

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 31st May, 2026: The Most Holy Trinity

	St Pius X, Alderley Edge	St Benedict’s, Handforth	Sacred Heart & St Teresa’s, Wilmslow
Saturday 30 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>Louise Dunkerley RIP</i>
Sunday 31st May The Most Holy Trinity	9.00 am <i>For the repose of the soul of Merwyn Rasquinha</i>	10.00 am <i>James Lally RIP</i> 5.30 pm <i>People of the Parish</i>	11.00 am <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 1 st Jun <i>St Justin, Martyr</i>	No Mass	No Mass	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>
Tuesday 2 nd Jun <i>Ferial</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Aaron Tromp</i>	9.30 am <i>Catherine Mary Bennett</i>	6.30 pm (Adoration 6 pm) <i>Matthew & Imogen Woolstencroft</i> with sung missal tone in English
Wednesday 3 rd Jun <i>St Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs</i>	No Mass	9.30 am (Adoration 9 am) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Branston & Kay Case</i> Prayer Group 11.15 – 12.15
Thursday 4 th Jun <i>Ferial</i>	11.00 am <i>Requiem Mass for Ray Connolly RIP</i>	No Mass	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>
Friday 5 th Jun <i>St Boniface, Bishop, Martyr</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Patricia Marsden RIP</i>	No Mass	No Mass
Saturday 6 th Jun <i>Ferial</i>	No Mass	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 7th Jun The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ	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>



St Pius X Alderley Edge Notices

Coffee Morning Update Owing to absence of several members of the coffee morning team, the June Coffee Morning will be held on 14th June 2026 (not 7th June). As ever helpers would be greatly appreciated. (Please contact John R on 07976 361018).

Reflections This weekend sees the second of six Reflections on Sinning Saints (St Mary of Egypt c344 - 421). 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, 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*



St Benedict's Handforth Notices

Ring Found A ring was found in church last week. Please talk to one of the stewards if you think it is yours.



Sacred Heart & St Teresa's Notices

Green Lane Road Closure – Wilmslow Live Event – Saturday 6th June Please note that Green Lane will be closed at the Bank Square End. Church access can be gained from the Tesco's end.

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!

Notices All Parishes

Pastoral Letter: Pope Leo's 'Magnifica Humanitas': AI Must Serve Humanity Marking the 135th anniversary of Rerum Novarum, Pope Leo XIV has released his first encyclical, entitled 'Magnifica Humanitas: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence.' ***A Pastoral Letter from Bishop Mark "Introducing Pope Leo's First Letter" will be read at Masses this weekend to help introduce this important teaching of the Holy Father. This letter can also be viewed on our website under "Other Notes".***

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/>

Screening of the film "Unplanned" on Thursday 4th June at 6.30 pm in St Teresa's Hall, Wilmslow. This 2019 film is a biographical drama based on the memoir of Abby Johnson, a former Planned Parenthood clinic director who become an outspoken Pro-Life worker. Running Time 1 hour 46 minutes. All adult parishioners are welcome to attend. Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be available.

Diocesan Red Box Mission Mass – All are welcome! When: Saturday 6 June at 12:15 pm Venue: Shrewsbury Cathedral, Town Walls, Shrewsbury, SY1 1UE. *Mass with Bishop Mark Davies, Fr Anthony Chantry MHM (Missio National Director), and Fr Tony Grace (Missio Diocesan Director). Mass will be followed by light refreshments.*

ST PIUS X WEEKLY REFLECTION

Sinning Saints (2)

St Mary of Egypt (c344 - 421)

St Mary was born in Egypt and ran away from her parents about the age of twelve. She there began a life of sexual dissolution and prostitution. In the *Vita (her life)*, traditionally attributed to St. Sophronius in the 7th century (though see below), it is said that she often refused money from her clients since she was driven “by an insatiable and irrepressible passion” and was led to the depths of depravity. This life continued until about the age of 30 when she boarded a boat destined for Jerusalem for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Mary’s intentions were, however, far from spiritual. Her aim was to take the opportunity for more encounters with men, both on board ship and in the Holy City. This she achieved. On the actual Feast Day, and with the same intentions, she even followed and mingled with the pilgrims as far as the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

On arrival at the Church Mary tried some three or four times to enter but was prevented by an invisible force. Overcome by guilt and remorse, she retired to the churchyard and prayed before an icon of the Virgin where she repented of her sins. She prayed that she be permitted to enter the Church and venerate the cross. This she then did, after which she heard a voice telling her to cross the River Jordan where she would find rest. She promised to renounce worldly things and become an ascetic. That same evening she reached the River where she received Holy Communion in church and the next day crossed the Jordan and entered the desert where she stayed until her death.

St Mary had lived alone in the desert for some 47 years when a monk/priest named Zosimus came to spend Lent there. The two met by chance. Zosimus relates how when he first saw her she was totally naked and barely recognisable as human. Mary asked him to throw her his mantle so that she could cover herself. They then talked and prayed together and she recounted her life story to him. Mary asked Zosimus to meet her at the Jordan on Maundy Thursday of the following year and to bring Holy Communion with him. This he did and she received Holy Communion; she requested that he return again the following Lent when he would find her in whatever condition God wished. Again Zosimus returned a year later, only to find her corpse and a note from her asking him to bury her and saying that she had passed away on the very same night he had given her Communion.

After the burial Zosimus went back to his monastery and told her life story which later scholarship suggests was written not by Sophronius in the 7th Century but before 500 A.D. by a monk or monks who had heard it from Zosimus himself.

ST PIUS X WEEKLY REFLECTION

The Eastern Orthodox Church celebrates Mary's feast on 1st April, whereas in the Roman martyrology her date is 2nd April. There are records of her being venerated in the East from at least the 8th century and in the West from the 9th century when the text of her life was first translated into Latin. Her relics are to be found in churches in Rome, Naples, Cremona and Antwerp, among other places.

St Mary of Egypt is the patron saint of converts and of chastity. She is also the protector against skin disease and fevers, presumably since she would have endured both many times during the near half century she spent in the desert.

SS
31st May, 2026

