

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 19 April 2026- Third Sunday of Easter- (A) – p 374**

Collection for the maintenance of St George's Cathedral

Saturday St Theodore's 18.00 [for Sunday] –

SUNDAY Our Lady and St Joseph's 09.00 -

St Theodore's 11.00

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. On Sunday 19th April, the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales will gather in Rome and lead a **Holy Hour for the Dignity of Human Life** at 5:30pm (4:30pm British time). Parishes, communities, and chaplaincies are warmly invited to join in this shared time of prayer, uniting with the Bishops in reflecting on and celebrating the dignity of every human life.
4. There is a second collection today for the maintenance of St George's Cathedral, the mother church of the Archdiocese.
5. **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](#))
6. 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. 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.
7. The Ambassadors for Christ project continues throughout the year as it tries to deepen your understanding of our faith, so you can be a joyful witness for the Lord Jesus and his Church- see [Archdiocese of Southwark - YouTube](#)
8. Bishop Swarbrick calls for peace on third anniversary of war in Sudan with 150,000 killed and ten million having fled their homes see <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishop-appeals-for-peace-on-third-anniversary-of-sudan-conflict/>
9. 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. 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
2. 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>
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	St Agnes of Montepulciano (d. 1317), Abbess or St Francis Page (d. 1602), Martyr
Tuesday	St Anselm, (d.1109), Archbishop of Canterbury and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday	St Abdiesus (d. 343), Martyr
Thursday	St George (d. 303), Martyr and Patron of England, Catalonia, Georgia and Ethiopia
Friday	10:00 -Mass at St Theodore's 10.30 – Rosary
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✠ SUNDAY 26 April 2026- Fourth Sunday of Easter- (A) – p 379

World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and the Religious Life

First Reading- Acts 2: 14, 36-41; *Psalms-* 23 (22): 1-8; *Second Reading-* 1 Peter 2: 20-25; *Gospel-* John 10: 1-10

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For details on feasts- for St Agnes of Montepulciano see [St. Agnes of Montepulciano - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#) ; for St Francis Page see [St. Agnes of Montepulciano - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#) ; for St Anselm see [St. Anselm - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St Abdiesus see [St. Abdiesus - Saints & Angels – Catholic Online](#); for St George see [St. George - 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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