

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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‘Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of ‘law-breaking’, yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man’s fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

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



Reg. Charity No. 234025

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Sunday 21st June, 2026: The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	St Pius X, Alderley Edge	St Benedict’s, Handforth	Sacred Heart & St Teresa’s, Wilmslow
Saturday 20 th Jun <i>Ferial</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>Geoffrey Brooks RIP</i>
Sunday 21st Jun The 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am <i>People of the Parish</i>	10.00 am <i>People of the Parish</i> 5.30 pm <i>People of the Parish</i>	11.00 am <i>Wedding Anniversary:</i> <i>Ian & Paulette Tildesley</i>
Monday 22 nd Jun <i>Ss John Fisher, Bishop</i> <i>& Thomas More, Martyrs</i>	No Mass	No Mass	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>
Tuesday 23 rd Jun <i>Ferial</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	No Mass	6.30 pm (Adoration 6 pm) <i>Patricia Marsden RIP</i> Missal tone sung Mass in English & Latin
Wednesday 24 th Jun The Nativity of St John the Baptist	No Mass	No Mass	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i> Prayer Group 11.15 – 12.15
Thursday 25 th Jun <i>Ferial</i>	No Mass	9.30 am <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>
Friday 26 th Jun <i>Ferial</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Vocations to the Priesthood</i>	No Mass	No Mass
Saturday 27 th Jun <i>Ferial</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 28th Jun Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles	9.00 am <i>Mildred Rasquinha RIP</i>	10.00 am <i>People of the Parish</i> 5.30 pm <i>People of the Parish</i>	11.00 am <i>David Marsden RIP</i>



St Pius X Alderley Edge Notices

Coffee Morning A big thank you to Carol V for her great cakes for last week's coffee morning. They were well received, with none left over for the organisers. 1st Sunday of the month Coffee Morning volunteers would always be most welcome. (John R 07976 361018).

Reflections This weekend sees the fifth of six Reflections on Sinning Saints: St Angela of Foligno (c1248 – 1309). Our thanks are due to Stephen Stewart.

Churches Together in Alderley (CTiA) Retreat We are planning to arrange a couple of days and nights away next Spring which will be a time of praise and worship, preaching, Bible study and meditation along with fellowship. The venue we have reserved is beautiful with lovely grounds, multiple meeting rooms and a Chapel and is just outside Crewe. Please see <https://www.orc-crewe.org/> The dates that have been reserved are Thursday 27th May - Saturday 29th May 2027. The cost including accommodation, all meals and use of all the facilities and grounds is £195 per person. You can register your interest via <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/LNQxfDN2bw>

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, Toilet Rolls, Long Life Milk (Semi-Skimmed), Tinned Ravioli, Cereal, Cordial, Laundry Softener, 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*



Sacred Heart & St Teresa's Wilmslow Notices

Parish Garden Party – Next Sunday! (28th June)

We will be holding our annual parish garden party after 11 am Mass on Sunday 28th June with pizzas, cakes, strawberries & raffle!

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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Happy Father's Day!

Here is a 9 minute message for all fathers from Ascension Press entitled 'The Challenge of Fatherhood.' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xmsSHJtz7LE>



Day for Life – Retiring Collection This Weekend 21st June 2026

The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. This year, *Day for Life*, falls on Sunday, 21st June and the theme is ***The Wonder of the Child in the Womb***. A joint message from the 'Lead Bishops for Life' from the three Episcopal Conferences is available to read on our parish website under "Other Notes." *Parishes are asked to hold a second collection for the "Day for Life Fund."* Each year this fund is able to allocate over £200,000 in grants to organisations which promote respect for life in various ways. There will therefore be a retiring collection this weekend in our parishes. Please give what you can. (You will also be able to donate via the DONA card readers).

Adoremus 2026 The National Eucharistic Congress Adoremus will be held in London on Saturday 10th October. The day will begin with Holy Mass at St George's Cathedral, Southwark and there will a Eucharistic Procession from St George's Cathedral Southwark to Westminster Cathedral. If any parishioners wish to be part of the Shrewsbury Diocese Pilgrimage Group to Adoremus, please register an interest with Mrs Natalie Orefice via email to the following address: natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

South Manchester Catholic Young Adults Group Weekend Retreat for 18-35s

We're delighted to announce that registration for our Castlerigg Weekend from 11th-13th September 2026 is now open! We will be heading to the Lake District for a weekend of spiritual formation, prayer time, opportunities for reconciliation and spiritual direction, social time and time outdoors. Price per person is £75 for accommodation and all meals for the weekend. We will be organising lift shares from Altrincham on the Friday late afternoon/evening. Sign up via Google Forms by 30th June: <https://forms.gle/sGwx3RhWR4e7wytAA> Any questions, please email southmanccatholicyoungadults@gmail.com



SVP Walk for the childrens' summer camp was completed last weekend. A circuit of Derwentwater in the Lake District and a total of 24,000 steps - thankfully in mainly dry conditions. We're hoping to raise at least £350 which is the approximate cost for one child and if you wish to help, please use the SVP envelopes and place in the offertory collection.

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Sinning Saints (5)

Saint Angela of Foligno (1248-1309)

Foligno is a pretty Umbrian town some 20 minutes by train from Assisi. It was the home of our penultimate sinning saint whose remains still rest in the town's Church of St Francis. St Angela came from a wealthy family. Her father died when she was young and her mother gave her little teaching or upbringing in the Catholic faith. She married a local man and had several children.

St Angela herself later described the first 30 plus years of her life as "mortally sinful" and "scandalous". She was vain, dominated by worldly pleasures, such as fashionable clothes, and was neglectful of her religion and her family duties, both as mother and wife. She was also unfaithful to her husband. In a Wednesday audience Pope Benedict XVI said: *"The first part of Angela's life was certainly not that of a fervent disciple of the Lord.....Her life was so carefree that she was even contemptuous of the so-called "penitents", who abounded in that period; they were people who, in order to follow Christ, sold their possessions and lived in prayer, fasting, in service to the Church and in charity."*

In her late thirties Angela began to appreciate the spiritual emptiness of her existence and in 1285 she decided to go to confession. Out of shame for her sins, she made what she later described as a sacrilegious confession, since she did not confess her worst sins. This she followed by receiving communion sacrilegiously. Angela remained racked by guilt. She prayed and experienced a vision of St Francis. Some 3 years later, in relatively quick succession, her mother, husband and children died as a result of plague.

Angela decided to sell all her goods, distributing the proceeds to the poor. She went on a pilgrimage to Assisi and in 1291 entered the Third Order of St. Francis and dedicated herself to helping the sick and lepers. Angela had extraordinary mystical experiences. She relayed these to her confessor, Blessed Arnaldo of Foligno. He required her to recount to him the details of these experiences. This led to the *Book of Blessed Angela*, begun in 1292. In the book the saint recounts the 30 stages of her vocation, her ecstasies and other mystical experiences which culminated in the dwelling in the soul of the Holy Trinity. Angela, who had been plagued by a fear of damnation, came to realise that she could not save herself by prayer but that salvation was only possible, through repentance, by the infinite merciful love of God.

Over time, a number of Franciscan Tertiaries - men and women, who strove under Angela's direction to advance in holiness – gathered round her. Later she established a community of sisters at Foligno. It was not an enclosed order since the sisters devoted themselves to works of charity. Angela died in 1309. She was beatified in 1693 and canonised by Pope Francis in 2013.

The saint's legacy of spiritual writings and her reputation as spiritual teacher led to her being described by Maximilian Sandaeus, of the Society of Jesus, as the "Mistress of

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Theologians", whose whole doctrine has been drawn out of the Book of Life, Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

St Angela seems to be fittingly revered as the patron saint against temptation, of widows, and of those who are ridiculed for their piety. She reminds us that any sinful soul can return to God through repentance, prayer, and devotion.

In her own words: *"And immediately upon presenting himself to the soul, God likewise discloses himself and expands the soul and gives it gifts and consolations which the soul has never before experienced, and which are far more profound than earlier ones. In this state, the soul is drawn out of all darkness and granted a greater awareness of God than I would ever have thought possible"*

