

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 16 August 2026-The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (A) – p 1166+1170

First Reading- Rev 11: 19, 12:1-6; **Psalm** 45 (44): 10-16; **Second Reading-** 1 Corinthians 15: 20-27; **Gospel-** Luke 1: 39-56

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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. For the development of the Feast of the Assumption see [CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA: Assumption of Mary](#)
4. Catholic priests wear **specific vestments** at Mass, each carrying symbolic and spiritual meaning. The **alb**, a long white garment, represents purity and the baptismal garment. The **amice**, worn around the shoulders, symbolises protection from sin. The **cincture**, tied around the waist, represents chastity and spiritual readiness. The **stole**, worn around the neck, signifies priestly authority and the yoke of Christ. Finally, the **chasuble**, worn over the other vestments, represents charity and Christ's love. Together, these vestments convey the priest's sacred role and his spiritual preparation to celebrate the Mass and enter into a transcendent encounter with God. For a short You Tube clip see [why do roman catholic priests wear vestments at mass on youtube - Search](#)
5. **Warning: AI WhatsApp scams targeting parishioners.** Criminals are using AI to impersonate clergy on WhatsApp, requesting money or donations. Please be vigilant and do not send money in response to any such message.
6. **Statement on the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill.** Ahead of the Bill's Second Reading on 11 September, Archbishop John Sherrington has issued a statement opposing it, citing inadequate safeguards and risks to palliative care. Parishioners are urged to contact their MP via [Right to Life UK](#). - See also [Fight the Terminally Ill Adults \(End of Life\) Bill - SPUC](#) and [Oppose Assisted Suicide - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)
7. The Cranbrook Sports Club Charity Fun Run for **MND** which takes place on Bank Holiday Saturday - hopefully you may have seen some of the leaflets/posters advertising it. Please support if you can

Dates for your diary?

1. August 21-23, the **Evangelium Conference** on Catholic faith, life and culture- for details see [Evangelium Conference – 21st to 23rd August: Archdiocese of Southwark](#)
2. **15 September 2026- Southwark Education Service** invites those interested in serving in Catholic education to an evening at St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School, Rochester. For details see [A Call to Return: Serving Our Catholic Schools: Archdiocese of Southwark](#)
3. 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
4. 'Let Us Walk' is a walking pilgrimage, for the national Church, from **Maidstone to Southwark**, London, starting Monday, 5 October to Friday, 9 October 2026- see [Adoremus Walking Pilgrimage - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)
5. **17 October 2026- Youth Day** (10-14 years old) 11am-5 pm, at The John Fisher School, Purley- to book see <https://pci.jotform.com/form/261103602802341>

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 Clare of Montefalco (d.1308)
Tuesday	St Helena (d. 330), Patron of New Discoveries
Wednesday	St John Eudes (d. 1680), Priest and Founder of various Religious Orders
Thursday	St Bernard of Clairvaux (d.1153), Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Friday	10:00 -Mass at St Theodore's 10.30 – Rosary
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✠ SUNDAY 23 August 2026-Twenty-First Sunday (A) – p 764

First Reading- Isaiah 22:15, 19-23; **Psalm** 138 (137): 1-8; **Second Reading-** Romans 11: 33-36; **Gospel-**Matthew 16: 13-20

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For details on feasts- for the feast of St Clare of Montefalco see [St. Clare of Montefalco - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#) : for the feast of St Helena see [St. Helena - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St John Eudes see [St. John Eudes - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St Bernard of Clairvaux see [St. Bernard of Clairvaux - 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; 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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