

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 1 March 2026- Second Sunday in Lent - (A) – p 159**

Second Collection for donations from the CAFOD Fast Day on Friday 27 February

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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. **Tea and coffee** after the Sunday masses - thanks to the tea and coffee-makers.
4. There will be a second collection this weekend for the moneys raised by the CAFOD Fast day from last Friday
5. We have been donated an adult walking frame and a wheelchair. If you could benefit from either please see Father Barry.
6. **Are Sundays part of Lent?**- Many Catholics maintain their sacrifice on Sundays. There is no rule against this, but it isn't required. Every Sunday is a mini-Easter and should be celebrated as such. In the spirit of celebration, which is entirely appropriate, you may refrain from your sacrifice on that day. The aim is spiritual engagement not loopholes.
7. **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](#).
8. 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](#)
9. Archbishop John will be presiding at a **Lent reconciliation service** in St George's Cathedral at 6 pm on Friday 27 March.
10. The CTS has organised a series of weekly Lenten reflections from the works of Cardinal Newman see [Beginning the Journey of Lent | Lent Retreat with St John Henry Newman](#)
11. In preparation for Easter Lenten might like to read **Bishop Barron's** an insightful book on the Eucharist seeing it as a sacred meal and a sacrifice and the nature of the Real Presence [This is My Body: A Call to Eucharistic Revival | Catholic Truth Society](#).
12. **Aid the Church in Need** are running a campaign to raise funds for the Christians of Syria and Lebanon see [This Lent, will you support suffering Christians in Lebanon & Syria?](#)
13. Discernment 3 day retreat for single Roman Catholic women aged 18-35. For details see [Benedictine Nuns of Minster Abbey Discernment Retreat March 2026: Archdiocese of Southwark](#)
14. **Musical Pilgrimage on the Augustine Camino** June 8-14 2026- Setting off from Rochester Cathedral, we will walk about 10 miles a day through the beautiful Kent countryside to Canterbury, then onto the shrine of St Augustine in Ramsgate. Each evening, Eddie Gilmore will perform a little concert in a pub en route. Contact Eddie for more details: gileag@gmail.com or www.eddiegilmore.org.

Dates for your diary?

1. **World Day of Prayer 2026** takes place on Friday 6 March, when Staplehurst United Reformed Church at 3.00 pm. 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.
2. There will be a **Reconciliation Service** at St Francis, Maidstone, on Wednesday 11 March at 7 pm.
3. 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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Tuesday	St Katherine Drexel (d. 1955), Patron of racial justice or St Camilla (d. 437)
Wednesday	St Casimir (d.1484), Patron of Poland and Lithuania
Thursday	St Colman of Armagh (d. 5 th C) or St Kieran of Saigir (d. 530)
Friday	10:00 -Mass at St Theodore's 10.30 - Rosary
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✠ SUNDAY 8 March 2026- Third Sunday in Lent - (A) – p 164

First Reading- Exodus 17: 3-7; **Psalm-**95 (94): 1-9; **Second Reading-** Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8; **Gospel-** John 4: 5-42

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

For details on feasts- for St Chad see [St. Chad of Mercia - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St Katherine Drexel see [St. Katharine Drexel - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St Camilla see [St. Camilla - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St Casimir see [St. Casimir - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St Colman see [St. Colman of Armagh - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St Kieran see [St. Kieran of Saigir - 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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