

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 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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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 will be **tea and coffee** after the Easter Sunday masses. Thank you to the tea and coffee makers
4. **Eucharistic Adoration** before Saturday Mass from 5 pm. Prayers can be found on pp 1227ff of the Missal.
5. As we approach **the season of exams**, people might like to say or share the following: **Prayer to St. Joseph of Cupertino** (Patron Saint of Students): "Great St. Joseph of Cupertino, who while on earth did obtain from God the grace to be asked at your examination only the questions you knew, obtain for me a like favour in the examinations for which I am now preparing". **Prayer for Calm** (Salesian Prayer): "Calm my nerves and anxiety, help me to remember all that I have studied, to express it clearly and to answer the questions the very best I can"
6. Archbishop Wilson is asking parishes to pray **the Rosary of Life** during the month of May. Starting Friday 1 May there is a website <https://rcaos.org.uk/rosaryforlife> to access further information..
7. The **Ambassadors for Christ** project continues throughout the year as it tries to deepen our understanding of our faith, so we can be a joyful witness for the Lord Jesus and his Church- see [Archdiocese of Southwark - YouTube](#)
8. **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 Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse highlights the harm of domestic abuse, which brings fear and suffering that prevent people from living the full life Jesus intends (John 10:10). It reminds us that safeguarding is a shared responsibility and a core Christian duty, especially toward the most vulnerable. We are called to ensure every person is safe, valued, heard, and treated with dignity. Safeguarding reflects the Church's social teaching, centred on the God-given worth of each person and the common good. Protecting others is not only practical but an act of justice, solidarity, and Christian love. For details see [National Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse 2026 - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)
9. **Saturday 11 July 10.00 am** at Bayham Old Abbey, there will be a Gregorian chant Mass celebrating its Norbertine heritage with a sung. See <https://rcaos.org.uk/news-events/events/historical-norbertine-rite-mass-at-bayham-old-abbey/?d=639193608000000000>
10. **Thursday 28 May 6pm** Scripture scholar Dr Scott Hahn will deliver two presentations, one on the Eucharist (Road to Emmaus: Cultivating Eucharistic Amazement) and the other on the Lord's Prayer (Understanding Our Father: Reflections on the Lord's Prayer). Tickets priced at £20- <https://rcaos.org.uk/news-events/events/dr-scott-hahn-28-may-2026/?d=639155880000000000>
11. 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?

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	Feast of the English Martyr or St Augustine Webster (d. 1535), Martyr
Tuesday	St Hilary of Arles (d. 449), Bishop or St Hydroc (5 th Century)
Wednesday	St John Paine (d. 1582), Priest and Martyr or St Dominic Savio (d. 1857), Patron of Altar-servers
Thursday	St Rose Venerini (d. 1728), Founder of the Venerini Sisters
Friday	10:00 -Mass at St Theodore's 10.30 – Rosary
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✠ SUNDAY 10 May 2026- Sixth Sunday of Easter- (A) – p 387

First Reading- Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17; *Psalm* 66 (65): 1-20; *Second Reading-* 1 Peter 3: 15-18; *Gospel-* John 14: 15-21

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For details on feasts- for St Augustine Webster see [Online](#); for St Hilary of Arles see [St. Hilary of Arles - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St Hydroc see [St. Hydroc - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St John Payne see [St. John Payne - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St Dominic Savio see [St. Dominic Savio - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St Rose Venerini see [St. Rose Venerini - 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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