

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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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
 S. T. PIUS X, ALDERLEY EDGE,
 ST. BENEDICT’S, HANDFORTH &
 SACRED HEART & ST. TERESA’S, WILMSLOW
 WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**



Reg. Charity No. 234025

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Sunday 1st February, 2026: The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	St Pius X, Alderley Edge	St Benedict’s, Handforth	Sacred Heart & St Teresa’s, Wilmslow
Saturday 31 st Jan <i>St John Bosco, Priest</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 1 st Feb <i>The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00 am <i>Irene MacLeman RIP</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>
Monday 2 nd Feb <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	No Mass	No Mass	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>
Tuesday 3 rd Feb <i>St Werburgh, Virgin</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Charity Ibeh RIP</i>	9.30 am <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	No Mass
Wednesday 4 th Feb <i>Ferial</i>	No Mass	9.30 am <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Bridie O’Sullivan RIP</i> Prayer Group: 11.15 – 12.15
Thursday 5 th Feb <i>St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr</i>	No Mass	9.30 am <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>
Friday 6 th Feb <i>Ss Paul Miki & Companions</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Vocations to the Priesthood</i>	No Mass	No Mass
Saturday 7 th Feb <i>Ferial</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 8 th Feb <i>The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00 am <i>Charity Ibeh RIP</i>	10.00 am <i>People of the Parish</i> 5.30 pm <i>People of the Parish</i>	11.00 am <i>James Vincent Carr RIP & Frances Carr RIP</i>



St Pius X Alderley Edge Notices

Church Cleaning The cleaning team would be grateful for some extra help with cleaning the church which involves approximately 1 hour or less every 2 weeks on a Wednesday morning from 9.15 am. If you are able to volunteer and join the friendly team your help would be appreciated. To find out more please either speak to Margaret Bilsborough or email Louise Jones at Louise.jones@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

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, Sandwich Paste, Toilet Rolls, Long life Milk (Semi-skimmed), Cat Food

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. *Thank You*



Sacred Heart & St Teresa's Wilmslow Notices

James Vincent Carr RIP We are sorry to report the recent death of James Vincent Carr. May he rest in peace. James (Vincent) was a long-standing parishioner at St Teresa's and an active member of the SVP group in Wilmslow & the family kindly ask that any donations be sent to the SVP (now based at St Benedict's). Friends are welcome to attend his funeral which has been arranged for Wednesday 18th February at 11 am at the church of St Mary & St John in Newton-le-Willows. His wife, Frances, sadly died last year. Please pray for the repose of their souls.

Notices All Parishes

Mass Offerings



We now have Mass Offering envelopes in all our church porches to make the process easier to request Mass intentions.



Once completed, please pass to the priest, drop into the Sunday collection plate or post through the presbytery letterbox.

Diocesan Mass for Marriage 2026 The Diocesan Mass for Marriage is always a very happy occasion for couples celebrating significant anniversaries and for their families. I will be celebrating the Mass for 2026 on **Saturday 13th June at 12 noon at Saint Columba's, Chester**, followed by a buffet lunch for invited guests in the Parish Hall. All parishioners celebrating a significant marriage anniversary can apply for an invitation from the Bishop's Office via their Parish Priest or Parish Secretary.

Retired Priests' Fund

The recent retiring collection raised the following totals in our parishes:

St Pius X: £515.23; St Benedict's: £408.85; Sacred Heart & St Teresa's: £612.02

Thank you for your generosity.

Diocesan Vacancies

Two vacancies have arisen within the Diocese of Shrewsbury.

Sales Ledger Clerk 20 hours per week, term time only contract. Hourly rate £14.60.

Pilgrimage Booking & Customer Service Coordinator 20 hours per week, term time only contract with the possibility of some remote working. Hourly rate £14.60. CV and covering letter should be sent to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Closing date: Friday 20 February 2026. Further details can be found on the Diocesan website <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/>

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026

2026 will be the 75th anniversary of the first Shrewsbury Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage. There are three 'drop in' sessions planned for people to find out more about our pilgrimage:

Saturday 31st January 10am to 12 noon at Our Lady & Saint Christopher's in Romiley

Saturday 21st February 11am to 12.30pm at Christ the King in Bromborough

Saturday 7th March 12.30pm to 2pm Saint Patrick's in Wellington.

The dates for this year's pilgrimage are as follows:

- By Air - Friday 31st July to Thursday 6th August
- By Coach - Thursday 30th July to Friday 7th August
- Youth Pilgrimage - Wednesday 29th July to Friday 7th August

Marriage Week 7th - 14th February 2026

Marriage Week is an annual celebration offering the opportunity to support and promote marriage and family life. Jane Deegan the Director for Marriage and Family Life Vocation is seeking to build a team of volunteers to support this vital ministry in the Diocese. Two Retreat days have been run to date with another being arranged for April 2026.

If you would like to volunteer in any capacity and/or would like to find out more please contact Monika Golembiewska -Email : monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Jane Deegan- Email: jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Resources for couples and parishes can be found on the Bishops Conference website <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/marriage-week/> A link to these resources has also been created on the Shrewsbury Diocese website.

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AND
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WEEKLY REFLECTION

Sunday 1st February 2026 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Err.... How can Jesus have said that? (2)

In Luke 16:1-9, Jesus recounts the parable of the dishonest steward. The master discovers that the steward has been wasting the master's goods and dismisses him. The steward decides to make friends with the master's debtors by cancelling a large percentage of their debts to the master. This is so he will have people to help him out when he loses his job. Then comes this difficult passage: *"The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light."*

What is the message here? The dishonest steward seems to be commended by his master and possibly to be suggested by Jesus as a template of behaviour for His disciples.

There has been much academic debate on this passage. Some have suggested that the text may have been erroneously modified in transmission.

Another suggestion, which has substantial support, is that at that time stewards would take a commission on the recovery of their master's debts, and that what the steward in fact did was waive his own commission. Alternatively, the steward was releasing the debtors from paying interest – the charging of interest being contrary to Jewish law. He was losing his stewardship for not properly looking after his master's property, but he was not being dishonest by reducing part of the debts owed to his master. This explains why the master praised the steward. He was shrewd enough either (a) to sacrifice his commission knowing that he needed friends more than money, or (b) to win friends and put his Master in a good light by cancelling the illegal interest.

Jesus comments, understandably, that worldly people are better at dealing with the world than are the 'children of light'. However, He then continues: *"So I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails, they will welcome you into eternal dwellings."* What are we to make of this?

Let us take it in two stages. First, using (tainted) money to win friends should be seen in the light of the subsequent verses (Luke 16:10-14) where Jesus says you cannot serve God and money. So we make friends on earth by using our worldly goods for the benefit of others.

Using our worldly goods altruistically fits in with many other themes in the Gospels. We may note also the certainty expressed about money (v 9) : “...when it fails”

More difficult is stage 2. How do these friends welcome us into ‘eternal dwellings’ (heaven)? Salvation comes through grace from God alone. Nevertheless, we need to have faith and do good works. Jesus says (Luke 16:11): “*If then you are not trustworthy with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches?*” If we are good and faithful stewards of our worldly assets, using them for the benefit of others, by His grace our friends in Heaven will welcome us in.

Stephen S.