

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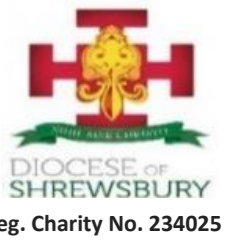
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**PARISHES OF
 S T. PIUS X, ALDERLEY EDGE,
 ST. BENEDICT’S, HANDFORTH &
 SACRED HEART & ST. TERESA’S, WILMSLOW
 WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**



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Sunday 10th May, 2026: The Sixth Sunday of Easter

	St Pius X, Alderley Edge	St Benedict’s, Handforth	Sacred Heart & St Teresa’s, Wilmslow
Saturday 9 th May <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 10 th May <i>The 6th Sunday of Easter</i>	9.00 am <i>Marie Gould RIP</i>	10.00 am <i>People of the Parish</i> 5.30 pm <i>People of the Parish</i>	11.00 am <i>First Holy Communicants & their families</i>
Monday 11 th May <i>Ferial</i>	No Mass	No Mass	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>
Tuesday 12 th May <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>Josh Houston</i> with sung missal tone in English
Wednesday 13 th May <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 14 th May <i>The Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)</i>	12.15 pm <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	9.30 am <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i> 7.30 pm <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	10.00 am <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>
Friday 15 th May <i>Ferial</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Vocations to the Priesthood</i>	No Mass	No Mass
Saturday 16 th May <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 17 th May <i>The 7th Sunday of Easter</i>	9.00 am <i>People of the Parish</i>	10.00 am <i>People of the Parish (Marian Procession follows)</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

First Holy Communion Seven children of the Parish celebrated their First Holy Communion on Sunday 3rd May on a joyous occasion. Congratulations to Niamh, Cass, Lily, Renzo, Ntembe, Dale and Valentina. Please keep them in your prayers.

Churches Together in Alderley The Christian Aid walk will take place next Saturday, 16th May. It starts at the Methodist Church at 10.30 am, returning to the church for refreshments at 1.00pm. Further details including a map of the walk can be found in the porch. Donations can be made via the Christian Aid envelopes which should be returned to the Vicarage at St Philip & St James Church.

Sister Janet Arrowsmith died on Easter Sunday in the Convent in Bowdon. She had been a teacher at Mount Carmel School for many years. Her Requiem Mass will be on 12th May at 12:15 in St Vincent's Altrincham. May she rest in peace.

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, Eggs, Squash, Toilet Rolls, Long life milk (semi skimmed), Packet Soup

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*



St Benedict's Handforth Notices

Children's Liturgy Notice Please note - No children's liturgy at 10 am Mass until 31st May.

Marian Procession The Marian Procession to our shrine for prayers and devotions will immediately follow the 10 am Mass on Sunday 17th May.



Sacred Heart & St Teresa's Wilmslow Notices

First Holy Communion – Sunday 10th May 2026 Our group of children from the parish are receiving their First Holy Communion at 11 am Mass this Sunday morning (10th May), in the company of their families and friends. Congratulations to Isabelle, Niamh, Anna and Sophia! Please pray for them.

Churches Together – May Prayer Walk Our next prayer walk is on Thursday 14th May, meeting at 10 am at the junction of Alveston Drive and Dean Row Road, DK9 2GA - local parking available or park in the Lidl area. It would be great if you were able to join us to pray for the people and businesses in the area. We will walk for an hour and then finish with a drink at a local coffee shop (optional). Future prayer walks: Thursday 11th June, Thursday 16th July, Thursday 13th August. Please contact Lynne Leng (Life Church) 07870 959379 for more info.

Notices All Parishes



'...and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'

You are welcome to join us for a Holy Hour for Pentecost. A time of prayer with worship music and scripture in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament at St Benedict's, Hall Lane, Handforth, SK9 3AD on Sunday 24th May at 7 pm.
followed by refreshments in the hall.

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

From 7.00 – 8.15 pm

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

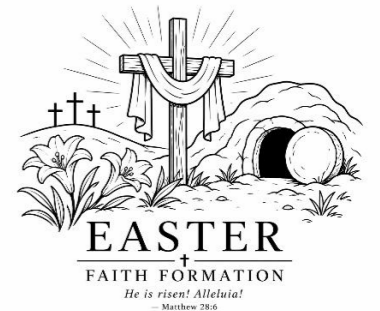
- *Why do we need the Church?*
- *The special place of the Catholic Church*
- *Being Catholic today*

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 MA' ,

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



The SVP are looking to help a single Mum to equip a flat. Kitchen items required - fridge, electric cooker, microwave, tumble dryer. Contact Maurice 07541946670 or Mark 07770443893

Screening of 'Gosnell: The Trial of America's Biggest Serial Killer' Sun 17 May, 6.30pm, at Holy Angels Parish Hall, Hale Barns. Hosted by Sale & Altrincham branch of SPUC with drinks and snacks. The film is a drama based on the police investigation and trial of Kermit Gosnell, a doctor and abortion provider who has convicted of murder. All welcome!

PARISHES OF
ST PIUS X, ALDERLEY EDGE, ST BENEDICT'S, HANDFORTH
AND
SACRED HEART & ST TERESA'S WILMSLOW
WEEKLY REFLECTION

Sunday 10th May 6th Sunday of Easter
Why is the Mass a 'Sacrifice'?

From the early Reformation Protestants have rejected the idea of the Mass as 'sacrifice'. But Catholics maintain that it is. We very frequently refer to "the Sacrifice of the Mass". What do Catholics mean by this and why do Protestants object to the term? I shall address these questions in reverse order and, since the article is to be read by Catholics (primarily), I will spend more time on what we mean by it.

In the Letter to the Hebrews (10: 11-4) is written: "*we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins,..*". This can be cited in support of the Protestant viewpoint that (i) There was one sacrifice, that of Christ on the Cross; (ii) that sacrifice was once and for all; (iii) there can and should be no further sacrifice; nothing any priest can do can add anything to Christ's single and complete sacrifice of Himself.

It is entirely correct that Christ's self-sacrifice was all-encompassing; no further sacrifice is needed. So why is the Mass a sacrifice? What follows is a summary of the explanation given by Father Hardon SJ in "The Catholic Catechism"¹.

First, bread and wine were familiar sacrificial elements in Judaism. When, at the Last Supper, Jesus spoke of the New Covenant in terms of His body being offered up and His blood poured out, and of the command to do this in memory of Him – all this contained deep sacrificial implications.

Secondly, from apostolic times the early Christians followed Christ's exhortation. Thus, while the one sacrifice on the Cross was sufficient for the redemption of mankind, it was clearly understood that Christ intended His sacrifice to be perpetuated ritually to the end of time. This is reflected in the Letter to the Hebrews (7:24-25) where it states that Jesus "*...holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues for ever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them..*".

¹ (1975). Said to have been written at the request of Pope Paul VI to counter some excessive liberal and erroneous ideas circulating after Vatican II. It was published with the *nihil obstat*' and *'imprimatur*'

The Mass therefore is not simply a commemoration of the Last Supper or Calvary. It is a full and true sacrifice whereby Christ offers Himself to the Father as he did on the Cross. Only the manner of offering is different. The priest is the same, Jesus Christ, represented by the human priest at the altar. Pope Pius XII wrote² :

"68. The august sacrifice of the altar, then, is no mere empty commemoration of the passion and death of Jesus Christ, but a true and proper act of sacrifice, whereby the High Priest by an unbloody immolation offers Himself a most acceptable victim to the Eternal Father, as He did upon the cross. "It is one and the same victim; the same person now offers it by the ministry of His priests, who then offered Himself on the cross, the manner of offering alone being different."

69. The priest is the same, Jesus Christ, whose sacred Person His minister represents. Now the minister, by reason of the sacerdotal consecration which he has received, is made like to the High Priest and possesses the power of performing actions in virtue of Christ's very person."

Since Christ is really present in His humanity in heaven and on the altar he freely offers Himself to the Father. He no longer dies but his sacrifice remains the same: the continued willing surrender of Himself to the Father's will. For Catholics there is no problem reconciling the one eternal and all-sufficient sacrifice on the Cross and the sacrifice of the Mass. The Council of Trent summarised the Catholic belief of the preceding fifteen centuries of belief from the time of the apostles onwards:

*"..this sacrifice (of the Mass) is truly propitiatory and that by means thereof this is effected, that we obtain mercy, and find grace in seasonable aid, if we draw nigh unto God, contrite and penitent, with a sincere heart and upright faith, with fear and reverence... For the victim is one and the same, the same now offering by the ministry of priests, who then offered Himself on the cross, the manner alone of offering being different....."*³

Stephen S.

² Mediator Dei (68)-(69)- https://www.vatican.va/content/pius-xii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_p-xii_enc_20111947_mediator-dei.html

³ Council of Trent Twenty Second Session CHAPTER II. "That the Sacrifice of the Mass is propitiatory both for the living and the dead".