

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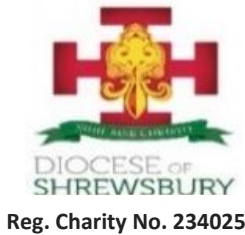
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PARISHES OF
**S T. PIUS X, ALDERLEY EDGE,
 ST. BENEDICT’S, HANDFORTH &
 SACRED HEART & ST. TERESA’S, WILMSLOW**
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Sunday 12th July, 2026: The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	St Pius X, Alderley Edge	St Benedict’s, Handforth	Sacred Heart & St Teresa’s, Wilmslow
Saturday 11 th Jul <i>St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe</i>	No Mass	10 am – 10.25 am Adoration & Confessions 10.30 am Mass <i>Feast of St Benedict, Our Parish & School Patron</i>	Mass, Adoration & Confessions are at St Benedict’s today, not at St Teresa’s Confessions 6 pm – 6.20 pm 6.30 pm (Vigil Mass) <i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 12 th Jul <i>The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00 am <i>People of the Parish</i>	10.00 am <i>People of the Parish</i> 5.30 pm <i>Shelley Buchan</i>	11.00 am <i>John Martin</i>
Monday 13 th Jul <i>Ferial</i>	No Mass	No Mass	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Josephine Depares RIP</i>
Tuesday 14 th Jul <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> Missal tone sung Mass in English & Latin
Wednesday 15 th Jul <i>St Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</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 16 th Jul <i>Ferial</i>	No Mass	9.30 am <i>Year 6 Leavers Mass</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Marcel & Helena Quilindo RIP Anniversary</i>
Friday 17 th Jul <i>Ferial</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Vocations to the Priesthood</i>	No Mass	No Mass
Saturday 18 th Jul <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 19 th Jul <i>The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00 am <i>People of the Parish</i>	10.00 am <i>Austin Eagen RIP</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

Joan Cooper RIP – We are sorry to report the recent death of Joan Cooper. May she rest in peace. Her Requiem Mass will be at 11.30 am on Wednesday 29th July at St Pius X.

Coffee Morning A warm thank you to the helpers for last week's Coffee Morning

Weekly Reflections This week's Reflection is the first of six on Saints and Place Names and is on the subject of St Alban and St Albans. Our thanks are due to BK.

St Mary's Church: Fellowship, Fun and Fish & Chips! (+ Raffle & Quiz all in aid of Church Funds). Nether Alderley Village Hall (next door to St Mary's Church) 6.30 for 7 pm on 24th July 2026. £10 per person RESERVED PLACES ONLY. Sign up by email: stmarysaldерley@gmail.com

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, Long-life Milk, Jam/Sandwich paste,

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*



Sacred Heart & St Teresa's Wilmslow Notices

Churches together in Wilmslow – Next Prayer Walks The dates of the next three prayer walks are detailed below along with a new contact so that if anyone would like to join one or more of the walks, they can simply phone Helen Foakes on 07773 987275 to find out the meeting point. These are the dates: Thursdays on 16th July, 13th August, & 17th September.



The SVP As the St Benedict's Catholic Primary School year comes to an end, many thanks to our group of Mini Vinnies who have worked enthusiastically during the year. Have a look at the Parish noticeboards for an example of the things they have done. Best wishes to the Year 6 leavers as they move to the next stage in their education and to all pupils and staff that they have a lovely summer break.

Thank you for your support for the SVP children's summer camp - we raised £500 and have topped this up to £700 from our own SVP funds.



"A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear."

Notices All Parishes

William Ngong – Words of Thanks

As you already know, I will end my pastoral year in the parish this weekend. I wish to sincerely thank you all for all you have been to me. It has been a wonderful experience and a great joy working in the parishes this past year. You all have a special place in my heart and I will always remember you in my prayers. Please pray for me too as I await news of the next steps in my journey to the priesthood. God bless you all.

March for Life UK

Join March for Life UK on Saturday 5th Sept in London for the annual march, the 'Pro-life Family Summit' and 'Youth Summit'. Unite with thousands of others at this family-friendly event, where we recognise the value of life from conception and help all people understand why abortion is a tragedy in itself and one that harms the family to its very core. Find out more at marchforlife.co.uk or email info@marchforlife.co.uk

To book a coach from Hale Barns, High Legh or Sandbach please contact Gerry on 07990 970 103 or g.c.mcgettigan@gmail.com

ST PIUS X WEEKLY REFLECTION

Saints and Place Names (1 of 6)

Saint Alban

This week we consider St Albans, a cathedral city in Hertfordshire. It takes its name from the first British saint, Alban.

Alban was a Roman citizen of Britannia who lived in the village of Verulamium in the third century. As a Roman citizen, he was required to follow the Roman religion. Christians suffered harsh persecution at the time. In the face of this unjust persecution, Alban provided shelter to a Christian priest for several days. Observing the priest's piety and devotion, Alban, incredibly moved, converted to Christianity.

When Roman authorities arrived and searched for the priest, Alban donned the priest's cloak, allowing the cleric to escape. The priest is known as Amphibalus, after the type of cloak he wore. However, this swap ensured Alban's subsequent arrest. Soldiers brought Alban before a Roman magistrate, who compelled him to renounce Christianity and abide by the Roman pagan rites. However, Alban refused and professed,

"I am called Alban, and I worship and adore the true and living God who created all things."

Alban then endured severe torture and received the sentence of beheading. On June 22, likely sometime between 250 and 259 A.D., Roman soldiers led Alban away to a nearby hill for his execution. Spectators crowded a bridge on the road that led to the execution site. Legend recounts that Alban miraculously caused a river to divide, granting him and his captor's passage.

Amazed, one of the executioners fell at Alban's feet. He asked that he could either take Alban's place or die alongside him. When they reached the hillside, which was covered with wildflowers, his fellow soldiers beheaded the new convert alongside Alban. At the same time, the eyes of the soldier who decapitated Alban allegedly popped entirely out of his head, depriving him of joy in Alban's death. In dying for his refusal to reject the gospel, Alban became England's first recorded Christian martyr.

Alban's Example

In this relatively short account of him, Alban sets quite the model for Christian living. He exemplifies hospitality, evangelism, and faithful obedience to Christ unto death.

Hospitality

And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me. [Matthew 25:40](#)

Alban's hospitality is on full display even before his conversion, as he opens his door to the persecuted priest at significant risk to himself. Like the Caananite Rahab sheltering the Israelite spies, Alban takes in one of God's chosen—a Christian—and is forever changed, ultimately redeemed by the encounter. His hospitality reminds us that when the Lord presents us the chance to welcome a stranger, we are to welcome them as Christ himself.

Evangelism

ST PIUS X WEEKLY REFLECTION

"...but in your hearts honour Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defence to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect..." [1 Peter 3:15](#)

When brought before the magistrate, Alban boldly proclaimed his faith in the living God of scripture, rejecting the pagan gods of Rome. His faithfulness to Christ and the power of God displayed through him even claimed the heart of one of his executioners. Finally, he willingly laid down his life for the sake of Christ.

Obedience

"Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it". [Matthew 10:39](#)

Alban could have saved his own life by surrendering the priest he was sheltering to the authorities. He could have saved his own life by choosing to reject Christ and obey the Pagan rites. Again, he did not. He could have even allowed the spectators crowding the bridge to block the way to his execution. All this he could have done, but he didn't. Alban had, in such a brief time, learned that the promise of Christ was greater than all the promises of this world.

Alban's Legacy

Because of his steadfastness for Christ amid persecution and the threat of execution, Alban quickly became a hero of the faith, particularly in Great Britain. Verulamium eventually became St. Albans, with the hill on which the saint died becoming the site of a monastery, St. Albans Abbey. The abbey, in turn, would later become St. Albans Cathedral. It has been a site of pilgrimage for the Christian faithful for centuries. Many churches across the world, likewise, bear his name. He stands as a reminder of the radical change God can bring about in a person's life and the way he may use even the most ordinary among us in a brief time.

Bernard Kellett

