

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 18 January 2026- Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - (A) – p 695

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1. **Missal Guide-** Intro- **523**; Creed- **541**; Each 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. There is a collection box for **Nourish** in the church entrance at St Theodore's
4. The long-time cleaner of the parish house has retired. Is there anybody willing to volunteer to replace them? If so, please contact Father Barry
5. For 18 January, Pope Leo's **World Peace Day** message: Peace be with you all: towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace
6. In response to a growing interest in the faith, the Archdiocese of Southwark has launched **Ambassadors for Christ**. It is landmark apologetics project, based on a weekly video, designed to deepen understanding of your faith, so you can confidently answer questions and be a joyful witness for the Lord Jesus and his Church. For details see <https://rcaos.org.uk/ambassadorsforchrist>
7. Pope Leo XIV has appointed Canon **Gerard Bradley** as an Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Southwark see <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/news-events/news/canon-gerard-bradley-appointed-auxiliary-bishop-of-southwark/>
8. **SPUC White Flower Appeal** will be speaking at the parish masses on Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 January
9. **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18-25 January)**: this year has been prepared by the Churches in Armenia entitled "One Body, One Spirit". A special service will be held at Staplehurst Free Church (Station Road) on Sunday 25 January at 6 pm. Everyone is welcome.

A Challenge for the New Year?

10. **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](#)
11. **Follow the Lectio Divina** daily see [Lectio Divina \(ebook\) | Catholic Truth Society \(ctsbooks.org\)](#) . There are apps at Apple store to help
12. **Pray like a saint** see [How to Pray Like a Saint | Catholic Truth Society \(ctsbooks.org\)](#)
13. **Listen to the Bishops' Conference Podcasts** series on a range of topics can be found at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/podcast/>
14. **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/>

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2. **Dates for your diary?**

1. Taking place at **Sacred Heart Parish, Wimbledon, SW19 4LU** on **Saturday 24th January 2026**, this Youth 2000 retreat offers young adults (aged 16-35) from across London and beyond the opportunity to come together and explore what it means to be in relationship with God <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/news-events/events/the-london-retreat-2026/?d=6390484200000000000>
2. Archbishop John Wilson will celebrate Mass for Racial Justice Sunday at St George's Cathedral on **Sunday 1 February 2026, at the 10am Mass**

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 Wulfstan, (d.1095), Bishop of Worcester, Patron of vegetarians and dieters

Tuesday St Fabian (d 250), Pope and Martyr or St Sebastian, (d. 288) Martyr, Patron of soldiers and athletes

Wednesday St Agnes (d.304), Virgin and Martyr or St Alban Roe (d.1642), Martyr

Thursday St Vincent (d. 304), deacon, Patron of vinegar-makers and wine-makers

Friday 10:00 -Mass at St Theodore's

10.30 - Rosary

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✠ SUNDAY 25 January 2026- Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - (A) – p 695

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

For details on feasts- for St Wulfstan see [St. Wulfstan - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#) ; for Pope St Fabian see [St. Fabian - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for [St. Sebastian - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St Agnes see [St. Agnes - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St Alban Roe see [St. Alban Bartholomew Roe - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for Vincent the Deacon see [St. Vincent the Deacon - 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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