

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 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; *Psalm-*23 (22): 1-8; *Second Reading-* 1 Peter 2: 20-25; *Gospel-* John 10: 1-10

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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!** – 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. There is a second collection today for the Priests' Training Fund (Ecclesiastical Education) which is used to meet the costs of training candidates for the priesthood and the permanent diaconate. It also supports some CPD courses. For more details see <https://rcaos.org.uk/vocations/seminarians-and-seminary-life/southwark-seminarians/>
4. Eucharistic Adoration before Saturday Mass from 5 pm. 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.
5. 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](#)
6. **The National Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse** occurs every year on the fifth Tuesday of Easter. In 2026, it will be Tuesday 5 May. The theme is a **Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse** which looks at the scourge of domestic abuse which causes pain and fear that prevent its victims from living the life Jesus came to bring (John 10:10). For details see [National Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse 2026 - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)
7. 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/>
8. Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) requests donations to help Lebanese Christians see [Lebanon Is in Crisis — Your Help Is Urgent](#)
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 Zita (d. 1278) or St Winewald (d. 731), Abbot of Beverley
Tuesday	St Peter Chanel (d. 1841), Priest and Martyr, Patron of Oceania
Wednesday	St Catherine of Siena (d.), Virgin and Doctor of the Church, Patron of Fire Prevention
Thursday	Pope St Pius V (d.1572)
Friday	10:00 -Mass at St Theodore's 10.30 – Rosary
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✠ SUNDAY 3 May 2026- Fifth Sunday of Easter- (A) – p 383

First Reading- Acts 6: 1-7; *Psalm-*33 (32): 1-22; *Second Reading-* 1 Peter 2: 4-9; *Gospel-* John 14: 1-12

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For details on feasts- for St Zita see [St. Zita - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St Winewald see [St. Winewald - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St Peter Chanel see [St. Peter Chanel - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St Catherine of Siena see [St. Catherine of Siena - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for Pope St Pius V see [St. Pius V, Pope - 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/>)

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