

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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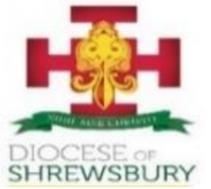
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 St. Benedict's RC Church, Hall Road, Handforth, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 3AD
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**PARISHES OF
 S T. PIUS X, ALDERLEY EDGE,
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 SACRED HEART & ST. TERESA’S, WILMSLOW
 WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**



Reg. Charity No. 234025

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Sunday 8th February, 2026: The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	St Pius X, Alderley Edge	St Benedict’s, Handforth	Sacred Heart & St Teresa’s, Wilmslow
Saturday 7 th Feb <i>Ferial</i>	No Mass	No Mass	9.30 am (<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 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>
Monday 9 th Feb <i>Ferial</i>	No Mass	No Mass	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>
Tuesday 10 th Feb <i>St Scholastica, Virgin</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Leigh Noftle</i>	9.30 am <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	6.30 pm (Adoration 6 pm) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i> with sung missal tone in English
Wednesday 11 th Feb <i>Ferial</i>	No Mass	10.00 am <i>Funeral Service for Joseph Shyne RIP</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i> Prayer Group: 11.15 – 12.15
Thursday 12 th Feb <i>Ferial</i>	No Mass	9.30 am <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Rest of the soul of John Henesy</i>
Friday 13 th Feb <i>Ferial</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Margaret Bilsborough</i>	No Mass	No Mass
Saturday 14 th Feb <i>Ss Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop</i>	No Mass	No Mass	9.30 am (<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 15 th Feb <i>The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00 am <i>People of the Parish</i>	10.00 am <i>Joan Heneghan</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

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, Weetabix, 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

Churches Together: Next prayer walk is on Tuesday 10th February, gathering at 10 am ready to start walking at approx. 10.15am. The meeting point is at the junction of Copperfields and Manchester Road, SK9 2JZ - local parking available. 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: Tuesday 10th March, Tuesday 14th April. Please contact Lynne Leng (Life Church) on 07870 959379 for more information if required.

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

SVP Appeal The SVP are looking for a couple of furniture items for a single mum and her daughter. A double wardrobe and a tall chest of drawers. We can organise collection. Please contact Maurice on 07541946670 if you can help. Thank you.

South Manchester Catholic Young Adults We are currently planning a pilgrimage to Poland in April 2026. The pilgrimage is open to young adults aged 18–30. At this stage, we are simply collating expressions of interest. If anyone is interested, please email us by 14th February to the following address: southmanccatholicyoungadults@gmail.com

SIX BIBLE STUDIES ON THE LENTEN SUNDAY GOSPELS

Mauro Iannicelli will break-open the forthcoming Lenten Sunday Gospels with in-depth teaching and stimulating questions. Starts: Tues 17th February, 2026 @7pm

Six consecutive Tuesdays: 17 Feb | 24 Feb | 03 Mar | 10 Mar | 17 Mar | 24 Mar (7-8:15pm).

Free of Charge | LIVE on YouTube. Registration: comeandsee.org/lent26

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/>

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. Please see the poster and flyers at the back of the Church. If you would like to volunteer in any capacity and/or would like to find out more, please contact:

Monika Golembiewska at Email: Monika.Golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Jane Deegan at 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/>. These resources include a novena, a reflection on the marriage of Mary to Joseph in Art' plus Pope Francis Encyclical: *The Joy Of Love* to download for reflection since 2026 marks the tenth-year anniversary of this Encyclical. A link to these resources has also been created on the Shrewsbury Diocese website.

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WEEKLY REFLECTION

Sunday 8th February 2026 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Err.... How can Jesus have said that? (3)

An enigmatic statement by Jesus appears in Mark 13:32. Talking of the last days He says: *"But of that day or that hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father"*. This apparent lack of omniscience by Jesus can be compared with an apparent lack of omnipotence in Matthew 20:23 where James and John ask for places in Heaven and He says: *"...to sit at my right hand and my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father"*.

Yet Jesus is God and God is omniscient and omnipotent. What, then, is the explanation of these two statements?

The answer is to be found in Jesus' dual being. As true God Jesus was omniscient and omnipotent; as true man He was neither. A key passage is Philippians 2:6-8: *"...Christ Jesus....though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men"*. Jesus abdicated his rights to manifest the full nature of His divinity so as to come among mankind as a man and servant. Fully understanding this is difficult, but it is only difficult because the doctrine of the duality of Jesus, like the doctrine of the Trinity is a mystery, something beyond our human understanding.

That Jesus as man could not have omniscience, omnipotence etc. is apparent when we consider that He was subject to human development and needs – and indeed temptations. He grew from babyhood. From the age of 12 it is recorded that: *"Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favour with God and man"* (Luke 2:52). He ate and drank; ultimately He died on the cross. In all these ways He was true man. His divinity was in abeyance. A clear statement of Jesus' humanity is in Hebrews: 4:15 where it is said that Jesus is someone who *"...in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sinning.."*

Of course, Jesus had supernatural powers while He was on earth as man. He could work miracles and, though tempted, He could not sin. One commentator, using contemporary language, says that the fact that Jesus as man was not omniscient and omnipotent does not *"..mean that Jesus was ever not-God. It is more like part of His deity was in sleep mode."*

A detailed juxtaposition of scripture is used by St Augustine in *De Trinitate* to convey the duality of Jesus' nature. The whole passage merits contemplation. This is a small extract:

"...In the form of God, all things were made by him (John 1:3); in the form of a servant, he himself was made of woman, made under the law (Galatians 4:4). In the form of God, he and the Father are one (John 10:30); in the form of a servant, he did not come to do his own will, but the will of him who sent him (John 6:38)...."

Stephen S.