

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 27 September 2026-Twenty-Sixth Sunday (A) – p 782

First Reading- Ezekiel 18: 25-28; *Psalm* 25 (24): 4-9; *Second Reading-* Philippians 2: 1-11; *Gospel-Matthew* 21: 28-32

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1. **Missal Guide-** Intro- **523**; Creed- **541**; Each 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 **next week**. Thanks to the tea and coffee makers
4. **Exciting News!** It is still possible to join the Preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession) and First Holy Communion. 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)
5. There is a collection box for **Nourish** in the church entrance at St Theodore's
6. **October is a month for the Rosary-** If you're unable to join us at church on Friday morning at 10:30 am, you're warmly encouraged to pray the Rosary privately during October—a special month dedicated to deepening our communal faith through this beautiful devotion. To support your prayer, you can find helpful resources and reflections here: [CTS Rosary Resources](#). Praying five decades of the Rosary offers the opportunity to receive a **plenary indulgence each day**. Even shorter devotions, like praying the *Litany of Loreto* or the *Prayer to Saint Joseph*, carry the grace of a **partial indulgence**. Let us all remain united in prayer this October, wherever we are. For more inspiration and details, visit: [Liturgical Year : October, Month of the Holy Rosary | Catholic Culture](#).
7. **Service of Hope and Healing** – On 30 September 2026, 6.30pm, Archbishop John Wilson will lead the annual service of solidarity, prayer, and reflection for those harmed by abuse and those who support them - 6.30pm at St George's Cathedral. **All are welcome**
8. **Friday October 2** is the CAFOD Harvest Fast Day with a collection on Sunday 4 October
9. **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/)
10. **Aylesford Christmas Fayre** on **28th to 29th November-** This year's main entertainment will include 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	St Saint Lorenzo Ruiz (d.1637), Patron saint of Filipino youth, the Philippines, and altar servers.
Tuesday	St Michael the Archangel and the Archangels Gabriel and Raphael
Wednesday	St Jerome (d. 420), Doctor of the Church, Patron of Biblical scholars, librarians, students and translators
Thursday	St Therese of Lisieux (d.1897), Doctor of the Church, Patron of Missions
Friday	10:00 -Mass at St Theodore's 10.30 – Rosary
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✠ SUNDAY 4 October 2026-Twenty-Seventh Sunday (A) – p 786

Collection for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

First Reading- Isaiah 5: 1-7; **Psalm** 80 (79): 9-20; **Second Reading-** Philippians 4: 6-9; **Gospel–Matthew** 21: 33-43

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For details on feasts- for St Lorenzo Ruiz see [St. Lorenzo Ruiz - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); St Michael the Archangel see [St. Michael the Archangel - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St Jerome see [St. Jerome - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St Therese of Lisieux see [St. Therese of Lisieux - 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- 270926f*