

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 8 February 2026- Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - (A) – p 706

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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. **'Ordinary Time'** refers to those liturgical periods outside the great feasts of the Church like Christmas and Easter, but it is rich in spiritual meaning. Catholics are called to recognise Christ in everyday life, not just in extraordinary moments. The green vestments symbolize growth and renewal, highlighting this season for spiritual nourishment and deepening faith. See [Understanding "Ordinary Time": A Deeper Dive into the Church's Liturgical Year - Catholic Heroes](#)
4. There will be a **second collection** next week for the Clergy Support Fund which helps the Archdiocese care for priests in their retirement, when elderly or at times of ill-health
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](#)
7. In response to a growing interest in the faith, the Archdiocese of Southwark has launched **Ambassadors for Christ**. It is a 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>. See the interview with Archbishop Wilson about this [programme](#) [Interview with an Archbishop | Catholic Answers Magazine](#)
8. Lourdes pilgrimage- Join our **2026 Young Adult Pilgrimage** (ages 18–35) to Lourdes, led by Archbishop John, from 7–13 June. For details see <https://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/LD1006/>. For details of the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes [see The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes: Five Fascinating Facts from the Apparitions – Catholic Online News](#)
9. Sign up to daily Lenten reflections from the [Southwark Spirituality Commission](#). The email will arrive in your inbox each morning, featuring thoughts, Scripture and prayer- see [Lent reflections 2026: Archdiocese of Southwark](#)
10. A four-week **Lenten retreat** in daily life running from Sunday 22 February to Sunday 22 March 2026 with a weekly meeting with a spiritual accompanier, in person or online. Opening and closing meetings at St Andrew's Lewisham (or online with the spiritual guide). **Donation £40 to £70**. Please book before **Thursday 12 February** Details from [Lent retreat - Sisters of St Andrews: Archdiocese of Southwark](#)

Dates for your diary?

1. Please pray for **Bishop Richard Moth** who is to be installed as Archbishop of Westminster on 14 February 2026

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 Apollonia (d. 249), Patron of those with dental diseases

Tuesday St Scholastica (d. 543)

Wednesday Our Lady of Lourdes or Pope St Pascal I (d. 824)

Thursday St Ethelwold, Bishop of Lindisfarne (d. 740)

Friday 10:00 -Mass at St Theodore's

10.30 - Rosary

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✠ SUNDAY 15 February 2026- Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - (A) – p 709

First Reading- Isaiah: 15: 15-20; *Psalm-*119 (118): 1-18; *Second Reading-* I Corinthians 2: 6-10; *Gospel-* Matthew 5: 17-37

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

For details on feasts- for St Apollonia see [St. Apollonia - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St Scholastica see [St. Scholastica - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for Pope St Pascal I see [CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA: Pope Paschal I](#); for Bishop Ethelwold see [Æthelwold \(bishop of Lindisfarne\) - Wikipedia](#);

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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