

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 12 April 2026- Second Sunday of Easter- (A) – p 369

First Reading- Acts 2: 42-47; *Psalm-*118 (117): 1-24; *Second Reading-* 1 Peter 1: 3-9; *Gospel-* John 20: 19-31

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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!** – We warmly invite you to join one of our parish teams – the Prayer Group, Tea and Coffee Ministry, Church Cleaning Team, Flower Decoration Group, or consider becoming a Lay Reader.
3. I would like to thank the parishioners for their generosity last Sunday
4. **Inspired by Easter?**
 - A. Use the most downloaded app in the world and **Read the Bible in a Year** with Fr Mike Schmidt on Apple podcasts— [The Bible in a Year \(with Fr. Mike Schmitz\) on Apple Podcasts](#)
 - B. For those who wish to deepen their understanding of **the Eucharist as ‘the source and summit** ‘of our faith, you might want to read Fr Stephen Wang's *Meeting Christ in the Eucharist* ([Meeting Christ in the Eucharist | Catholic Truth Society](#))
 - C. Prepare for Pentecost with the course of meditations in Kristina Cooper's ebook *From Easter to Pentecost* ([Road to Pentecost \(ebook\) | Catholic Truth Society](#))
5. As part of the Easter Season running from Saturday 11th April to Pentecost, everyone is warmly invited to consider attending Eucharistic Adoration. Before Saturday Mass from 5 pm on Saturday has been suggested as a convenient time. Alternative suggestions are welcome and can be shared with Father Barry. For more details on the devotion, see *The Prayerful Hour* from the Catholic Truth Society. Prayers to support this devotion can be found on pp 1227ff of the Missal.
6. The parish website has been updated by **Edward Hutt** (<https://www.sttheodore-cranbrook.org/>). Please visit - and admire. If you have suggestions for other activities to be included or for improvement, please pass them to Father Barry
7. The parish has made a substantial donation to support the work of SPICMA- for details see [Home – SPICMA](#)
8. The **Guild of St Stephen** rally for Altar Servers is taking place at 11.30am on 4 May 2026 at Aylesford Priory for details see <https://rcaos.org.uk/news-events/events/guild-of-st-stephen-altar-servers-rally-2026/?d=639134910000000000>
9. From next Sunday- a trial for Envelope Gift Aiders who use the Sumup machine
 - Please record the **amount** and **the time of payment** on your Gift Aid envelope and put empty envelope into the collection bag. This is so we can link donation on Sumup for bank reconciliation at a later date
 - Gift aiders who make their payment **after** Mass- put your envelope with amount and time (?) *in the box provided*

Dates for your diary?

1. **St Elizabeth's, Richmond** is hosting a two-day international conference 6th-7th May, sharing the fruits and lessons of ten years as a **Divine Renovation parish**- see <https://www.catholicrichmond.org/renewal>
2. The Southwark Catholic Youth Service runs a **Young Adult Mass** at 12.00 pm at St George's Cathedral, followed by a social in Amigo Hall. The next dates are: 3 May, 7 June, 5 July, 2 August, 6 September
3. Southwark **Pilgrimage to Lourdes**: 21-28 August 2026 Details from Deacon John Fogarty (johnfogarty@rcaos.org.uk)

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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There is a Mass on Monday-Friday at 10.00 am in the Presbytery (unless otherwise stated)

Monday	Pope St Martin I (d. 655), Martyr
Tuesday	St. Lydwine (d. 1433) Patron Saint of sickness; chronically ill, and ice skaters
Wednesday	St Hunna (d. 679), Patron of laundresses, laundry workers, washerwomen
Thursday	St Bernadette (d. 1879), Patron of illness, people ridiculed for their piety, shepherds, shepherdesses
Friday	10:00 -Mass at St Theodore's 10.30 – Rosary
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✠ SUNDAY 19 April 2026- Third Sunday of Easter- (A) – p 374

Collection for the maintenance of St George's Cathedral

First Reading- Acts 2: 14,22-33; *Psalm-*16 (15): 1-11; *Second Reading-* 1 Peter 1: 17-21; *Gospel-* Luke 24: 13-35

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For details on feasts- for Pope St Martin I see [CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA: Pope Saint Martin I](#); for St Lydwine see [St. Lydwine - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St Hunna see [St. Hunna - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St Bernadette of Lourdes see [St. Bernadette - 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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Website- <https://www.sttheodore-cranbrook.org/>

Newsletter- cranbrookgac@rcaos.org.uk - if you would like to receive an electronic copy please send your email address to editor or fill in the slip at the back of the church *Newsletter- 120426f*