and be at all churches during the week. He will visit some of our parishioners in a care home with a priest, offer some weekdays reflections before Mass, lead Marian devotions, visit St Benedict's Catholic Primary School to work with those preparing for the First Sacraments, and serve the Holy Mass. We look forward to welcoming Mark.

• **HOPE CENTRAL** have had a big increase in the number of food deliveries across Handforth and Wilmslow (with a delivery also in Alderley Edge). They need some more 'delivery drivers' on weekdays; collection is from St Chad's in Handforth at about midday and it usually takes between 1 and 1.5 hours. If you can help in the New Year please email info@hopecentral.org.uk They are also looking to recruit a new role in the foodbank – a head of community food provision - details on the noticeboard in the porch at St Benedict's & St. Teresa's. For more information, contact info@hopecentral.org.uk or call 01625-724-133.

• **Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury Christmas Appeal** Last week's collection raised the following totals at our parishes – St Pius X - £392.80; St. Benedict's - £120.13; St. Teresa's - £234.27. Thank you for your generosity.

• **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. Find out more info on our website: www.cafod.org.uk/Bollington

• **South Manchester Catholic Young Adults Group:** Calling all young adults aged 18-35! Join us for the next event of the South Manchester Catholic Young Adults Group on Saturday, December 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