

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 6 September 2026-Twenty-Third Sunday (A) – p 771

First Reading- Ezekiel 33: 7-9; *Psalm* 95 (94): 1-9; *Second Reading-* Romans 13: 8-10; *Gospel-Matthew* 18: 15-20

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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. There will be tea and coffee after Sunday masses **this week**. Thanks to the tea and coffee makers
4. **A Back -to-School Prayer-** *Loving God, thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer. Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year. Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning. Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy. Grant teachers wisdom, patience and joy in serving their students. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*
5. **Exciting News!** Preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession) and First Holy Communion will begin soon at St. Theodore's. We warmly invite all children in **Year 3 or older** to join us for this special journey of faith and discovery. If you are interested, please contact Fr Barry (01580 713364) or Margaret (01580 891187)
6. **The Archdiocesan Education Service** is seeking foundation governors and Catholic Academy Trust directors with skills in strategic planning, teamwork and analysis. Find out more at www.rcaoseducation.org.uk
7. **Day for Catechists-** Our annual Day for Catechists is on Saturday 3 October 2026 at the Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Southwark. Register here - <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/day-for-catechists-2026>.
8. **Certificate Course-** begins 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.
9. **RCIA Information Evening** –Zoom meetings for RCIA catechists: 15 OR 24 September from 7:00pm until 8:30. Each evening includes talks on the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, new Chancery forms and pastoral issues. Register for Tues 15 Sept: <https://aecsouthwark.churchsuite.com/events/4dzdjlff>; for Thurs 24 Sept : <https://aecsouthwark.churchsuite.com/events/3bypxbyv>
10. **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](#)

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 Cloud (d. 560), Patron Saint against carbuncles; of nail-makers
Tuesday	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary OR St Adrian (d. 308), Patron Saint of butchers and soldiers
Wednesday	St Ciaran of Clonmacnoise (d. 546) OR St Peter Clavier (d. 1654)
Thursday	St Finian (d. 579) or St Menodora (d. 306)
Friday	10:00 -Mass at St Theodore's 10.30 – Rosary
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✠ SUNDAY 13 September 2026-Twenty-Fourth Sunday (A) – p 774

Collection for Catholic Education Service

First Reading- Sirach 27: 30-28: 7; **Psalm** 103 (102): 1-11; **Second Reading-** Romans 14: 7-9; **Gospel–Matthew** 18: 21-35

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For details on feasts- for St Cloud see [St. Cloud - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#) : for the Feast the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary see [CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA: Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary](#); for St Ciaran of Clonmacnoise see [St. Kieran - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St Peter Clavier see [St. Peter Claver - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St Finian see [St. Finian - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St Menodora see [St. Menodora - 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/>)

Newsletter- cranbrookgac@rcaos.org.uk - if you would like to receive an electronic copy please send your email address to editor or fill in the slip at the back of the church *Newsletter- 060926f*