

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

E	R	U	T	S	A	P	E	D	R	SHEEPFOLD	THIEF	BRIGAND
D	E	E	P	H	H	E	N	L	E	SHEPHERD	FLOCK	GATEKEEPER
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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 26th April, 2026: The Fourth Sunday of Easter

	St Pius X, Alderley Edge	St Benedict’s, Handforth	Sacred Heart & St Teresa’s, Wilmslow
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 26 th Apr <i>The 4th Sunday of Easter World Day of Prayer for Vocations</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>
Monday 27 th Apr <i>Ferial</i>	No Mass	No Mass	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Charity Ibeh RIP</i>
Tuesday 28 th Apr <i>Ferial</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</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 29 th Apr <i>St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor, Patron of Europe</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 30 th Apr <i>Ferial</i>	No Mass	9.30 am <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>‘For one who is sick’</i>
Friday 1 st May <i>St. Joseph the Worker (Friday Abstinence)</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>David Marsden RIP</i>	No Mass	No Mass
Saturday 2 nd May <i>St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor</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 3 rd May <i>The 5th Sunday of Easter</i>	9.00 am <i>Rodney Roberts</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> 7.00 pm Holy Hour: Praise & Worship



St Pius X Alderley Edge Notices

St Pius X's May Coffee Morning will be held on Sunday 3rd May after the 9.00am Mass. The occasion will also be a wonderful celebration for those taking their First Communion. Please do stay. Cakes already looked after by Sheila but helpers most welcome!

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, Squash, Toilet Rolls, Long life milk (semi skimmed), Plastic 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



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.

Diocesan Mass for Marriage The Mass will be celebrated this year on Saturday 13th June at 12 noon at Saint Columba's, Chester. If there are any parishioners who are celebrating a significant anniversary and wish to receive an invitation to the Mass and Reception, please contact us by email by Friday 22nd May.

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

Pastoral Letter for Vocations On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations (Sunday 26th April), the Bishop has issued a pastoral letter to be read at all Masses. The letter invites young people to consider their calling and both thanks and encourages all who have faithfully prayed for new vocations to the Priesthood in our Diocese.

Diocese Vacancy A vacancy has arisen for a Lay Pastoral Assistant in the parish of St Hugh & St John, Timperley. This specialised role will provide pastoral support to the Parish Priest with particular emphasis on faith formation and some liturgical ministry. Hours: 15 per week @ £15 per hour, afternoons and evenings, with occasional Sundays. Further details can be found via the Diocese website <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> If interested, please send CV and covering letter to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org. **Closing date Friday 29 May 2026.**

Wilmslow Round Table - The Senior Citizens Concert is back for 2026!

Saturday 2nd May 2026 | 14:00 - 17:00

A free event put on for those dear to us who may be lonely or isolated, this is a brilliant social event for them to enjoy. We will be returning back to Alderley Edge Festival Hall again for a matinee of brass, magic, and singing. If you or anyone you know would like to attend please RSVP to wilmslowroundtable@gmail.com

Shrewsbury Diocesan Missio results for the Red Box collection 2025

(Parish & Direct Contributions) St Pius X: £2,646.54; St Benedict's: £1,513.77; Sacred Heart & St Teresa's: £1,505.00. Thank you to everyone who has contributed and particularly to the volunteers in each parish who take care of the administration of the collection.

EASTER FAITH FORMATION: ST BENEDICT'S PARISH HALL, HANDFORTH

From 7.00 – 8.15 pm; starting Wednesday 6th May 2026

Session 1: THE BIBLE (WEDNESDAY 06TH MAY 2026)

- *What is the Bible?* • *Can we trust the bible?* • *How the bible can change your life*

Session 2: THE COMMUNITY OF THE CHURCH (WED 13TH MAY)

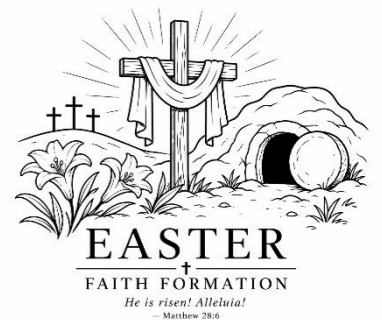
- *Why do we need the Church?* • *The special place of the Catholic Church*
- *Being Catholic today*

Session 3: THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE CHURCH (WED 20TH MAY)

- *How the Holy Spirit can change your life*
- *No one gets into heaven alone*
- *Why we need signs, symbols and sacraments?*

Session 4: THE SOCIAL TEACHING OF THE CHURCH (WED 27TH MAY)

- *The dignity of the human person and the right to life* • *Christian teaching about family and society* • *Speaking the truth and following conscience*



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AND
SACRED HEART & ST TERESA'S WILMSLOW
WEEKLY REFLECTION

Sunday 26th April 4th Sunday of Easter
Ravenna & The Holy House of Loreto: Two Sacred Places in Italy
(1) Ravenna

The articles for this week and next will give a glimpse into two unique Italian towns which are relatively little visited given their religious, cultural and historic interest.

Ravenna contains some of the finest early Christian art and architecture in the West and has a unique historical significance. In 402 A.D. the Emperor Honorius deserted Rome and made Ravenna capital of the Roman Empire. In 476 A.D. the city was conquered by Visigoths but was recaptured from the East by the Byzantine Emperor Justinian in 540 A.D. The city was Christian throughout this period, but the Visigoth kings followed the Arian heresy which held that Jesus, though the Son of God, was made by God before the beginning of time and so was not "consubstantial" with Him.

Ravenna has 8 Christian buildings dating from about 430 A.D. to 549 A.D. inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List. There are 3 Basilicas, 1 chapel, 2 Baptisteries and 2 mausoleums. The Michelin Guide describes the mosaics in these buildings as "*the finest in Europe surpassing even those of Constantinople, Palermo and Venice*". In his Divine Comedy Dante (who is buried in Ravenna) called them "*a symphony of colour*". There is not space to describe the wonders of all these buildings, but a brief description of two of them may set the scene and explain their religious significance.

The Basilica of Sant'Apollinare Nuovo was built by the Visigoth king, Theodoric, in 504 A.D. It contains numerous series of mosaics representing Jesus' miracles and parables, His Passion and Resurrection, saints, prophets and evangelists. These date from the founding of the church, though some mosaics, considered by the Emperor Justinian to be too obviously Arian, were destroyed in the 6th century. There are also many later mosaics from the early 7th century. UNESCO experts have described the church in this way: "*both the exterior and interior of the basilica graphically illustrate the fusion between the western and eastern styles characteristic of the late 5th to early 6th century. This is one of the most important buildings from the period of crucial cultural significance in European religious art*"

The Basilica of Sant'Apollinare in Classe is a short bus ride from Ravenna centre. It was finished in 549 A.D., nine years after the city's return to orthodox Christianity. Its triumphal arch and the chancel are adorned with breathtaking 6th-7th century mosaics. These include, at the top of the arch, Christ encircled by 12 lambs, representing the Apostles, and by evangelical symbols. On the vaulting of the apse is the Transfiguration, depicted by a great Latin cross, the Salvation of the World, which is surrounded by stars between Moses and Elias and 3 lambs which represent SS Peter, James and John, the human witnesses to the miracle. Above the cross is the hand of God the Father and below it, the Bishop, St Apollinaris, among more lambs, in a landscape of flowers and rocks, with additional features such as trees and birds. The Basilica contains many other mosaics. UNESCO said the Church is *"an outstanding example of the early Christian basilica in its purity and simplicity of its design and use of space and in the sumptuous nature of its decoration"*.

Ravenna's religious buildings house mosaics on a vast scale. They are not only awe-inspiring in themselves, but also convey the deep spirituality which engendered them and which can still be appreciated today, some 1500 years later.

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