

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 25 January 2026- Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - (A) – p 699

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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. This Sunday is Sunday of the Word of God
4. There will be tea and coffee after Sunday masses **next week**. Thanks to the tea and coffee makers
5. There is a collection box for **Nourish** in the church entrance at St Theodore's
6. Please consider helping the valuable work of **Mary's Meals** see [Mary's Meals UK Charity - Helping to Feed Hungry Children Living in Poverty Worldwide | Mary's Meals UK](https://rcaos.org.uk/ambassadorsforchrist)
7. 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
8. 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>
9. **SPUC White Flower Appeal** will be speaking at the parish masses on Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 January
10. **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.
11. An individually guided silent Retreat is being organised by the Sisters of St Andrew (99 Belmont Hill, London SE13 5DY) are running a silent retreat weekend for beginners. **Friday 6 to Sunday 8 February 2026**. Arriving **Friday at 5pm** finishing **Sunday at 5pm**. **Donation £80-£140** (residential, self-catering only). Details from www.sisters-of-st-andrew.com. They are also running a four-week Lenten retreat in person or online. Please book before **Thursday 12 February**

1. 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
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**
3. Bishop-elect Gerard Bradley has his Episcopal Ordination and Mass on Monday 2 February 2026 at 12.30pm

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 Timothy (d.c. 97 AD)

Tuesday St Angela Merici (d. 1540), Patron of the sick, disabled and physically challenged people

Wednesday St Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church (d. 1274)

Thursday Sts Sarbelius and Barbea (d.101)

Friday 10:00 -Mass at St Theodore's

10.30 - Rosary

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✠ SUNDAY 1 February 2026- Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - (A) – p 702

Racial Justice Day

First Reading- Zephaniah 2: 3, 13; 12-13; **Psalm-**146 (145): 7-10; **Second Reading-** I Corinthians 1:26-31; **Gospel-** Math: 1: 5-12

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

For details on feasts- for St Timothy see [Saint of the Day for Monday, January 26th, 2026 - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St Angela Merici see [St. Angela Merici - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St Thomas Aquinas see [St. Thomas Aquinas - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for Sts Sarbelius and Barbea see [Sts. Sarbelius & Barbea - 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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