

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	<i>Society now retired</i>

 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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Sunday 29th December 2024: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

	St Pius X, Alderley Edge	St Benedict’s, Handforth	Sacred Heart & St Teresa’s, Wilmslow
Saturday 28 th Dec <i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</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>Celebrant’s Intention</i>
Sunday 29th Dec <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph</i>	9.00 am <i>Cyril & Phyllis Stewart</i>	10.00 am <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i> 5.30 pm <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	11.00 am <i>Elizabeth & John Riordan (RIP)</i>
Monday 30 th Dec	No Mass	11.30 am <i>Requiem Mass: Joan Keeney</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Fr. Anthony Cogliolo (RIP)</i>
Tuesday 31 st Dec	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	No Mass	6.30 pm (Adoration 6 pm) <i>In Thanksgiving for 2024</i>
Wednesday 1 st Jan <i>Mary, the Holy Mother of God</i>	No Mass	No Mass	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i> <i>Refreshments follow in hall</i>
Thursday 2 nd Jan <i>Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen</i>	No Mass	9.30 am <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Shirley Lloyd (RIP)</i>
Friday 3 rd Jan	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Private Intention</i>	No Mass	No Mass
Saturday 4 th Jan	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>Celebrant’s Intention</i>
Sunday 5th Jan <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	9.00 am <i>Martyn & Anne Dyer</i>	10.00 am <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i> 5.30 pm <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	11.00 am <i>Intentions of Margaret Callaghan</i>



St. Pius X Alderley Edge Notices

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

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.

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

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Sunday's Gospel Reading is taken from Luke 2:41-52

Jesus is found by his parents sitting among the teachers.

The parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. After three days they found him in the Temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, 'Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.' And he said to them, 'Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favour with God and man.

Notices for All Parishes / Diocesan Notices

- **Christmas 2024** – Many thanks to our parishioners who helped to prepare and decorate our churches, and assist at the Masses for the Christmas celebrations.
- **1st January 2025** - Parishioners from all three churches are welcome to join us at Sacred Heart & St Teresa's in Wilmslow for the 10am Mass on New Years Day to celebrate the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God. Afterwards, refreshments will be served in the hall.
- **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.
- **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.