

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 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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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. **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)
4. There is a collection box for **Nourish** in the church entrance at St Theodore's
5. Please consider helping the valuable work of **Mary's Meals** see [Mary's Meals UK Charity - Helping to Feed Hungry Children Living in Poverty Worldwide](#) | [Mary's Meals UK](#)
6. The second collection today is for the **Catholic Education Service**. It champions Catholic education helping over 2,000 Catholic schools and colleges, supporting the educational journey of 800,000 students, and providing vital regulatory guidance and as well as funding school transport in rural areas, ensuring all students have access to quality education.
7. Next Sunday, there is a second collection for **Evangelii Gaudium (Home Mission Sunday)** which helps to spread the gospel in our own country with a focus on parish evangelisation
8. The **Ambassadors for Christ** project continues throughout the year as it tries to deepen our understanding of our faith, so we can be a joyful witness for the Lord Jesus and his Church- see [Archdiocese of Southwark - YouTube](#)
9. **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>.
10. **Grief in Loss Weekend Retreats 2026** at Aylesford Priory on **9th -11th October-** For anyone who has experienced bereavement, whether recently or some time ago. We grieve, remember, hope and give thanks for our loved ones in the light of the Resurrection of Jesus. To book see [thefriars.org.uk/Whats+On/Events/Grief In Loss Retreats 2026/](https://thefriars.org.uk/Whats+On/Events/Grief+In+Loss+Retreats+2026/)
11. **Aylesford Christmas Fayre** on **28th to 29th November-** This year's main entertainment provided by Keep Calm and Book Us. There will be walkabout characters, shows, and all kinds of festive magic. Ride Lennie the Land Train, visit Santa, drink a glass of Mulled wine whilst listening to local performing groups etc. See [thefriars.org.uk/Whats+On/Events/Christmas Fayre/](https://thefriars.org.uk/Whats+On/Events/Christmas+Fayre/)

Dates for your diary?

1. **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	Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Tuesday	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary OR St Adrian (d. 308), Patron Saint of butchers and soldiers
Wednesday	St Pope Cornelius I (d. 253), Martyr and St Cyprian, Bishop and Martyr (d. 258)
Thursday	St Robert Bellarmine (d. 1621), Bishop and Doctor of the Church, Patron of Catechists
Friday	10:00 -Mass at St Theodore's 10.30 – Rosary
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✠ SUNDAY 20 September 2026-Twenty-Fifth Sunday (A) – p 778

Collection for Home Mission Sunday

First Reading- Isaiah 55: 6-9; **Psalm** 145 (144): 1-18; **Second Reading-** Philippians 1: 20-24, 27; **Gospel–Matthew** 20: 1-16

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For details on feasts- for Exaltation of the Holy Cross see [CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA: The True Cross](#); for Our Lady of Sorrows see [CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA: Feasts of the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary](#); for St Cornelius see [St. Cornelius - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St Cyprian see [CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA: St. Cyprian of Carthage \(newadvent.org\)](#); for St Robert Bellarmine see [CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA: St. Robert Bellarmine \(newadvent.org\)](#)

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- 130926f*