

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 |
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| 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> |

Sunday’s Gospel Reading is taken from Mark 13:24-32

The stars will fall from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

‘Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.’

 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 17th November 2024: The Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

| | St Pius X, Alderley Edge | St. Benedict’s, Handforth | Sacred Heart & St. Teresa’s, Wilmslow |
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| Saturday 16 th Nov | 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) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i> |
| Sunday 17th Nov <i>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> | 9.00 am <i>For the deceased relatives and friends of Sue Wilson and Bernard Kellett</i> | 10.00 am <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i> 5.30 pm <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i> | 11.00 am <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i> |
| Monday 18 th Nov | No Mass | 11.30 am <i>Requiem Mass for Brian Cann</i> | 10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i> |
| Tuesday 19 th Nov | 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 20 th Nov | 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 21 st Nov <i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> | No Mass | 9.30 am <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i> | 10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Intentions of Kathleen Parr on her 100th Birthday</i> |
| Friday 22 nd Nov <i>St. Cecilia</i> | 10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Elizabeth Holmes</i> | No Mass | No Mass |
| Saturday 23 rd Nov | 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) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i> |
| Sunday 24th Nov <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i> | 9.00 am <i>Christopher Hickey</i> | 10.00 am <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i> 5.30 pm <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i> | 11.00 am <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i> |



St. Pius X Alderley Edge Notices

Carol Service – Sunday 8th December – The Catenians will be hosting a carol service at St. Pius X on Sunday 8th December at 3 pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend. Refreshments & mince pies follow in the hall.



St. Benedict's Handforth Notices

The SVP would like to welcome 8 new Mini Vinnies from St Benedict's School. They made their Promise and received their badges at Mass on 7 Nov. They have already started to meet regularly and plan activities for the year. Many thanks to the co-ordinators and staff at school for making this happen.

Sunday Missals Update Sunday Missals have been ordered for those parishioners who requested them. Unfortunately, they will not be delivered until the 2nd week in December due to high volume of orders. CTS have apologised for this.

FOODBANK items & Mass Collections For Christmas we would like to give parishioners the opportunity to bring food bank items to the Sunday masses starting on 24th November and continuing until the 8th 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 or tuna & soup, toilet rolls & tea. 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

Encyclical letter from the Holy Father on the Sacred Heart of Jesus – on 24th October 2024, we received with joy the fourth Encyclical Letter of Pope Francis's pontificate *Dilexit Nos* – “*He has loved us*” on the human and divine love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Holy Father describes his letter as bringing together precious reflections of previous magisterial texts and a long history that goes back to the Sacred Scriptures to re-propose to the whole Church, devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Pope Francis has written this Encyclical Letter amid the 350th anniversary celebrations of the apparitions to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque. The letter can easily be accessed on the internet.

Aid to the Church in Need – Thank you – Rachel, the lady who gave the talk on the work of ACN a few weeks ago, is most grateful for the contributions and sales she received after the Masses over that weekend. She made a total of £386.45 and thanks you for your much appreciated generosity.

Cake Sale for (Loreto) CAFOD Fundraiser Join us after the 11 am Mass on Sunday 17th November, for a cake sale by Erin and Olivia from Loreto Grammar School. All profits go to CAFOD. Treat yourself and support a great cause for just £1.50 per cake!

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.

Red Mission Boxes For those who keep a red mission box in their homes – if you could please bring it to church over the next few weeks for emptying and counting we would be grateful. Please leave your box in the sacristy. It will be available for collection after a few weeks.

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.

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

• **CLERGY EDUCATION & TRAINING FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND (16TH/17TH NOVEMBER)**

This weekend the annual collection for the Clergy Education & Training Fund will be held. On the training and formation of Priests, the future of our Diocese so much depends. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please make your donation Online. To donate Online please go to www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/clergy-education-and-training-fund An electronic version of a leaflet about the Fund is available at the weblink above. This explains how you can also donate to the Fund by Standing Order or Cheque and how you can take advantage of Gift Aid on donations made using these methods.

• **Bishops' Statement on Assisted Suicide Vote on 29th November & How to contact your MP**

This is an exceptional moment which has led the bishops of all our countries to issue a statement titled “Be Compassionate” in opposition to this parliamentary Bill and to urge for the sick and aged compassion and a greater provision of palliative care. We know that assisted suicide laws in other jurisdictions have had devastating consequences for the poor, disabled and marginalised. This is the biggest threat to the vulnerable in a decade. Copies of the statement are available in our churches this weekend. Please take one.

The statement also asks the faithful to be in contact with their Members of Parliament as the decisive parliamentary debate takes place in just two weeks' time. Postcards from **Not Dead Yet UK**, who are a network of people with disabilities who oppose assisted suicide, are also available in our churches this weekend. Parishioners can use these to easily contact their MP to encourage them to vote against assisted suicide.

• **Parish Event - Better off dead?**

All are welcome to the hall at Sacred Heart and St Teresa's on **Tuesday 19th November at 7.15pm** to watch a BBC documentary called ‘Better off dead?’ authored by actor & disability rights campaigner Liz Carr (running time 58 minutes). The documentary covers some aspects of the issue of assisted suicide & is a relevant topic for our consideration ahead of the forthcoming discussion & vote in parliament.

• **Manchester Baroque – Performance of Handel's Messiah – Saturday 30th November**

Every Christmas, we perform Handel's Messiah with Manchester Cathedral Choir. This year it takes place on Saturday 30th November at 7pm in Manchester Cathedral, to mark the start of Advent. It is a celebration of Christ, told through a series of wonderful arias and choral pieces culminating in the magnificent Hallelujah Chorus. For further information, please visit www.manchesterbaroque.co.uk

• **Recruitment of Director of Schools**

Recruitment process for the Diocesan Director of Schools role is now underway, further details of which can be found at <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/director-of-schools-birkenhead-2130729> . If you would like further information or candidate pack & application form please contact Liam Dowds, Emmaus Advising Consultant on 01737-652-043 or at ldowds@emmausleadership.me

• **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. Current passes will expire after 30th November 2024. **Please note that applications are open only to parishioners!**