

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



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Sunday 19th April, 2026: The Third Sunday of Easter

	St Pius X, Alderley Edge	St Benedict’s, Handforth	Sacred Heart & St Teresa’s, Wilmslow
Saturday 18 th Apr <i>Ferial</i>	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 19th Apr <i>The 3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	9.00 am <i>Phil Conner</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 20 th Apr <i>Ferial</i>	No Mass	No Mass	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>
Tuesday 21 st Apr <i>Ferial</i>	No Mass	10.30 am <i>Requiem Mass for Agnes Hannah RIP</i>	11.30 am <i>Requiem Mass for Veronica Shaw RIP</i> 6.30 pm (Adoration 6 pm) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i> with sung missal tone in English
Wednesday 22 nd Apr <i>Ferial</i>	No Mass	9.30 am (Adoration 9 am) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i> Prayer Group 11.15 – 12.15
Thursday 23 rd Apr <i>St George, Martyr Patron of England</i>	No Mass	9.30 am <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	10.00 am <i>Requiem Mass for Anthony James Mawby RIP</i>
Friday 24 th Apr <i>Ferial (Friday Abstinence)</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>In memory of Peter Wignall</i>	No Mass	No Mass
Saturday 25 th Apr <i>St Mark, Evangelist</i>	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 26th Apr <i>The 4th Sunday of Easter</i>	9.00 am <i>People of the Parish</i>	10.00 am <i>Barbara Prusak RIP</i> 5.30 pm <i>People of the Parish</i>	11.00 am <i>Netsey Brazel</i>



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 at St Benedict's Church car park. Priority foodbank items for this week, please help if you can:

Eggs, Tinned Meat, Toilet Rolls, Long life milk (semi skimmed), Plastic carrier bags

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*

Notices All Parishes

SPUC Pro-Life Chain 2026 Please join us in a peaceful public act of witness to commemorate the millions of unborn babies killed, and the families hurt, by abortion since the implementation of the 1967 Abortion Act. This peaceful act of witness spreads the message that abortion kills unborn children and hurts women and families. When? Saturday 25th April, 11am - 1pm Where? Washway Road at Harboro Road, Sale, M33 4RA. If you have any queries, please contact Michael on 07810 791032

New Dawn 29th – 31st May 2026 promises to be three days of outstanding keynotes, powerful praise and worship, times of prayer, fellowship, and more at All Saints Shrine, Manchester. This special weekend falls on Holy Trinity Sunday - the weekend after Pentecost - making it a wonderful opportunity to gather and worship together at the heart of the Church's year. It also lands during the May half-term break, making it a great time for individuals, families, and groups to attend. For more information & booking, please visit <https://princeofpeace.org.uk/>

MARRIAGE SUPPORT: From relationships that are 'Just in a Rut', needing some refreshment or more serious issues - If you are open to try again – Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get their relationship back on track as they rediscovered hope and trust in the marriage. To find out more: www.retrouvaille.org.uk +44 797 338 0443

Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality will be holding our first 2026 Hospitality Members Focus Group on Tuesday 21st April, at 7pm. This will be open to any Hospitality members, even if you haven't attended previous Focus Groups. We will be encouraged to review the commitments made last year to improve our way of working with each other. We are also delighted that Fr Sean Henry, Chaplain to the Hospitality, will join us. This will take place at St Columba's, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1PL. Please confirm your attendance by emailing the secretary at secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk

Parish Mission Appeals – Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of Christ

This Weekend (18th/19th April)

This weekend we look forward to welcoming two Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, who will be carrying out mission appeals in all our parishes. The Sisters support the poor and marginalized in different countries of the world, serving the homeless, destitute, vulnerable children and adults, refugees, widows and elderly people. There will be a retiring collection which will go towards the work of the Sisters. Your generosity will be very much appreciated.



He is Risen, just as He said, Alleluia!

You are welcome to a Holy Hour with Scripture and Worship Music in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart and St Teresa's in Wilmslow at 7 pm on Sunday 3rd May 2026 followed by refreshments in the hall.

ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat 25th April 10.00-1.00 Online. "SURRENDER TO LOVE." The Holy Spirit transforms us by helping us surrender to God's love. Mini retreat morning Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring talk from speaker Geoff Poulter, trainer in prophecy, healing and discipleship. Further Details available at https://www.altonrenewal.com/this_month

Castlerigg Manor

CATHOLIC FAMILY HOLIDAYS IN THE LAKE DISTRICT Castlerigg Manor in Keswick (heart of the Lake District) is offering budget-friendly holidays for Catholic families during May, August, and early September. Breakfast and evening meal are included and there will be Mass on site. Guests have full use of the site including the grounds, games room, chapel, and lounges, and Castlerigg is just a short walk from Keswick and Lake Derwentwater. Ideal for individuals, couples, families, or groups of friends. Visit www.castleriggmanor.com or please contact by email at director@castleriggmanor.co.uk / 017687 72711

YOUTH MINISTRY GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITY Do you know anyone aged 18-25 who is looking for a new challenge? The Diocese of Lancaster has a Youth Ministry team based in Keswick in the Lake District. They run retreats at Castlerigg Manor and also work in Churches and schools around the area. The 'Youth Ministry Internship' scheme comes with high quality training, experience, and recognised qualifications and gives young people the chance to join a welcoming community and a vibrant team doing some amazing work. **Interested?** Please email: director@castleriggmanor.co.uk; web: www.castleriggmanor.com

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WEEKLY REFLECTION

**Sunday 19th April 3rd Sunday after Easter
Err.... How can Jesus have said that? (8)**

“Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone.”

The above is Jesus' response to the young man who kneels before Him and asks: *“Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”*. Subsequently Jesus says that the young man knows the commandments, and spells out those of the 10 commandments which are aimed at loving and respecting our neighbour (i.e. not including the first 3 which focus on loving God). The young man replies that he has observed all these from his youth. Jesus looks on him, loves him and says: *“You lack one thing; go, sell what you have and give it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come follow me”*. The young man goes away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. [Mark 10:17-22, Matthew 19:16-22 and Luke 18:18-24.]

Why does Jesus ask why the man calls Him good, adding that God alone is good? Some use this to argue for the heresy that Jesus is not God. This is erroneous and it is important to understand why. By way of context, there are noteworthy aspects of the young man: (1) He was probably a Pharisee, since the Pharisees believed in eternal life, whereas the Sadducees did not; (2) He believed that eternal life could be earned by his own efforts alone; (3) He knelt before Jesus, thereby showing Him reverence, but he called Him *“Good Teacher”*, thereby not appreciating Jesus' divinity.

What are the important features of Jesus' reply? He does not say that He is not good and not God. He asks why the young man calls Him good when God alone deserves that epithet. He challenges the young man who recognises some goodness in Jesus without appreciating His divinity. It is inconceivable that he would go away sorrowful at the end had he believed that he was talking to God. The use of the word *“good”*, together with his kneeling before Jesus, implied intense reverence but no more. But Jesus does not accept from Him the title

of goodness without the title of Godhead. Jesus does not say, “No one is good but My Father alone”, but “No one is good but God alone”. On this occasion He therefore does not draw the distinction between Himself and His Father that He makes elsewhere in the Gospels. Jesus is thereby asserting His own divinity rather than denying it. Jesus’ question to the young man is intended to encourage him to recognise that He is divine, not just an admirable teacher.

The remainder of the incident then falls perfectly into place. The young man says he has observed those commandments aimed at love of our neighbour. The crunch comes when Jesus tells him to sell everything and follow Him, that is to follow the Divine Jesus and open himself to His saving grace. Thus, Jesus shifts the focus to the first 3 commandments which He summarises elsewhere (e.g. Matthew 22:37-38, cf Deuteronomy 6:5): “*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment”.*

Stephen S.