

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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SCRIBES

RENOUCE

WORLD

JERUSALEM

SATAN

CROSS

GLORY

ELDERS

OBSTACLE

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ANGELS

St Pius X Church, Stamford Road, Alderley Edge, Cheshire, SK9 7NS
 St. Benedict’s RC Church, Hall Road, Handforth, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 3AD
 Sacred Heart & St. Teresa’s Church, Green Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 1LD



PARISHES OF
ST. PIUS X, ALDERLEY EDGE,
ST. BENEDICT’S, HANDFORTH &
SACRED HEART & ST. TERESA’S, WILMSLOW



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Parish Priest: Fr. Tony McGrath / Assistant Priest: Fr. Moses Ibeh
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Sunday 30th August, 2026: The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

	St Pius X, Alderley Edge	St Benedict’s, Handforth	Sacred Heart & St Teresa’s, Wilmslow
Saturday 29 th Aug <i>The Passion of St John the Baptist</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 30 th Aug <i>The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00 am <i>People of the Parish</i>	10.00 am <i>Breda Moran & family</i> 5.30 pm <i>People of the Parish</i>	11.00 am <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 31 st Aug <i>Ferial</i>	No Mass	No Mass	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>
Tuesday 1 st Sep <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 2 nd Sep <i>Ferial</i>	No Mass	9.30 am (Adoration 9 am) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>David & Patricia Marsden RIP</i> Prayer Group 11.15 – 12.15
Thursday 3 rd Sep <i>St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church</i>	No Mass	9.30 am <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Joseph Brendan Delaney RIP</i>
Friday 4 th Sep <i>Ferial</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Michael Jones RIP</i>	No Mass	No Mass
Saturday 5 th Sep <i>St Teresa of Calcutta</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 6 th Sep <i>The 23rd 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>People of the Parish</i>	11.00 am <i>People of the Parish</i>



St Pius X Alderley Edge Notices

September Coffee Morning Next Sunday (6th Sep) Confirmation of offers to help with cakes & helpers on the day would be gratefully received (Please call/text/WhatsApp 07976-361018).

Wythenshawe Safespots is a locally led domestic abuse organisation. Since 2016, Safespots have recorded over 35,000 engagements with women who have experienced domestic abuse. The organisation was founded by local survivors of domestic abuse who wanted to help other women who had experienced abuse by providing a local centre where they could access help, support and friendship. Safespots is more than just a centre, it is a place in the community where you can find information, help and advice. We have a poster in the church foyer.

Spiritual Reading Those who regularly read books about the Catholic Christian faith find them a great source of nourishment for mind and heart. All parishioners are welcome to take and keep any of the books contained in our library in the parish room. We would like to create more space and so in the next month we shall be looking at giving away these books to the Life Charity shop in Northenden where they can be sold.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 2027 Parents who wish their child to prepare to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion please contact Sheila Wignall to register your interest: email - sherlockwignall@gmail.com; phone - 01625474719 or 07368106580. Classes will commence on Sunday 4th October 2026 in Saint Pius Church Hall immediately following 9am Mass. Classes will be held approximately every third Sunday and last for one hour. First Holy Communion will be celebrated at 9am Mass on Sun 2nd May 2027.

Food Bank Items can be left in the box in the church porch. *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:

Cooking Oil, Sugar, Eggs, Long-life Milk, 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

Piety Stall Apologies if the Piety Stall is closed during August/September. This is unavoidable due to holidays. Cards can still be purchased & money placed in the wall safe adjacent to the card display. If you can help manage the stall, please contact Christine on 07854756662.



Sacred Heart & St Teresa's Wilmslow Notices

Prayer Group Resumption Please note that following a summer break, the prayer group will resume after Mass on Wednesday 2nd September from 11.15 am – 12.15 pm in the parish hall.

'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself.'



'At that time: Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.'

Notices All Parishes



There will be a short appeal on behalf of the SVP this Sunday at all Masses. (There will be a retiring collection at St Benedict's, and at St Pius X and Sacred Heart & St Teresa's, donations can be given via the DONA card terminals only).

Urgent: Stop assisted suicide - postcards available The vote on assisted suicide is on 11 September. *Not Dead Yet UK* have provided postcards you can send to your MP to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide in the vote in the House of Commons on 11 September. *Please collect a red and white postcard, fill out your details, add a stamp and post it to your MP today!*

March4Life - 5th Sept A coach to take people to the march leaves Holy Angels car park, Hale Barns at 6.30 am. Cost £31 per seat. To book or make a donation call Gerry at 07990 970103.

The Dimensions of Love – Fr Tom's Pilgrimage To mark ten years of priestly ministry, Fr Tom Cunnah will undertake a 9 day, 130 mile thanksgiving pilgrimage across the Diocese of Shrewsbury, from West Kirby to Ludlow and Shining Tor, beginning on 3 September. He will be praying for vocations and raising awareness & funds for the work of Caritas supporting families in need. Parishioners can follow his journey on Caritas social media and journey with him in prayer with an accompanying Novena (available on our website under 'Other Notes').

South Manchester Catholic Young Adults Group Next meetings at St Vincent's RC Church, Altrincham. Sat 5th September at 6.30 pm & Sat 26th September at 6.30 pm (Bible study). Anyone who would like to join can email us at southmanccatholicyoungadults@gmail.com.

ST PIUS X WEEKLY REFLECTION

The Road Not Taken – Robert Frost

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less travelled by,
And that has made all the difference.

The above is the final verse from the poem by Robert Frost.

The person in the poem stands at a crossroads – does he take the path that most people have already walked or the one that hardly anyone has walked?

It's a question that we all have to answer at some point in our lives. Should we follow the road everyone else is walking, or do we make our own way – the way God invites us to walk?

When we choose to live the life Jesus wants for us by focusing on the aspects of life that matter most by intentionally removing everything else, we are turning away from those things consumer society tells us are important: wealth, power, possessions, prestige, fame, “success,” etc.

Taking the road less travelled might mean less security, less company, less comfort. But it also means forging a life for ourselves that is true to our faith and how God created us to live. This means focusing on serving God and others in Jesus' name rather than constantly accumulating possessions, status symbols, and worldly accolades.

Why Choose the Less Travelled Path?

In God's eyes, all that consumer culture values is meaningless.

I made great works; I built houses and planted vineyards for myself; I made myself gardens and parks and planted in them all kinds of fruit trees. I made myself pools from which to water the forest of growing trees... I also gathered for myself silver and gold and the treasure of kings and of the provinces; I got singers, both men and women, and delights of the flesh, and many concubines.

*So I became great and surpassed all who were before me in Jerusalem; also my wisdom remained with me. Whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them; I kept my heart from no pleasure, for my heart found pleasure in all my toil, and this was my reward for all my toil. Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had spent in doing it, and again, all was vanity and a chasing after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun. **Ecclesiastes 2:4-6, 8-11***

ST PIUS X WEEKLY REFLECTION

It's clear that chasing after all of the trappings of consumer culture's "successful life" does not actually equal a fulfilling life. In fact, pursuing this type of lifestyle will only make us feel empty, constantly pursuing that which does not actually satisfy.

The Road Less Travelled

God is inviting us to take that less-travelled path, the path that leads to freedom and peace rather than one of constant chasing and dissatisfaction. We keep our eyes on Jesus, focusing on our relationships, self-care, spiritual growth, stewardship, vocation, and service to God and others.

*[Jesus said:] "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it." **Matthew 7:13-14***

Just because a path is well-travelled doesn't mean it is the right path. God doesn't always call us to what is popular. We are called to walk the path that may be more difficult sometimes– but it is the path that leads to life.

We are set free to live the abundant and intentional life that Jesus wants for us. The less-travelled path beckons to us. We can walk that less travelled road, with God's help.

And that makes all the difference.

Bernard Kellett

