

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.

	St Pius X, Alderley Edge	St. Benedict’s, Handforth	Sacred Heart & St. Teresa’s, Wilmslow
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Weekly Wordsearch

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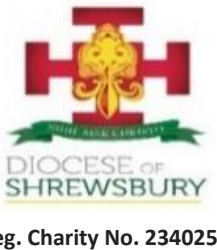
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St Pius X Church, Stamford Road, Alderley Edge, Cheshire, SK9 7NS
 St. Benedict’s RC Church, Hall Road, Handforth, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 3AD
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PARISHES OF
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 ST. BENEDICT’S, HANDFORTH &
 SACRED HEART & ST. TERESA’S, WILMSLOW**
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Sunday 11th May, 2025: The Fourth Sunday of Easter

	St Pius X, Alderley Edge	St Benedict’s, Handforth	Sacred Heart & St Teresa’s, Wilmslow
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>
Monday 12 th May	No Mass	No Mass	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>
Tuesday 13 th May	No Mass	No Mass	7.00 pm <i>Feast of Our Lady of Fatima followed by Adoration, Rosary & veneration of the Relics</i>
Wednesday 14 th May <i>St. Matthias, Apostle</i>	No Mass	9.30 am (Adoration 9 am) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Delia Freeman RIP</i> Prayer Group 11.15 – 12.15
Thursday 15 th May	No Mass	9.30 am <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Mary Scibberas RIP</i>
Friday 16 th May	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Audrey Jones</i>	No Mass	No Mass
Saturday 17 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 18 th May <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</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>People of the Parish</i>

First Holy Communion - 11th May 2025

Our group of children from the parish are receiving their First Holy Communion at 11:00 mass this Sunday morning (11th May) at St Teresa's. Congratulations to Ethan, Dario, Sophia, Julian, Sophie and Daniel! Please pray for them and their families.

Advance notice of funerals - Let us pray for those in our parishes who have recently died

• **Anne Mary Grace** who died on 28th April. Her requiem Mass will be offered at St Pius X at 12 noon on Thursday 29th May. Please contact Susie Burrows if attending on 07971 276111 • **David Marsden** who died recently. His requiem Mass will be offered at St Teresa's at 11 am on Monday 2nd June.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations (11th May 2025)

Have you considered exploring a vocation to the diocesan priesthood in imitation of Jesus the Good Shepherd? A first step might be to speak to your parish priest or contact the diocesan vocations director at vocationsdirector@dioceseofshrewsbury.org who can help you with discernment. We have a simple website www.Shrewsburyvocations.org where you can explore more. Further resources are available at www.ukvocation.org or www.ukpriest.org.

Retreat Day – Why Get Married

A **Retreat Day** has been organised with the title 'Why Get Married' on Saturday 28th of June 2025 at Our Lady and the Apostles, Stockport. The retreat is aimed at anyone wondering about the marriage vocation, including young adults who may be dating but not living together, cohabitants and those who are unmarried and seeking baptism for their child. See flyer or poster in Church for more details.



St. Pius X Alderley Edge Notices

Coffee Morning A big thanks to everyone who helped make last Sunday's Coffee Morning a success!

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

HELP urgently needed for collection of flowers on a Friday from Wilmslow (takes around 1 hour). Also we need flower arrangers and church cleaners. Please let one of the stewards know if you can assist with these key roles.

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: weetabix, 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

New Sunday Car Parking Charges at the Cheshire East Car Parks in Wilmslow from 26th May Please note that from Monday 26th May, parking charges will apply on Sundays – these will be based on the weekday tariffs for each car park. The car parks include the Rex/Hoopers car park & Broadway Meadow car park.

Churches Together in Wilmslow - You are invited to Nexus in joining in with worship and fellowship exploring St Paul's letter to the Ephesians on Thursday 15th May at 7pm (refreshments from 6.30pm) at St Bart's Church in Wilmslow.

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).

Habemus Papam! On 8th May with great joy we received the news about the election of our new Pope!
Let us keep Pope Leo XIV in our prayers as he begins his ministry as successor of St Peter.

Celebrating the Jubilee Year for Easter 2025

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

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

Catholic Parishes Men's football tournament and family day at Cheadle Catholic Junior School on Bank Holiday Monday 26th May, 9.30am to 3pm. All are welcome. Our parishes now have 5 or 6 players. We still need 2 more players. Please email wilmslowcatholic@gmail.com if you can help.

Holy Places Collection – Good Friday Our parishes raised the following totals. St Pius X: £259.30; St Benedict's: £217.01; St Teresa's: £286.80. Thank you for your generosity.

Pilgrimage to the North East A reminder that booking forms with non-refundable deposit of £150 per person should be returned to Christ Church Parish office by Sunday 25th May to secure your place. Cheques should be made payable to Christ Church Heald Green. Please mark your envelopes 'Pilgrimage.'

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: Monika at monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Mobile: 07588 512798 or Jane at jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Mobile: 07517 906435.

An Evening Talk on The Shroud of Turin with Michael Kowalski Author and Editor of The British Society for the Turin Shroud Including a full-sized replica of the world-famous Shroud of Turin

Entry Fee: By donation; Refreshments are Included. Thursday 26th June 2025. Talk starts at 7.30pm doors open at 7pm. St Peters Church, Green Lane, Hazel Grove, SK7 4EA

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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Sunday 11th May 2025: Fourth Sunday of Easter
Marian Prayers: 3 The Holy Rosary

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us (para 2678) that medieval piety in the West developed the prayer of the Rosary as a popular substitute for the Liturgy of the Hours. The evolution of the Rosary as a devotion can be considered first in the context of multiple repetitive prayer and secondly, in the form of the modern rosary. It is said that even in ancient Nineveh there is a monument in which two winged females stood before a sacred (pagan) tree apparently in prayer and holding a garland (rosarius). Muslims and Buddhists have for many centuries used strings of prayer beads. Early Christians used other methods of counting prayer; for example St Paul the Hermit (c227-c341) would say 300 formulaic prayers a day by having 300 pebbles and throwing one away after each prayer. By the 11th century it seems that in the Western World pebbles, berries or pieces of bone threaded on a string were used as an aid to prayer. Lady Godiva of Coventry stated in her will that “*the circlet of precious stones which she had threaded on a cord in order that by fingering them one after the other she might count her prayers exactly*” should be placed on a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. However, at this time the Hail Mary had not developed into a prayer and strings of prayerbeads were called “Paternosters” since their principal use was to number repetitions of the Lord’s Prayer.

By the 12th century the practice of reciting 50 or 150 Hail Marys was widespread, though, at that time, the prayer finished with the words “*and blessed is the fruit of thy womb*”. This was before the time of St Dominic (1170-1221) who, according to a number of past Popes, was the author of the Rosary, inspired by Our Lady to preach the prayer to counter sin and heresy. However, there is good evidence that the recitation of the Rosary pre-dated St Dominic, and there is no evidence (e.g. in the numerous early Lives and manuscripts) that the saint was responsible for its propagation or had any particular devotion to it. Further, the practice of meditating on the mysteries appears not to have begun until some 200 years after his death.

The modern, Western church, Rosary dates from the 15th century and in 1569 Pope Pius V officially approved the 15-decade form which remained unchanged, albeit with some local variation, until 2002 when Pope St John Paul II published the Apostolic Letter “Rosarium Virginis Mariae”. This added the “Luminous Mysteries” to

the traditional Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries. The Apostolic Letter contains detailed and profound reflections on the Rosary beginning with a statement that this simple yet profound prayer was loved by countless saints and is encouraged by the Magisterium and that Pope Leo XIII in 1883 proposed the Rosary as an effective spiritual weapon against the evils afflicting society. It is recalled that Pope St John Paul II himself said just two weeks after his election as Pope: *“The Rosary is my favourite prayer.....Against the background of the words Ave Maria the principal events of the life of Jesus Christ pass before the eyes of the soul.our heart can embrace in the decades of the Rosary all the events that make up the lives of individuals, families, nations, the Church, and all mankind. Our personal concerns and those of our neighbour, especially those who are closest to us, who are dearest to us. Thus the simple prayer of the Rosary marks the rhythm of human life”*.

Stephen S.