

Parish of St Theodore Cranbrook, Kent
together with
Benenden, The Chapel of Our Lady and St Joseph

Together with Staplehurst, Sissinghurst and Sandhurst

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Newsletter

✠ SUNDAY 04 January 2026- Second Sunday after the Nativity - (A) – p 116

First Reading- Sirach 24: 1-2, 8-12; *Psalm-*147: 12-20; *Second Reading-* Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18; *Gospel-* John 1: 1-18

Saturday St Theodore's 18.00 [for Sunday] –

SUNDAY Our Lady and St Joseph's 09.00 –

St Theodore's 11.00

1. Missal Guide- Intro- **523**; Creed- **541**; Euch Prayer I- **593**, II- **605**, III- **613**, IV- **623**; Communion Rite- **633**
2. **Get Involved in Parish Life!** - You're warmly invited to join one of our parish teams – the Prayer Group, Tea and Coffee Ministry, Church Cleaning Team, Flower Decoration Group, or becoming a Lay Reader.
3. Tuesday is the Feast of the Epiphany and a Holy Day of Obligation. For the development of the Feast see [CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA: Epiphany](#)
4. I would like to thank **the Finance team** for their work throughout the year.
5. **Eucharistic Ministers-** We would like to add to our team of Eucharistic Ministers. If you are interested in serving in this role, please speak to Father Barry
6. There will be **tea and coffee** after Sunday masses. Thanks to the tea and coffee makers
7. If you would like to receive an electronic copy of the **newsletter**, please email me at cranbrookgac@rcaos.org.uk
8. There is a collection box for **Nourish** in the church entrance at St Theodore's

A Challenge for the New Year?

9. **Read the Bible in a Year:** see Fr Mike Schmidt on Apple podcasts—[The Bible in a Year \(with Fr. Mike Schmitz\) on Apple Podcasts](#)
10. **Follow the Lectio Divina** daily see [Lectio Divina \(ebook\) | Catholic Truth Society \(ctsbooks.org\)](#) . There are apps at Apple store to help
11. **Pray like a saint** see [How to Pray Like a Saint | Catholic Truth Society \(ctsbooks.org\)](#)
12. **Listen to the Bishops' Conference Podcasts** series on a range of topics can be found at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/podcast/>
13. **Listen to the podcasts** such as The Catholic Herald with Gavin Ashenden see [Podcasts - Catholic Herald](#) or the Catholic Truth Society <https://www.ctsbooks.org/into-the-truth/>

Dates for your diary?

1. The Southwark Catholic Youth Service runs a **Young Adult Mass** at 12.00 pm at St George's Cathedral, followed by a social at Amigo Hall. The next dates after today are: 1 February, 1 March, 5 April

As always, I ask for **your prayers** for the wellbeing of the sick of this parish

God bless you all– Father Baz

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Monday St John Neumann (d.1860), Bishop of Philadelphia

Tuesday The Epiphany of the Lord - Holy Day of Obligation

10.00 – Mass at St Theodore's

19.30- Mass at the Chapel, Benenden

Wednesday St Raymond of Penafort (d. 1275), Patron of Canonists

Thursday St Thorfin of Hamar (d. 1285) and St Albert of Cashel (d. 800), Patron of Cashel

Friday 10:00 -Mass at St Theodore's

10.30 - Rosary

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✠ SUNDAY 11 January 2026- The Baptism of the Lord - (A) – p 129

First Reading- Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7; *Psalm-*29 (28): 1-10; *Second Reading-* Acts 10:14-38; *Gospel-* Matthew: 3:13-17

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NOTE: Weekday Masses are held in the Presbytery at 10am, unless otherwise stated

For details on feasts- for St John Neumann see [St. John Neumann - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St Raymond Penafort see [CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA: St. Raymond of Penafort](#); for St Thorfinn see [St. Thorfinn - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St Albert of Cashel see [St. Albert of Cashel - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#)

Parish Contacts [all 01580 – except Tony and Margaret(A-M) which are mobile numbers]

Welfare Group: Father Barry 713364 or Judy on 892159. If you, or you know anyone who needs help, or Someone to talk to, please contact us and we will do all we can to help.

Preparation for Sacraments: Father Barry 713364 or Margaret 891187

Prayer Group: Thea 713882; Marie 713712; Tony 07812 159353; Judith 892159 Margaret (A-M) 07871 346343; Eileen 713126; Sheila 481260; the intention of the group is to pray for the same request on the same day. Telephone any member and your prayer request will be passed on to all the other members

Rosary Group – every Friday at 10.30 am [following the 10 am Mass]. If anyone would like to attend, please do come along, we would love to see you. Do come if you can.

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