

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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 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



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Sunday 11th January, 2026: The Baptism of the Lord

	St Pius X, Alderley Edge	St Benedict’s, Handforth	Sacred Heart & St Teresa’s, Wilmslow
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>Helena & Marcel Quilindo RIP</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>Charles Depares RIP</i>
Monday 12 th Jan <i>Ferial</i>	No Mass	11.30 am <i>Funeral Service for Eileen Mary Power RIP</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>
Tuesday 13 th Jan <i>Ferial</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	9.30 am <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	No Mass
Wednesday 14 th Jan <i>Ferial</i>	No Mass	9.30 am <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i> Prayer Group: 11.15 – 12.15
Thursday 15 th Jan <i>Ferial</i>	No Mass	9.30 am <i>Sarah Beck RIP</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>
Friday 16 th Jan <i>Ferial</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Vocations to the Priesthood</i>	No Mass	No Mass
Saturday 17 th Jan <i>St Anthony, Abbot</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>Louise Dunkerley RIP</i>
Sunday 18 th Jan <i>The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00 am <i>Cyril & Phyllis Stewart</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>



St Pius X Alderley Edge Notices

Helen Pitt RIP We are sorry to report the death of Helen Pitt. May she rest in peace. Following her funeral in the USA, there will be a requiem Mass for Helen on Tuesday 27th Jan at 10 am.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity All parishioners are welcome to the Churches Together in Alderley AGM at 5pm & the Prayer Service at 6.30 pm at St Catherine's Birtles on Sun 18th Jan.

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 at 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 am – 12 pm on weekdays except Tuesday.

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



St Benedict's, Handforth Notices

Eileen Power RIP: The funeral for Eileen Power will be on Monday 12th Jan at 11.30 am

Sierra Leone Immersion Fundraiser I'm James - I live in Handforth and am part of a team of students at St Ambrose College who are undertaking immersion to our sister school in Sierra Leone during February half term. This continues the annual effort to fulfil our role in the community to use our privileged position to aid those less fortunate. We were tasked with raising £2,500 for the trip so I undertook the challenge to run 1,495 km (to represent the perimeter of Sierra Leone) last year as a means of fundraising. The QR code on the noticeboard shares more details (and proof) of the actual challenge, trip and how to donate. Thank you.



Sacred Heart & St. Teresa's Wilmslow Notices

Catherine Whyte RIP We are sorry to report the death of Catherine Whyte. May she rest in peace. Her funeral service will be on Wednesday 28th January at 1.30 pm.

Elizabeth Parr-Head RIP We are sorry to report the death of Elizabeth Parr-Head. May she rest in peace. Her Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 28th January at 11 am.

Churches Together – Prayer Walk The next prayer walk is on Tuesday 13th January, gathering at 10 am ready to start walking at approx. 10.15am. The meeting point is at the junction of Parkway and Holly Road North, SK9 1LS - local parking available or in Sainsbury's car park. It would be great if you were able to join us to pray for the people of our town and affect the atmosphere with the love of Jesus along the route. We will walk for an hour and then finish with a drink at a local coffee shop (optional). Future prayer walks: Tues 10th Feb, Tues 10th Mar, Tues 14th Apr. Please contact Lynne Leng (Life Church) on 07870 959379 for more info.

Dear parishioners, it is with sadness that we announce that the mother of Fr Moses, Charity Ibeh, passed away suddenly on Friday 2nd January 2026 in Nigeria. Let us keep Fr Moses, who is currently in Nigeria, his family, and his dear mother in our prayers. Fr Tony



We pray for all who have died recently: Anthony Wilcox, Mike Cooke, Margaret Tildesley, Eileen Power, Elizabeth Parr-Head, Helen Pitt, Catherine Whyte and Charity Ibeh.



Retired Priests' Fund - Special Collection Next Weekend – 17th/18th January 2026

Next weekend the annual collection for the Retired Priests' Fund will be held. With your help, we can build up the Fund to help meet the future needs of our sick and retired priests. You can also donate by card using the Dona card readers in our parishes. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please make your donation online - please go to the following link & select "Retired Priest Fund." <https://donate.mydona.com/shrewsbury-rc-diocesan-trust/>

Christmas Offerings The Christmas Offerings raised the followings totals in our parishes: St Pius X: £932.26 (offerings will go to Mary's Meals); St Benedict's: £1,483.77 (offerings will go to Missio); Sacred Heart & St. Teresa's: £1,752.60 (offerings will go to Aid to the Church in Need). Thank you for your generosity.

Churches Together in Cheshire A Service to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at Chester Cathedral, CH1 2DY on Sunday 18 January at 5 pm. The Guest Speaker will be Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski, Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London. This service brings together believers from many traditions to pray for peace, justice and deeper unity in our communities and our world. The service will also feature the Chester Taize Choir. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Betrothed Marriage Preparation Course The Catholic Church views marriage as a sacrament, vocation, and mission to love, and offers the Betrothed Marriage Preparation Course through the Shrewsbury Diocese to prepare couples spiritually and relationally. The 2026 courses take place over two consecutive Saturdays at three locations: St Clare's Church Parish Hall in Chester (February 7 & 14), St Vincent de Paul Church Westleigh Parish Hall in Altrincham (February 28 & March 7), and Shrewsbury Cathedral Parish Hall in Shrewsbury (March 21 & 28). For more information please contact Jane Deegan at jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Mobile: 07517 906435. Registration is essential. To register please contact MONIKA at: monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Vacancies - Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team Vacancies have arisen within the SYMT for a Programme Coordinator, Youth Mission Team Member and an Administration Assistant. More info <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> Interested parties should send their CV to Pauline McCulloch at recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing Date: 23 Jan.

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WEEKLY REFLECTION

Sunday 11th January 2026 Baptism of the Lord
Universal Moral Values

This reflection attempts to identify what might be described as universal moral values.

In 2019 anthropologists at the University of Oxford (1) discovered what they believe to be seven universal moral rules: help your family, help your group, return favours, be brave, defer to superiors, divide resources fairly, and respect others' property, were found in a survey of 60 cultures from all around the world.

The research found, first, that these seven cooperative behaviours were always considered morally good. Second, examples of most of these morals were found in most societies. Crucially, there were no counter-examples – no societies in which any of these behaviours were considered morally bad. Third, these morals were observed with equal frequency across continents; they were not the exclusive preserve of 'the West' or any other region.

In 2003 Kent M Keith whilst writing "Morality and Morale: a business tale", (2) described a universal moral code as a list of fundamental moral principles which can be found throughout the world. His code incorporates basic, universal ideas about how we should live and how we should treat each other.

His code was: "DO NO HARM: do not do to others what you would not like them to do to you, do not lie, do not steal, do not cheat, do not falsely accuse others, do not commit adultery, do not commit incest, do not physically or verbally abuse others, do not murder, do not destroy the natural environment upon which all life depends.

DO GOOD: do to others what you would like them to do to you, be honest and fair, be generous, be faithful to your family and friends, take care of your children when they are young, take care of your parents when they are old, take care of those who

cannot take care of themselves, be kind to strangers, respect all life, protect the natural environment upon which all life depends.”

He concluded the universal moral code is a simple reminder of the basic moral principles that are the foundation for that meaning and happiness.

These issues are not unfamiliar to us and can be seen in the ten commandments and in other parts of the Bible but in different language. Catholic morals and values centre on the love of God and neighbour with a strong emphasis faith, hope and charity. Principles such as dignity of the human person, respect for life, the common good and care for the poor.

Ten essential moral principles in Catholic teaching are: respect for human dignity, respect for creation and the environment, love one another and ourselves, actively work to right wrongs and indignities, to hear another’s cries of anguish, feel another’s pain and respond, serve others humbly and unselfishly, (Jesus washing feet John 13:4-17), forgive one another and always seek reconciliation with one another, pursue peace and harmony in our personal life, relationships and world, develop relationships built on loyalty, trust and love that provide intimacy, security and happiness, be honest and genuine with other individuals, institutions, society and self in every act, deed and dealing

Bernard Kellett

1. Is it good to cooperate? Testing the theory of morality as cooperation in 60 societies” – Oliver Scott Curry
2. Morality and Morale- a business tale – Kent M Keith