

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 July 2026- Seventeenth Sunday (A) – p 750

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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. Next week, there will be **tea and coffee** after the Sunday masses. Thank you to the tea and coffee makers
4. **Eucharistic Ministers-** We would like to add to our team of Eucharistic Ministers, especially for the Vigil Mass on Saturday. If you are interested in serving in this role, please speak to Father Barry
5. There will be an *Adoremus* National Eucharistic Congress in 2026- see [Adoremus 2026 - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)- as part of a national parochial focus on the Eucharist in the life of the Church
6. 'Let Us Walk' is a walking pilgrimage, for the national Church, from **Maidstone to Southwark**, London, to mark the *Adoremus* 2026 National Eucharistic Congress. It will take place the week before *Adoremus* from Monday, 5 October to Friday, 9 October 2026- see [Adoremus Walking Pilgrimage - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)
7. An ecumenical partnership between the English Bishops' Conference 'God who Speaks' project, St John's Waterloo, and Art + Christianity, has asked UK artists, graphic designers and illustrators to design a cover for any of the 73 books of the Bible see [Divine Designs - Bible art competition - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#). For mere doodlers who would like to explore the world of biblical journaling [Bible Journaling | What is it and How do You Do it?](#)
8. Lauren Edwards, the Labour MP for Rochester and Strood, announced that she will re-introduce the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, first tabled by Kim Leadbeater MP in 2024. Please write to your MP on this matter using the briefing notes etc. see [Fight the Terminally Ill Adults \(End of Life\) Bill - SPUC](#) and [Oppose Assisted Suicide - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)
9. ACN are running an appeal **to help Christians in Nigeria** where many are being driven from their homes see https://acnuk.org/?srsltid=AfmBOoo68ulpRh5ZA_M4cPW_Bvfi5QDnuEQUDeqoJ_Dbu51ikQltQenV
10. Summer listening? - You might like to listen to the podcasts on various Catholic themes at:
 - The Catholic Current with Father Robert McTeigue, SJ- The Catholic Current Podcast

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: 5 July, 2 August, 6 September
2. **Summer Stillness Retreat 2026** at Aylesford Priory- Come and join us from Monday 10th August to Friday 14th August for our annual retreat. For details see [thefriars.org.uk/Whats+On/Events/Summer Stillness Retreat 2026/](https://thefriars.org.uk/Whats+On/Events/Summer+Stillness+Retreat+2026/)

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 Pantaleon (d. 303), Patron of Physicians, midwives, livestock; invoked against headaches, locusts and witchcraft,
Tuesday	Pope St Innocent I (d. 417)
Wednesday	Sts Mary, Martha and Lazarus
Thursday	St Peter Chrysologus (d. 450), Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Friday	10:00 -Mass at St Theodore's 10.30 – Rosary
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✠ SUNDAY 2 August 2026- Eighteenth Sunday (A) – p 754

First Reading- Isaiah 55: 1-3; **Psalm** 145 (144): 8-18; **Second Reading-** Romans 8: 35, 37-39; **Gospel-** Matt 14: 13-21

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For details on feasts- for the feast of St Pantaleon [St. Pantaleon - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for Pope St Innocent I see [CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA: Pope Innocent I](#); for Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus see [St. Martha - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St Peter Chrysologus see [St. Peter Chrysologus - 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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