

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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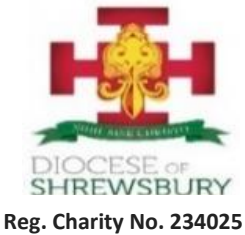


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 St. Benedict’s RC Church, Hall Road, Handforth, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 3AD
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PARISHES OF
**S T. PIUS X, ALDERLEY EDGE,
 ST. BENEDICT’S, HANDFORTH &
 SACRED HEART & ST. TERESA’S, WILMSLOW**



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Parish Priest: Fr. Tony McGrath / Assistant Priest: Fr. Moses Ibeh
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Sunday 23rd August, 2026: The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

	St Pius X, Alderley Edge	St Benedict’s, Handforth	Sacred Heart & St Teresa’s, Wilmslow
Saturday 22 nd Aug <i>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin 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 23 rd Aug <i>The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00 am <i>Helen Barratt Bee (For recovery)</i>	10.00 am <i>People of the Parish</i> 5.30 pm <i>People of the Parish</i>	11.00 am <i>Mark & Rachel Grayson (25th Wedding Anniversary)</i>
Monday 24 th Aug <i>St Bartholomew, Apostle</i>	No Mass	No Mass	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>
Tuesday 25 th Aug <i>St Thomas of Hereford, Bishop</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 26 th Aug <i>Ferial</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>
Thursday 27 th Aug <i>St Monica</i>	No Mass	9.30 am <i>Celebrant’s Intention</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Mabel Fredericks RIP</i>
Friday 28 th Aug <i>St Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	10 am (Adoration 9.30 am) <i>Vocations to the Priesthood</i>	No Mass	No Mass
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>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

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.

Kate Burrows  Let us continue to keep Kate in our prayers as she slowly recovers from a stroke. She welcomes parishioner visitors to the hospital. If you would like to arrange a visit, please call her son Jonathan on 07740406486.

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 Non-perishable items can be left in the church porch box. *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, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Fruit, 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

A Message for all Volunteers at St Benedict's - Please could every person who volunteers in any way at St Benedict's and who does not hold a parish DBS, now collect two forms from the sacristy. One form is to be read, signed and returned to the sacristy. The second is a safeguarding leaflet to be read and kept. This is to be completed as part of an initiative guided by the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency and forms part of the diocesan safer recruitment, while strengthening the safeguarding awareness and knowledge in our community. It ensures that every parish volunteer is informed of basic safeguarding awareness and the necessity for referring safeguarding matters, whether they are significant or low-level concerns.

Fr Tony (parish priest) and Eithne (parish safeguarding representative).

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.

'You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven'



At that time: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter replied, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.' Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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There will be a short appeal on behalf of the SVP next 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).

Diocesan Vacancies Exciting new vacancies have arisen within the Diocese. The Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team (SYMT) are recruiting for a Programme Coordinator and Team Member; both roles are full time based in Stockport. The Curial office is also looking to recruit an Accounts Assistant, full time, based in Birkenhead. CV's to be sent to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date: Friday 18 September.

Further details for all vacancies can be found on the Diocesan website using the following link <https://dioceseofshrewsbury.org/careers>

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Truth

“Tell the truth and shame the devil” was an expression heard by most children of my generation (1950’s). We grew up recognising that truth was crucial to our faith and a civilised society.

I believe the full expression is “while you live, tell the truth and shame the Devil.” The preacher Hugh Latimer recorded this as a “common saying” 1555 in his “Twenty- Seven Sermons.” Shakespeare also used the expression in Henry IV Part 1, 1597.

Pontius Pilate asked Jesus the rhetorical question “What is Truth?” in response to Him saying “I have come into the world to testify to the truth.”

Truth has been a central concept in philosophy since ancient times. The ancient Greek philosophers sought to understand the nature of truth and its relationship to the world around them. Plato believed that truth was an objective reality that exists independently of our perceptions, while Aristotle claimed that truth could be discovered through empirical observation and reasoning. These early ideas still to influence philosophical thought today.

In Plato’s *Cratylus*, on the philosophy of language, Socrates says that *aletheia* (Greek, ‘truth’) is a compression of the phrase ‘a wandering that is divine.’ Since Plato, many thinkers have spoken of truth and God in the same breath, and truth has also been linked with concepts such as justice, power, and freedom. According to John the Apostle, Jesus said to the Jews: ‘And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.’

Following his defeat at the Battle of Actium in 31 BC, Mark Antony heard a rumour that Cleopatra had committed suicide and, in consequence, stabbed himself in the abdomen—only to discover that Cleopatra herself had been responsible for spreading the rumour. He later died in her arms. ‘Fake news’ is nothing new, but in our internet age it has spread like a disease.

John MacArthur wrote: (1) ask anyone today, “What is truth” and you’re to start an interesting conversation. The concept of truth has clearly fallen on hard times and the consequences of rejecting it are ravaging human society.”

The message from Bertrand Russell in the chapter “Truth and Falsehood” in his *Problems of Philosophy* (2) is that a belief is true when there is a corresponding fact and is false when there is no corresponding fact. The crucial word here is fact.

Saint Maximilian Kolbe is quoted as saying “No one in the world can change truth. What we can do and should do is to seek truth and to serve it when we have found it”.

Unfortunately, today people seek to establish different versions of the truth. Many people prefer their “own” truth. How these versions of the truth relate to fact is a disturbing question!

So, What is Truth?

Aaron Brake (Stand to reason - Clear Thinking Christianity) detailed the historical three dominant theories of truth put forth by philosophers: first is the pragmatic theory of truth – truth is what works; second is the coherence theory of truth – truth is logical consistency (coherence) among a set of beliefs an individual holds and third is the correspondence theory of truth – truth is when an idea, belief, or statement matches or corresponds with the way the world is in

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reality. He concludes that the correspondence view of truth is the only biblical and logically grounded view of the truth available and allowable. (3).

What does the Bible say?

The Old Testament refers to the Almighty as the "God of truth" (Deuteronomy 32:4; Psalm 31:5; Isaiah 65:16). When Jesus stated, "I am,,,,, the truth" (John 14:6), He was making a profound claim about His own deity. Praying to His heavenly Father on behalf of His disciples, He said "Sanctify them by Your truth" (John 17:17). Moreover, the word of God is eternal truth "which lives and abides forever (Peter 1:23).

Swearing on the Bible

In our jury system, every witness is asked to swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. They are asked to do so whilst holding a Bible or holy book (or affirmation) as evidence that they will in fact be truthful in any evidence they provide.

Today ,it is difficult to be sure that what we hear or what we read is in fact the truth. Writers have always had their own opinions but in the past they seem to have been more skilled in being objective in their writing about current events. Are we sure about the independence of broadcasters? When we hear or read about current events can we be sure that it is true? This is made significantly more difficult with A.I.

Pope Leo XIV said the principal threat facing both religion and science today is the denial of the existence of objective truth. He made this statement on 11May 2026 during an audience granted to members of the Vatican Observatory Foundation, which supports the work of the observatory located in Castel Gandolfo. "Today, however, science and religion face a different, and perhaps more insidious, threat: those who deny the very existence of objective truth," said the Pope. (4)

Bernard Kellett

1. The Truth War – John MacArthur
2. Bertrand Russell -Problems of Philosophy
3. Stands to Reason – Aaron Brake
4. First published by ACI Prensa, the Spanish language service Translated and adapted by EWTN News English. - Victoria Cardiel