

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

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

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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 will be a **second collection** today for the Clergy Support Fund which helps the Archdiocese care for priests in their retirement, when elderly or at times of ill-health
4. 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](#)
5. **Ash Wednesday** is the first day of the Lenten season. It is a fast day. The Bishops of England and Wales expect those aged 14-59 to abstain from meat on Fridays in Lent. A useful summary of the reasons for Catholics practices see [Why Do Catholics Fast During Lent? | Catholic Answers Q&A](#). To find out more about the development of the Feast of Ash Wednesday see [CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA: Ash Wednesday](#). For the development of Lenten practices see [CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA: Lent](#)
6. **Join Archbishop John Wilson** and the Cathedral clergy in praying the rosary every Friday at 5pm throughout Lent- see [Pray the Romero Rosary with Archbishop John this Lent: Archdiocese of Southwark](#)
7. 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 [Lenten reflections 2026: Archdiocese of Southwark](#)
8. There will be a **Reconciliation Service** at St Francis, Maidstone, on Wednesday 11 March at 7 pm.
9. In preparation for Lent, the **Catholic Truth Society** produces various books. *A Blessed Lent* by Father Bochanski uses the daily liturgy to help the reader to find a deeper understanding of Lent and Easter. See [A Blessed Lent | Catholic Truth Society](#). Another helpful text is *Praying the Our Father in Lent* by Carl Olson which is a series of meditations on the Lord's Prayer.
10. **Foundation Governors for St Simon Stock School-** There are currently two vacancies for positions as Foundation Governors (who must be practising Catholics) for St Simon Stock Catholic School. If you are interested in the role, please contact the Clerk to the Local Governance Committee: Aveneziayau@kcsp.org.uk
11. **World Day of Prayer 2026** takes place on [Friday 6 March](#), when Staplehurst United Reformed Church will once again be hosting a special service at 3.00 pm. This year the service has been written by Christian women from Nigeria with the theme "I will give you rest, come". These annual services are always enlightening and enjoyable and everyone is welcome to come along.

Dates for your diary?

1. 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/>.

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 Daniel (d. 309) and his four companions, Martyrs

Tuesday St Alexis Falconieri (d. 1310) and the other six holy founders of the Servite Order

Wednesday Feast of Ash Wednesday, a day of Fasting and Abstinence

Mass at Cranbrook 10.00 and Mass at Benenden 19.30

Thursday St Boniface of Lausanne (d. 1260), Bishop

Friday 10:00 -Mass at St Theodore's

10.30 - Rosary

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✠ SUNDAY 22 February 2026- First Sunday of Lent- (A) – p 153

First Reading- Genesis: 2: 7-9, 3:1-7; *Psalms*-51 (50): 1-18; *Second Reading-* Romans 5: 12-19; *Gospel-* Matthew 4: 1-11

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

For details on feasts- for St Daniel see [St. Daniel - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St Alexis Falconieri see [St. Alexis Falconieri - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St Boniface of Lausanne see [St. Boniface of Lausanne - 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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