

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	V	E	N	V	A	E	H	S	E	BREAD	HEAVEN	LIVE
L	I	V	E	N	D	A	E	R	B	EVER	FLESH	DRINK
A	E	D	Y	A	E	N	Y	O	E	BLOOD	ETERNAL	FATHER
N	D	O	O	R	E	V	E	T	H	ANCESTORS	DEAD	ANYONE
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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 7th June, 2026: The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

	St Pius X, Alderley Edge	St Benedict’s, Handforth	Sacred Heart & St Teresa’s, Wilmslow
Saturday 6 th Jun <i>Ferial</i>	No Mass		No Mass Adoration 10 – 10.40 am Confessions 10.15 – 10.35 am followed by Marian devotions Confessions 6 pm – 6.20 pm 6.30 pm (Vigil Mass) <i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 7 th Jun <i>The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ</i>	9.00 am <i>For the Heywood & Ainsworth families</i>	10.00 am <i>People of the Parish</i> 5.30 pm <i>People of the Parish</i>	11.00 am <i>Grace Keaney</i>
Monday 8 th Jun <i>Ferial</i>	No Mass	No Mass	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>
Tuesday 9 th Jun <i>Ferial</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	9.30 am <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	No Mass
Wednesday 10 th Jun <i>Ferial</i>	No Mass	9.30 am <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Private Intention</i> Prayer Group 11.15 – 12.15
Thursday 11 th Jun <i>St Barnabus, Apostle</i>	No Mass	9.30 am <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Lily Reavey RIP</i>
Friday 12 th Jun <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	No Mass	No Mass	10.00 am <i>Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>
Saturday 13 th Jun <i>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	No Mass	No Mass.	9.30 am Mass (<i>Celeb’s Int</i>) Adoration 10 – 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 14 th Jun <i>The 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00 am <i>Rest of the soul of Padraig Hester</i>	10.00 am <i>People of the Parish</i> 5.30 pm <i>Stephen Groot RIP</i>	11.00 am <i>Pauline McArdle RIP</i>



St Pius X Alderley Edge Notices

Coffee Morning The June Coffee Morning will be held next Sunday 14th June. As ever, helpers would be greatly appreciated. (Please contact John R on 07976 361018).

Reflections This weekend sees the third of six Reflections on Sinning Saints (St Olga of Kyiv c890 - 969). Our thanks are due to Stephen Stewart.

St Pius X Church Choir A group of parishioners sing at Mass at St Pius X on the first Sunday of each month, accompanied by Catherine on the piano. We would love more people to join the choir – if interested please arrive early to Mass for a practice on the first Sunday of the month.

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, Squash, Packet Soup, Tinned Meat, Milk, Tinned Ravioli, Cereal, Cordial, Pot Noodles, Fabric Conditioner, 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*



The SVP have run a childrens' summer camp since 1932, offering an opportunity for children who otherwise wouldn't get a holiday. One of our group is doing an 8.5 mile walk on 7 June to aim to raise at least £350 which is the approximate cost for one child. There is a poster on the noticeboard and SVP envelopes if you wish to help. Thank you.



NEW DIOCESAN WEBSITE

To mark our 175th Anniversary a new website has been launched for the Diocese of Shrewsbury. The renewed website is not merely a platform for information but offers a window on the life and witness of our Shrewsbury Diocese.

The website can be accessed by clicking on: <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/>



Sacred Heart & St Teresa's Notices

Wilmslow Churches Together – Prayer Walk Our next prayer walk is on Thursday 11th June, meeting at 10am at the entrance to Wilmslow Garden Centre. We will park in the garden centre and cross the road to walk in the Dean Drive and Finney Drive area for approx. one hour, returning to the garden centre for coffee afterwards if you have time. It would be great if you were able to join us to pray for the people of that area. Future prayer walks: Thursday 16th July, Thursday 13th August. Please contact Lynne Leng (Life Church) on 07870 959379 for more information if required.

Wilmslow Wells for Africa Annual Gardens Day - Saturday 27th June. For further information on where to obtain tickets and details of the gardens please visit wilmslowwells.org. *Wilmslow Wells is a local charity that raises money to help provide fresh water and sanitation to the poorest parts of Africa. 99% of the money raised goes to funding projects. Your support is most appreciated. Thank you.*



Parish Garden Party – Sunday 28th June We are planning to hold our annual parish garden party after 11am Mass on Sunday 28th June with raffle, cakes, strawberries, pizzas. If you are able to help set up or volunteer on the day, please speak to Michael or email the parish at wilmslowcatholic@gmail.com. Cake makers particularly welcome!

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WEBELIEVE | Festival of Catholic Life

Friday 24th – Monday 27th July 2026 | St Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham

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ST PIUS X WEEKLY REFLECTION

Sinning Saints (3)

St Olga of Kyiv (c890/925 - 969)

St Olga is unusual in this series on sinning saints. While the others' major sins were in devoting their early lives to hedonism, worldliness and, (save for St Thomas Becket) sexual misconduct, Olga's were primarily sins of terrible cruelty.

Ninth century tribes in Eastern Europe were in regular conflict with the Byzantine Christian Empire, based in Constantinople. These tribes sought help from Scandinavian Vikings (the "Rus"). Kyiv became the headquarters of Viking rule for the Rus Empire which included modern Ukraine, Belarus and parts of Russia. Olga is thought to have been of noble birth from a Viking Rus tribe. She was married at a young age to Igor, the King of the Rus Empire, who would receive funds by way of tribute from the various tribes in the Federation.

The Drevlyane were one such tribe. Igor went with his men one day to collect the tribute and, on the way back to Kyiv, he decided that they had not paid enough. He returned with a smaller entourage, whereupon the Drevlyane ambushed and killed him. Olga became Queen Regent since her son was just 3 years old. Prince Mal of the Drevlyane decided to seek her hand in marriage with a view to ruling the Rus Empire. He sent 20 chieftains to communicate his offer. On their arrival at Kyiv, Olga received the chieftains. She then insisted they return overnight to their boat so that they could be paraded through the streets the next morning to the approval of the people. This is what happened. But during the night Olga had had a deep pit excavated and, at the end of the parade the boatful of men was dumped in the trench and they were all buried alive.

Olga then sent a message requiring the top Drevlyane nobility, who were seemingly unaware of the fate of the first delegation, to come to Kyiv and to escort her to their city. When they arrived, they were told to enter a bathhouse so as to bathe after their journey. This they did whereupon, on Olga's orders the bathhouse was burned to the ground with the noblemen trapped inside.

Further reprisals followed and, in due course, Olga laid siege to the city where Igor had been slain, but she could not take the city. Olga sent a message requesting that the Drevlyane recommence paying the tribute. They agreed but, unsurprisingly, were wary of Olga's vengeful intentions. She reassured them by saying that she sought no further vengeance and that she would be satisfied if each household sent her three pigeons and three sparrows. They agreed. When the birds arrived Olga instructed her troops to tie a 'fuse' of sulphur and cloth to each bird, to set it alight and then release the birds to return to their nests in the city. The entire city was burned to the ground. As the inhabitants fled, Olga had them killed or captured as slaves.

Subsequently Olga's son was crowned King. In about 957 Olga went to Constantinople where she met the Emperor Constantine VII. No doubt for political reasons he proposed marriage to her. She said she could not marry him since she had not been baptised; Constantine initiated her in the Faith and was godfather at her christening. He then proposed marriage again whereupon she said she could not marry him since she was his godchild. The Emperor was impressed by the shrewdness and the two Empires enjoyed a period of peace.

ST PIUS X WEEKLY REFLECTION

Despite the manoeuvrings which led to Olga's conversion, she became a devout Christian. On her return to Kyiv her son, the King, would have nothing to do with her religion, though he promised her that he would not persecute Christians. Olga then commenced a programme of building churches in a number of Rus cities. Her Christianity dominated her life and she dedicated herself to being a witness to the Faith by her piety and good works. She served the poor and acquired a reputation of honesty in affairs of state until her death in 969. Though the merits of her new life were lost on her son, they so impressed the next generation that her grandson, Vladimir, who became King in 980, became a Christian and in 988 the religion was officially adopted in the Rus Empire. Olga's life was therefore a key factor in the conversion of Ukraine and Russia from paganism to Christianity.

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7th June, 2026

