

**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
<b>Safeguarding Officer</b>	Shaun Steele 07947-605-448	Eithne Lennon 07915-918-056	Cecilia Tinsley 01625-521-520
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**Weekly Wordsearch**

Y	N	O	G	A	R	T	S	O	L	SUN
E	R	H	W	A	S	E	L	I	E	OCEAN
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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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[www.stteresawilmslow.org](http://www.stteresawilmslow.org)

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024: The First Sunday of Advent**

	St Pius X, Alderley Edge	St. Benedict’s, Handforth	Sacred Heart & St. Teresa’s, Wilmslow
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov <i>St. Andrew, Apostle Patron of Scotland</i>	No Mass	No Mass	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 1<sup>st</sup> Dec</b> <i>The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>9.00 am</b> <i>Colin Heywood (RIP) &amp; the Heywood family</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>Margaret &amp; Elizabeth Henriques (RIP)</i>
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	No Mass	No Mass	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec <i>St. Francis Xavier</i>	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 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	No Mass	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 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	No Mass	No Mass	8.30 am (early Mass) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	No Mass	No Mass
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>
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> <i>The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>9.00 am</b> <i>Celebrant’s Intention</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>



## St. Pius X Alderley Edge Notices

### Advent service for Churches Together in Alderley

Churches Together in Alderley Advent Evensong. All are cordially invited to this Churches Together service at St Mary's Nether Alderley on Sunday 1st December at 6.30 pm.

**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

**There will be an Advent Service on Thursday December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm in church.** Everyone is 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.

**Help Keep Our Church Clean – Volunteers Needed** We need your help to maintain the cleanliness of our church. Currently, we have two dedicated ladies who clean the church weekly, and we are deeply grateful for their hard work. One of them even travels from Wilmslow to support us. However, from next year, this will change to fortnightly. With our church being so busy on weekends, it is clear that we need extra hands. As a community, we need to come together and share this responsibility to keep our church a welcoming and clean space for everyone. We are asking for volunteers to dedicate just 1.5 hours once a month to help with light cleaning. It is a simple task, and you can come at a time that suits you best. If you or someone you know can lend a hand, please get in touch with the stewards or simply spread the word. Let us work together as a community to maintain the cleanliness of our church. Thank you for your support!

**FOODBANK items & Mass Collections** For Christmas we would like to give parishioners the opportunity to bring food bank items to the Sunday masses until the 8<sup>th</sup> December (after that it will be too late for the Christmas food bank deliveries). Thank you for your continued support - key priorities this week are milk, cereal, biscuits, tins of meat & tuna, toilet rolls & eggs. 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

**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.

**Christmas Day Meal – Wilmslow Guild** The Wilmslow Guild will host a Christmas Day Meal for anyone who might otherwise be alone on the day. The doors will open at twelve noon and the meal will be served at about 12.30 pm. There will be no charge for the meal but donations would be gratefully received. For further details, please contact the Wilmslow Guild office.

**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

### Christmas Mass Times 2024

#### Tuesday 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

#### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Day):

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

#### • 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 6.30pm 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 7-8pm.**

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 8pm.

#### • Divine Mercy Prayer Group at St Gregory's, Bollington - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm Phone Mary Dalzell for further details: 07949 207492

#### • St Teresa's Wilmslow - Senior Citizens Christmas Afternoon Tea 2024 – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

We are planning to hold a Christmas afternoon tea this year on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December in the parish hall for senior citizens which will include turkey sandwiches, mince pies, refreshments and a sing-along. There are no formal invitations but for the purposes of knowing numbers, **we require you to confirm your attendance** by parish email or the telephone number (both on front page). You can also use the signup sheet in the porch.

• **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)

#### • HMP Stoke Heath - Chaplaincy Vacancy

A chaplaincy vacancy at HMP Stoke Heath has arisen. For a job description and application information, go to: <https://justicejobs.tal.net/vx/lang-en-GB/mobile-0/appcentre-1/brand-15/user-5927389/xf-e217f9451614/candidate/so/pm/1/pl/3/opp/92268> Closing date: 13/12/2024 - 23:55