

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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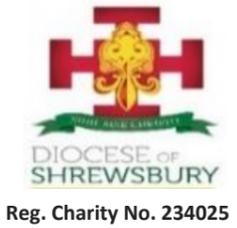


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**PARISHES OF
 ST. PIUS X, ALDERLEY EDGE,
 ST. BENEDICT’S, HANDFORTH &
 SACRED HEART & ST. TERESA’S, WILMSLOW**

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Parish Priest: Fr. Tony McGrath / Assistant Priest: Fr. Moses Ibeh
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Sunday 4th January, 2026: The Second Sunday after Christmas

	St Pius X, Alderley Edge	St Benedict’s, Handforth	Sacred Heart & St Teresa’s, Wilmslow
Saturday 3 rd Jan <i>Saturday of the Christmas Season</i>	No Mass	No Mass	9.30 am (Celeb’s Int) 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 Jan <i>The 2nd Sunday after Christmas</i>	9.00 am <i>Michael McDade</i>	10.00 am <i>People of the Parish</i> 5.30 pm <i>People of the Parish</i>	11.00 am <i>Cyril & Phyllis Stuart</i>
Monday 5 th Jan <i>Monday of the Christmas Season</i>	No Mass	7.00 pm <i>Vigil Mass for the Epiphany</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Special Intention</i>
Tuesday 6 th Jan <i>Epiphany of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)</i>	12.15 pm <i>Mass for the Epiphany</i>	9.30 am <i>Mass for the Epiphany</i>	7.00 pm <i>Mass for the Epiphany</i>
Wednesday 7 th Jan <i>Wednesday after Epiphany</i>	No Mass	9.30 am <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Mrs Audrey Bromiley RIP</i> Prayer Group: 11.15 – 12.15
Thursday 8 th Jan <i>Thursday after Epiphany</i>	No Mass	9.30 am <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>
Friday 9 th Jan <i>Friday after Epiphany</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Vocations to the Priesthood</i>	12.00 pm <i>Requiem Mass for Mike Cooke RIP</i>	No Mass
Saturday 10 th Jan <i>Saturday after Epiphany</i>	No Mass	No Mass	9.30 am (Celeb’s Int) 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 Jan <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	9.00 am <i>Catherine Clayton</i>	10.00 am <i>People of the Parish</i> 5.30 pm <i>People of the Parish</i>	11.00 am <i>Martin & Anne Dyer</i>

Diocesan Yearbooks 2026 – Now on sale in our Parishes

Diocesan Yearbooks for 2026 are now available for sale in the church porches of all our parishes. They cost £9 and can be purchased by cash or by card using the dona card readers and selecting “Yearbooks” as the category. The yearbooks include the parish directory which details the Mass times and contact details for all churches in the Diocese, as well as the liturgical calendar, school directory, diocese reports and statistics, and lots of other information.



St Pius X Alderley Edge Notices

Food Bank 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.

FOODBANK St Benedict’s Handforth and Sacred Heart & St. Teresa’s Wilmslow

Collection for Hope Central Foodbank & ‘My pantry,’ Saturdays between 10 am – 11 am - St Benedict’s Church car park. Priority foodbank items for this week, please help if you can: **Tinned Meat, Biscuits, Eggs, Jam, Tins of Beans and Sausages, Tinned Ravioli, Toilet Rolls**
NB – no perishable foods. You can also donate direct to the Foodbank (side door at St Chads) from 11–12 on weekdays except Tuesday.

Items can also be left in the box in St Teresa’s church porch.

The food bank reopens for direct donations on Monday 5th January, The SVP is having its first collection of the New Year from St Benedict's on 3rd January.



St Benedict’s, Handforth Notices

CHILDRENS LITURGY are having a Christmas break so will next get together on Sunday 11th January.



Sacred Heart & St. Teresa’s Wilmslow Notices

Prayer Group Our Wednesday Prayer group will recommence on Wednesday 7th January 2026.

Sunday’s Gospel Reading is taken from John 1:1-18

‘The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.’

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him.

He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the Only Begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. John bore witness about him, and cried out, ‘This was he of whom I said,

“He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.”’

For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only begotten God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

Thank you to all our volunteers

At the beginning of this New Year I would like to give thanks on behalf of us all for the work of the many volunteers who give their talents, time and generosity in various ministries and ways that help to run our parishes and keep alive our Catholic mission.

Mass will be offered for all our parish volunteers.

Every blessing for 2026, Fr Tony

The Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord – Tuesday 6th January 2026

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord is on Tuesday 6th January and is a Holyday of Obligation. In our three churches, there will be four Masses:

On Monday 5th January there will be an evening Vigil Mass at 7 pm at St Benedict’s;

On Tuesday 6th January, there will be a morning Mass at St Benedict’s at 9.30 am; an early afternoon Mass at St Pius X at 12.15 pm & an evening Mass at St Teresa’s at 7 pm.

Vacancies - Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team

Vacancies have arisen within the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team for a Programme Coordinator, Youth Mission Team Member and an Administration Assistant. Further details regarding the 3 posts can be found on the Diocesan Website. <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> Interested parties should send their CV to Pauline McCulloch at recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date Friday 23 January 2026.

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WEEKLY REFLECTION

Sunday 4th January 2026 2nd Sunday of Christmas
Resilience

Resilience is the quality of being able to adapt to stressful life changes and “bouncing back” from hardship. Resilience is a response to tragedy, crisis, or other life-altering changes that allows us to move on despite the loss. Showing resilience doesn't mean a person is unaffected or uncaring about the life change. Resilience is the human heart's ability to suffer greatly and grow from it. We have seen examples of national resilience, such as our nation's ability to recover from the Blitz. We observe personal resilience every day in people who suffer disabilities, deaths of loved ones, and other losses. When people refuse to give up on themselves and the world, even after misfortune, they are being resilient.

Resilience is the biblical norm for Christians. The Bible contains many examples of encouragement to press on, overcome hardship and temptation, and persevere in the face of trials. It also gives us numerous examples of people who suffered greatly but continued to follow God's plan for their lives.

Paul showed great resilience after his life-altering encounter with Jesus when he was transformed from religious Pharisee to radical Christian. Many were not happy with his message; he was beaten, stoned, criticised, jailed, and nearly killed many times. One incident especially shows Paul's exceptional resilience. In Lystra in Asia Minor, he was stoned, dragged out of town, and left for dead, but, when his enemies left, Paul simply got up and went back into the city. His missionary endeavours continued unabated. Godly resilience enables us to be undeterred from our mission, regardless of the opposition.

In the Old Testament, Job demonstrated great resilience, and God honoured him for it. After losing everything, Job was in great agony of soul and body, yet he refused to curse the Lord or give up. Later, when the suffering intensified, Job's wife counselled him to “curse God and die!” but Job would not even consider such a thing. Despite his suffering, Job knew that God was in control, and that knowledge helped him maintain resilience instead of giving in to defeat.

The believer in Jesus Christ and God's power is naturally resilient. "We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed" (2 Corinthians 4:8–9). Christians keep bouncing back. The key to resiliency is faith in the Lord:

"The Lord makes firm the steps
of the one who delights in him;
though he may stumble, he will not fall,
for the Lord upholds him with his hand" (Psalm 37:23–24).

The 2020s have presented many major issues in terms of health, politics, culture, economics, and societal challenges which have required resilience to survive. Having faith is both a great comfort in difficult times and provides a bridge to happier times.

Bernard Kellett