

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 10 May 2026- Sixth Sunday of Easter- (A) – p 387

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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. **Eucharistic Adoration** before Saturday Mass from 5 pm. Prayers can be found on pp 1227ff of the Missal.
4. Please take a moment this week to include in your prayers **Fr Niall Thornton** who died on 30 April. He was priest in Cranbrook from 1972 to 1980: *'Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen'*.
5. Thursday is the **Feast of the Ascension of the Lord** and is a Holy Day of Obligation. For the development of the Feast see [CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA: Feast of the Ascension](#) and [Ascension Day: Ascension of Our Lord - Easter / Lent - Catholic Online](#)
6. There is a collection next Sunday for the **Catholic Communication Network** which supports the media office of the English Bishops' Conference helping to develop the public profile of the Church and its teaching
7. 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"
8. Archbishop Wilson is asking parishes to pray **the Rosary for Life** during the month of May. Starting Friday 1 May there is a website <https://rcaos.org.uk/rosaryforlife> to access further information..
9. 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](#)
10. Aylesford Priory has a **Summer Fayre** on Saturday 11 July, 11am-4.30pm- [thefriars.org.uk/Whats+On/Events/Summer Fayre 2026/](https://thefriars.org.uk/Whats+On/Events/Summer+Fayre+2026/)
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?

1. **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=6391558800000000>
2. **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>

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 Odilo of Cluny (d.1049), Abbot or St Gangulphus (d. 760), Patron of unhappy husbands, knee pain sufferers
Tuesday	Sts Achilles and Nereus (d. 81-96AD), Martyrs or St Pancras (d. 304), Martyr
Wednesday	Our Lady of Fatima
Thursday	The Ascension of the Lord- Holy Day of Obligation 10.00 – Mass at St Theodore's 19.30- Mass at the Chapel, Benenden
Friday	10:00 -Mass at St Theodore's 10.30 – Rosary
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✠ SUNDAY 17 May 2026- Seventh Sunday of Easter- (A) – p 401

First Reading- Acts 1: 12-14; *Psalm* 27 (26): 1-8; *Second Reading-* 1 Peter 4: 13-16; *Gospel-* John 17: 1-11

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For details on feasts- for St Odilo of Cluny see [St. Odilo of Cluny - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St Gangulphus see [St. Gangulphus - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for Sts Nereus and Achilles see [Sts. Nereus & Achilles - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St Pancras see [St. Pancras - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for Our Lady of Fatima see [Our Lady of Fatima's Secrets - Part I - Living Faith - Home & Family - News - 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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