

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 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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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. Please remember in your prayers this week all students who have received their exam results. May they be blessed with confidence, wisdom and courage as they take the next steps in their studies, training or future careers, trusting in God's guidance and support
4. **The Archdiocesan Education** Service is seeking foundation governors and Catholic Academy Trust directors. If you have skills in strategic planning, teamwork and analysis, you could help support a local school or trust. Find out more at www.rcaoseducation.org.uk
5. **Day for Catechists-** Our annual Day for Catechists is on Saturday 3 October 2026 at the Amigo Hall and St George's Cathedral, Southwark. Registration for this event is now open at - <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/day-for-catechists-2026>. For the last two years, this event has been fully booked.
6. **Archbishop's Certificate-** begins again this year in October with a 'Come and See' evening on Monday 14 September, 7pm. A link to register is - <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>. The Certificate (ArchCert) is a two-year online course for all in Southwark who wish to understand their faith and be able to share it with confidence and joy. The course begins online on 10 October 2026 from 2pm to 4pm. The total cost of the 2-year course is £800, £400 is payable before the start of each academic year. Registration must be completed in advance and there is a non-refundable registration fee of £50.
7. **RCIA Information Evening** -RCIA catechists to participate in one of these evenings: 15 OR 24 September from 7:00pm until 8:30pm. The evening will include a practical discussion on the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, an overview of the new suite of Chancery forms and pastoral considerations for accompanying those seeking Christ from a variety of different backgrounds. Register for the Zoom link for Tuesday 15 September here: <https://aecsouthwark.churchsuite.com/events/4dzdjllf>; Zoom link for Thursday 24 September here: <https://aecsouthwark.churchsuite.com/events/3bypxbyv>
8. **Statement on the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill.** Please write to your MP **before** the Bill's Second Reading on 11 September, You can use the following to produce your letter [Right to Life UK](#) or [Fight the Terminally Ill Adults \(End of Life\) Bill - SPUC](#) and [Oppose Assisted Suicide - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)
9. The Cranbrook Sports Club Charity Fun Run for **MND** on Saturday -. Please support if you can

Dates for your diary?

1. **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](#)
2. **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 Bartholomew, Apostle
Tuesday	St Louis IX (d. 1270), King of France and Patron of Tertiaries
Wednesday	St Bregwin (d. 764), Archbishop of Canterbury
Thursday	St Monica (d.387) or St Margaret the Barefooted (d.1395), Patron of brides and widows
Friday	10:00 -Mass at St Theodore's 10.30 – Rosary
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✠ SUNDAY 30 August 2026-Twenty-Second Sunday (A) – p 767

First Reading- Jeremiah 20: 7-9; **Psalm** 63 (62): 2-9; **Second Reading-** Romans 12: 1-2; **Gospel–Matthew** 16: 21-27

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For details on feasts- for the feast of St Bartholomew see [St. Bartholomew - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St Louis see [St. Louis King of France - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St Bregwin see [St. Bregwin - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St Monica see [St. Monica - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St Margaret the Barefooted see [St. Margaret the Barefooted - 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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Website- <https://www.sttheodore-cranbrook.org/>

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