

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 2 August 2026- Eighteenth Sunday (A) – p 754

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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 Church Cleaning Team, the Flower Decoration Group, the Prayer Group, the Tea and Coffee Ministry or consider becoming a Lay Reader.
3. There will be **tea and coffee** after the Sunday masses. Thank you to the tea and coffee makers
4. 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?](#)
5. 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_Bvfl5QDnuEQUDeqoJ_Dbu51ikQLtQenV
6. Over August 21-23, **the Evangelium Conference** on Catholic faith, life and culture (to make faithful young Catholic adults effective for the task of Mission) is taking place at the Oratory School, Reading, RG8 0PJ- for details see [Evangelium Conference – 21st to 23rd August: Archdiocese of Southwark](#)
7. The Archdiocese of **Southwark Education Service** invites those interested in serving in Catholic education to an evening to explore the opportunities available within our schools to be held at St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School, City Way, Rochester ME1 2FA. For details see [A Call to Return: Serving Our Catholic Schools: Archdiocese of Southwark](#)
8. Summer listening? - You might like to listen to the podcasts on various Catholic themes at:
 - The Counsel of Trent with Trent Horn

Dates for your diary?

1. Lauren Edwards, the Labour MP for Rochester and Strood, has announced that she will re-introduce the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, formerly the Leadbeater Bill. Please write to your MP on this matter before **September 11-** for details see [Fight the Terminally Ill Adults \(End of Life\) Bill - SPUC](#) and [Oppose Assisted Suicide - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)
2. 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
3. '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](#)

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 Lydia Purpuraria (1 st C), Paul's first convert at Philippi
Tuesday	St John Vianney (d.1859), Priest
Wednesday	Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major
Thursday	The Transfiguration of the Lord
Friday	10:00 -Mass at St Theodore's 10.30 – Rosary
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✠ SUNDAY 9 August 2026- Nineteenth Sunday (A) – p 757

First Reading- I Kings 19: 9-13; **Psalm** 85 (84): 9-14; **Second Reading-** Romans 9: 1-5; **Gospel-** Matt 14: 22-33

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For details on feasts- for the feast of St Lydia Purpuraria see [St. Lydia Purpuraria - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for the feast of St John Vianney see [St. John Vianney - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for the Feast of the dedication of St Mary Major in Rome see [CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA: Our Lady of the Snow](#); for the Feast of the Transfiguration see [CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA: Feast of the Transfiguration of Christ](#);

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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