

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 | Tom Thistleton 07803-745-027 |

Sunday’s Gospel Reading is taken from Mark 12:28-34

‘You are not far from the kingdom of God’

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, ‘Which is the first of all the commandments?’ Jesus replied, ‘This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.’ The scribe said to him, ‘Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.’ Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, ‘You are not far from the kingdom of God.’ And after that no one dared to question him any more.

 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
 Telephone (Office): 01625-533-268 / Email: wilmslowcatholic@gmail.com
 Websites: <https://stpiusalderley.com>; <https://stbenedictshandforth.wixsite.com>
www.stteresawilmslow.org

Sunday 3rd November 2024
The Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

| | St Pius X, Alderley Edge | St. Benedict’s, Handforth | Sacred Heart & St. Teresa’s, Wilmslow |
|---|--|---|--|
| Saturday 2 nd Nov <i>Commemoration of all the faithful Departed</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 6.30 pm (Vigil Mass) Celebrant’s Intention |
| Sunday 3rd Nov <i>31st Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> | 9.00 am Celebrant’s Intention | 10.00 am Celebrant’s Intention 5.30 pm Celebrant’s Intention | 11.00 am Celebrant’s Intention |
| Monday 4 th Nov <i>St. Charles Borromeo</i> | No Mass | No Mass | 10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) Celebrant’s Intention |
| Tuesday 5 th Nov | No Mass | No Mass | No Mass |
| Wednesday 6 th Nov | No Mass | 9.30 am (Adoration 9 am) Celebrant’s Intention | 10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) Special Intention Living Flame Prayer Group 11.15 am – 12.15 pm |
| Thursday 7 th Nov | No Mass | 9.30 am Celebrant’s Intention | 10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) Celebrant’s Intention |
| Friday 8 th Nov | 10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) Celebrant’s Intention | No Mass | No Mass |
| Saturday 9 th Nov <i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica of the Most Holy Redeemer</i> | No Mass | No Mass | No Morning devotions owing to the grave blessings Confessions 6 pm – 6.20 pm 6.30 pm (Vigil Mass) Celebrant’s Intention |
| Sunday 10th Nov <i>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> | 9.00 am The War Dead | 10.00 am The War Dead 5.30 pm The War Dead | 11.00 am The War Dead |



St. Pius X Alderley Edge Notices

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION – Start Date

Classes to prepare children for their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will commence on Tuesday 12th November 2024. The class will be held in the small meeting room at Saint Pius and will start at 5 pm and finish at 6 pm. Any parent or guardian wishing their child to attend, and who has not already registered their child, should contact Sheila Wignall on sherlockwignall@gmail.com



St. Benedict's Handforth Notices

Sunday Missals Missals with the new translation can now be ordered at the Piety Stall. Please speak to Christine (after the 10.00 Mass) or to Gill (after the 5.30 Mass). Closing date for orders is 13th November.

Piety Stall Christmas cards, cribs and Advent Candles will be on sale from Sunday 3rd November. Last year we were very grateful for your support and hope you will support us again this year. All proceeds will go to charity.

FOODBANK items Thank you for your continued support - key priorities this week are long life milk (semi skimmed), tinned items - meat, tuna and soup, Weetabix/cereal, tea and toilet rolls. 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

First Sacraments 2024/2025 Nicola Cowell will again kindly be leading a new programme and asks anyone wishing their child to enrol on the parish First Holy Communion course to contact Father Tony as soon as possible so that the preparation material can be sent to them. The course is ideally suited to children from Year 3 upwards (aged 7+ at the start of September this year). It is hoped classes will start in November this year, so we would like to get the children registered as soon as possible. Thank you.

REMEMBRANCE during November Please feel free to place the names of your deceased family members into the basket placed at the foot of the altar. The basket will stay in place for the month of November so that we can pray and give thanks for our loved ones who are now In God's loving care.

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) – Parish Talk – This Weekend (2nd/3rd November) This weekend we will be pleased to welcome Rachel Buckley, from Aid to the Church in Need (ACN). ACN is a Pontifical foundation of the Catholic Church, supporting the Catholic faithful & other Christians where they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need. Rachel will give a short talk at the end of the Masses about the work which ACN undertakes around the globe. She will be selling some religious items at the back of church afterwards, as well as some Christmas cards.

Wilmslow Methodist Church Crib Festival 2nd – 7th December 2024 Wilmslow Methodist Church is hosting a Crib Festival in the first week of December. We will have lots of nativity sets of all shapes, sizes, materials and from different places around the world on display. We would love to give the opportunity for any group that meets in your church to make a nativity set to display. Secondly, if anyone has an unusual nativity set that we could borrow (but not one that is very valuable or an heirloom!) then we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch before Friday November 15th at cfw@wilmslowmethodists.org.uk

Press Red Performance - The Book of Ruth - Friday 8th November 2024 Join us to reimagine scripture with this 50 minute performance using the best of acting and music. Friday 8th November 2024 at 7.30 pm at St. Bart's Church, Wilmslow.

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

• South Manchester Young Catholic Adults Group at St. Vincent's

We are excited to share that Sharon (from Sacred Heart Church, Wythenshawe), along with Hanah (from St Vincent's, Altrincham) and Maria (St Benedict's, Handforth), are starting a South Manchester Catholic Young Adults Group, with the support of Fr. David from Wythenshawe. This group is open to all young adults aged 18-35, and we believe it will provide a meaningful space for young people in the area to come together, deepen their faith, and build a strong Catholic community. The group will officially begin on 16th November at St Vincent's in Altrincham. Following the 17:30 Saturday mass, the group will move over to Westleigh for a talk, food and social time. If anyone is interested in keeping up to date with what's happening, please follow our Instagram page (@southmanccatholicyoungadults) or email southmanccatholicyoungadults@gmail.com

• Diocese Of Shrewsbury Join The 2025 Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage Wednesday 23rd July Friday 1st August Age - 16-22 Cost - £725 Funding and fundraising support is available. For more information or for an application form, email youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date for all applications is 31st March 2025. Pilgrimage office lourdes@dioceseofshrewsbury.org www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk

• Divine Mercy Prayer Group at St Gregory's Parish Hall, Bollington Meets every first Thursday, 7-8pm. Next meeting: 7th November. Contact Mary Dalzell for further details: 07949 207492.

• Talk by Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald at St Werburgh's Chester on Wed 13th Nov at 7.30 pm

Cardinal Fitzgerald has spent all his working life as a missionary on the interface between Islam and Christianity, heading important Vatican departments in this field and working in key Middle East postings, including Egypt and Jerusalem. He is coming to St Werburgh's (CH1 1QJ) to talk about Muslim-Christian Relations Today, and to answer our questions. All very welcome. 7.30 pm start, 8.15 pm Questions and Answers, 9.00 pm finish.

• Together with Refugees – CARITAS Diocese of Shrewsbury The Government is planning to introduce new legislation on refugees soon. This makes it a critical time to connect with your local MP and ask them to support a fairer approach – starting with getting them to sign the Fair Begins Here Parliamentary Promise – link here <https://togetherwithrefugees.org.uk/fair-begins-here-parliamentary-promise/>

• St. Teresa's, Wilmslow Car Park Renewal 2024/2025

The renewal process is now underway to use the parish car park outside of Mass times (for short periods) – **renewal forms are available only on request from the sacristy after any Mass.** New passes will be valid from 1st November 2024 until 31st October 2025. You might consider an appropriate donation to be £1 to £2 each time you use the car park. If you do not apply and pay for a new permit, you will be removed from the system and no longer be authorised to use the car park (except for attending Mass). Current passes will expire after 30th November 2024. **Please note that applications to use the car park are open only to parishioners! They are not open to other family members or extended family (unless they too are parishioners). Please also note that only one form can be obtained for each parishioner applying and that each parishioner can only apply to use one vehicle. Please note all the other terms and conditions on the form.**

• 'Great are you Lord' (Psalm 104)

You are welcome to join us for a Holy Hour with worship music, scripture readings and testimony in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament at St Benedict's Catholic Church, Hall Road, Handforth, SK9 3AD on **Sunday 3rd November 2024**, 7.30 pm - 8.30 pm followed by refreshments in the hall.

• The Blessing of Graves at Alderley Edge and Wilmslow Cemeteries on Saturday 9th November

November is a month in which we often remember and pray for our loved ones who have died. All are welcome to join us as we gather for a five minute service followed by individual grave blessings. Please gather at Alderley Edge Cemetery SK9 7TQ at 10am. Please gather at Wilmslow Cemetery SK9 2LE at 11.30am.