

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 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 email the parish using the address above.

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.

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Weekly Wordsearch

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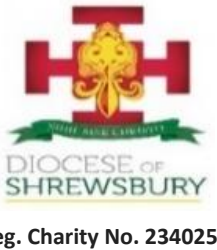
FIRE

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
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 ST. BENEDICT’S, HANDFORTH &
 SACRED HEART & ST. TERESA’S, WILMSLOW**
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Sunday 4th May, 2025: The Third Sunday of Easter

	St Pius X, Alderley Edge	St Benedict’s, Handforth	Sacred Heart & St Teresa’s, Wilmslow
Saturday 3 rd May <i>Ss Philip & James, Apostles</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>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 4 th May <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	9.00 am <i>Daniel Hickey</i>	10.00 am <i>People of the Parish</i> 5.30 pm <i>People of the Parish</i> 7.00 pm <i>Holy Hour with worship music</i>	11.00 am <i>David Marsden RIP</i>
Monday 5 th May	No Mass	No Mass	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>
Tuesday 6 th May	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	9.30 am <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	6.30 pm (Adoration 6 pm) <i>For the election of a new Pope</i>
Wednesday 7 th May	No Mass	9.30 am (Adoration 9 am) <i>For the Cardinals electing a new Pope</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>For the Cardinals electing a new Pope</i> Prayer Group 11.15 – 12.15
Thursday 8 th May	No Mass	9.30 am (Adoration 9 am) <i>For the Cardinals electing a new Pope</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>For the Cardinals electing a new Pope</i>
Friday 9 th May	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Vocations to the Priesthood</i>	No Mass	No Mass
Saturday 10 th May	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>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 11 th May <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter (Vocations Sunday)</i>	9.00 am <i>People of the Parish</i>	10.00 am <i>People of the Parish</i> 5.30 pm <i>People of the Parish</i>	11.00 am <i>First Holy Communicants & their families</i>

YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL 2025

Taking place in the grounds of Ampleforth College from Friday 22nd - Monday 25th August, the Youth 2000 Summer Festival provides young adults (aged 16-35) from across the UK the opportunity to come together and explore faith, build relationships and find hope. This four-day festival includes great speakers, social time, break-out sessions, Daily Mass, 24/7 Adoration and much more! Register your place at: youth2000.org/events/summerfestival2025.

South Manchester Catholic Young Adults Group

invites any 18-35 year olds to join us on a walking pilgrimage from St Vincent's, Altrincham to St Joseph's Eucharistic Shrine in Stockport on Saturday 10th May 2025. The main route involves approximately 11.5km of walking, with shorter and longer routes available. Register your interest on the sign up form: <https://forms.gle/ucEZXMA2bcvXUugU6> For more information, please email southmanccatholicyoungadults@gmail.com or check out the poster on Instagram @southmanccatholicya.



St. Pius X Alderley Edge Notices

Food Bank Thank you for your continued support. 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. Thank you.



St. Benedict's Handforth Notices

The SVP were busy in the lead up to Easter. They delivered Easter gifts and cards to the people they support. Thanks to St Benedict's School for providing such excellent cards. There were also short Easter Services at Longstone Manor and Wilmslow Manor care homes - also at Oakmere. Thanks to Deacon Tom for helping with these.

FOODBANK items Collection for Foodbank and 'My pantry', Saturdays between 10.00 - 11.00 - St Benedict's Church car park. Priority foodbank items, please help if you can: weatabix, tinned meat, tinned ravioli, pasta sauce, jars of sandwich paste, toilet rolls, eggs, long life milk, packet soups, tea, NB – no perishable foods. You can also donate direct to the Foodbank (side door at St Chads) from 11.00 - 12.00 on weekdays except Tuesday.



St. Teresa's Wilmslow Notices

Your Prayers are asked for David Marsden who sadly died last week. May he rest in peace. Please pray for the repose of his soul. Funeral arrangements will be announced in due course.

Building Work Some repair works will be carried out next week from Tuesday 6th May on two of the church boundary walls to the rear of the church. This should not cause any access limitations to the church or car park. The work is expected to take around a week and a half.

Parishioner Appeal for a Lift to Mass One of our parishioners would be most grateful if anyone who attends the Sunday 11 am Mass at St. Teresa's could offer her a lift to Mass. If you are able to help, please leave a note in the sacristy or email the parish and we can provide further details.

FOODBANK Please see Hope Central collection times & needed items above. (Items can also be left in porch box).

Celebrating the Jubilee Year for Easter 2025

in the Catholic Parishes of St Pius X, St Benedict, Sacred Heart & St Teresa.

'The Joy of the Lord is my Strength' (Nehemiah 8:10) a Holy Hour with live worship music and Scripture readings on Sunday 4th May at St Benedict's Catholic Church at 7pm.

The Feast of Our Lady of Fatima on Tuesday 13th May at Sacred Heart and St Teresa, 7pm to 9pm - beginning with the celebration of Holy Mass including a longer homily on the events and message of Fatima, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Holy Rosary, and individual veneration of the relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco.

A Marian Procession on Sunday 18th May at St Benedict's - to the shrine of Our Lady with devotions, immediately following the 10am Mass.

A Day Pilgrimage to Shrewsbury Cathedral on Thursday 22nd May - UPDATE Booking is now complete for our Day Pilgrimage to Shrewsbury Cathedral on Thursday 22nd May - Confessions from 11am, Pilgrim Mass 12.15pm followed by lunch in the Cathedral's Orchard Café, Cathedral Tour 2pm, Jubilee Pilgrim Liturgy 3pm. If you are travelling by train with Fr Tony and Fr Moses, please book your own return train journey to Shrewsbury at 9.47am. After the pilgrim service at 3pm, and weather dependant, Fr Tony hopes to talk a longer route to the train station visiting some of the main attractions in the town and returning in time for the 16.55 train to Wilmslow (purchasing a flexible train ticket is always a good idea).

Other Notices for All Parishes / Diocesan Notices

Jubilee Year Pilgrimage We are planning a joint pilgrimage of six local Catholic churches (including St Benedict, St Pius X, and Sacred Heart & St Teresa) to the North East of England from 29th September to 3rd October. We will be visiting Lindisfarne, Durham, Alnwick and other places of interest. Fr Louis (from the Cheadle parishes) and Fr Tony will be accompanying us. If you are interested, or would like to find out more, there will be a meeting at 7pm on Tuesday 6th May in the hall at Christ Church, Finney Lane, Heald Green, SK8 3DY. All are welcome.

Lourdes Hospitality Following a very positive meeting held early April, where we explored the role of the Hospitality, you are invited to continue this reflection at a further meeting. We hope to build on the previous lively discussions and consider areas for further development. The meeting will take place on Wed 21 May at 7pm at St Columba's, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA. Confirm your attendance at secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk

Supporting the Vocation to Marriage & Family Life Calling all those interested in supporting the vocation of marriage and family to join Jane Deegan Director of Marriage and Family Life Vocation for a retreat day to find out more about this important work and the various different ways you can help.

When: 7th June 2025 9.30am-4.00pm

Where: Parish Hall, Holy Angels Church, Wicker Lane, Hale Barnes WA15 0HG

To Register and for More Information please contact:

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Marriage Help Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 20-22 June www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 0788 7296983

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WEEKLY REFLECTION

Sunday 4th May 2025: Third Sunday of Easter
Marian Prayers: 2 Hail Holy Queen (Salve Regina)

There is doubt as to the authorship of the Salve Regina. From early manuscripts, their language and style, the hymn can be dated with confidence to the 11th century. Some attribute it to Adhemar, Bishop of Puy (1055-1098), an important figure in the First Crusade and some to Bishop Peter of Compostela (c952-1002). However, the probability is that the prayer and its plainsong hymn were written by Hermanus Contractus of Reichenau, Lake Constance (1013-1054) who was severely disabled from birth – hence the nickname ‘Contractus’. He became a monk and learned scholar in the fields of theology, mathematics, astronomy, music, Latin, Greek and Arabic. Apart from his presumed authorship of the Salve Regina, he also probably wrote the Antiphon ‘Alma Redemptoris Mater’. The latter is one of the four antiphons in honour of Our Lady which is sung between the first Sunday in Advent and the 2nd of February, Candlemas Day, while the Salve Regina is sung between the Saturday before Trinity Sunday until the Friday before the First Sunday in Advent.

Others have suggested that St Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153) wrote the Salve Regina, but his role appears to have been as a key figure in promoting the anthem at the monastery at Cluny, where the first trace of its use dates from about 1135. St Bernard had a strong devotion to Our Lady. There are also two legends which state that it was St Bernard who added the triple invocation: “*O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary*”. The first is that, on Christmas Eve 1146 in his post as Apostolic legate in Germany, Bernard was visiting the Cathedral of Speyer which is on the left bank of the Rhine near to Heidelberg. On entering the Cathedral he sang the words for the first time, genuflecting three times as he did so. The second account is that, while he was praying at the Cathedral, he entered into ecstasy and Our Lady appeared to him in a vision, whereupon he exclaimed: “*O clemens, O pia O dulcis Virgo Maria*”. Neither legend is likely to be true since the story first arose some four centuries later and the music of the anthem strongly suggests a single authorship. Whether or not either legend is accurate, the words can be found engraved on a circle on the pavement of the church at the same spot where Bernard is said to have spoken

them. As recorded in Ratisbonne's "Life and Times of St Bernard (1855): *"Plates of brass were laid down in the pavement of the church, to mark the footsteps of the man of [God](#) to posterity, and the places where he so touchingly implored the clemency, the mercy, and the sweetness of the Blessed Virgin Mary"*.

Sometime after the time of St Bernard were added, probably by the Holy See, what are now the final words, namely: *"Pray for us O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ"*. The promises of Christ are those made by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount: *"Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God"* – a promise that those who die in a state of grace will go to Heaven. As a footnote it is interesting that Scholars give examples of the regular singing of the Salve Regina by the sailors of Christopher Columbus, and in particular on his ship the *Santa Maria* on the eve of his first discovery of the Americas.

Stephen S.