

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 8 March 2026- Third Sunday in Lent - (A) – p 164

First Reading- Exodus 17: 3-7; *Psalm-*95 (94): 1-9; *Second Reading-* Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8; *Gospel-* John 4: 5-42

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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!** - You're warmly invited to join one of our parish teams – the Prayer Group, Tea and Coffee Ministry, Church Cleaning Team, Flower Decoration Group, or becoming a Lay Reader.
3. Thanks to the **team of cleaners** at the Church- see Father Barry is you want to join them.
4. Does anyone have a **power-washer** we could borrow for a couple of hours to tidy up the side-path to the Church?
5. We have been donated an adult **walking frame** and a **wheelchair**. If you could benefit from either, please see Father Barry.
6. 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](#)
7. For those considering **returning to Confession** during Lent, you might like to read *Why go to Confession?* by Father John Flader see <https://www.ctsbooks.org/product/why-go-to-confession/>
8. **Join Archbishop John Wilson** and the Cathedral clergy in praying the rosary every Friday at 5pm throughout Lent- see [Pray the Romero Rosary with Archbishop John this Lent: Archdiocese of Southwark](#). Daily Lenten reflections from the **Southwark Spirituality Commission** via email see Lent reflections 2026: Archdiocese of Southwark.
9. The CTS has organised a series of weekly Lenten reflections from the works of Cardinal Newman see [Beginning the Journey of Lent | Lent Retreat with St John Henry Newman](#). For Easter you might like to read **Bishop Barron's** where he argues that the Eucharist is a sacred meal, a sacrifice and the Real Presence [This is My Body: A Call to Eucharistic Revival | Catholic Truth Society](#).
10. **Aid the Church in Need** are running a campaign to raise funds for the Christians of Syria and Lebanon see [This Lent, will you support suffering Christians in Lebanon & Syria?](#)
11. **Southwark Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 21- 28 August 2026**—which offers a great opportunity to refresh and renew our relationship with the Lord Jesus, with the help of Our Lady's prayers; to be inspired by other pilgrims, some of whom are sick, elderly or disabled. Details on travel and accommodation can be found at <https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocesan-pilgrimages/diocese-ca/>. We ask pilgrims to complete a form with personal details at <https://www.catholicassociation.co.uk/join2026>. For more information, contact Canon Edward Perera (edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk) or Deacon John Fogarty (johnfogarty@rcaos.org.uk) or Bishop Paul Hendricks (paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk)
12. 'Home from Home Student Stays' who are looking to recruit friendly people to host French, Dutch and German students for 4 nights a week, particularly in March 2026. For details see poster attached to newsletter email or see Father Barry

Dates for your diary?

1. There will be a **Reconciliation Service** at St Francis, Maidstone, on Wednesday 11 March at 7 pm. Archbishop John will be presiding at a **Lent reconciliation service** in St George's Cathedral at 6 pm on Friday 27 March.
2. **Musical Pilgrimage on the Augustine Camino** June 8-14 2026- Setting off from Rochester Cathedral, we will walk to Canterbury, then onto the shrine of St Augustine in Ramsgate. Each evening, Eddie Gilmore will perform a little concert. Contact Eddie for more details: gileag@gmail.com or www.eddiegilmore.org
3. Join our **2026 Young Adult Pilgrimage** (ages 18–35) to Lourdes, led by Archbishop John, from 7–13 June. For details see <https://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/LD1006/>.

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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Monday St Frances of Rome (d. 1440)

Tuesday St Mary Eugenie of Jesus (d. 1898) or St John Ogilvie (d. 1615)

Wednesday St Aengus (d. 824) or St Aurea (d. 1069)

Thursday St Fina (d. 1253) or St Alphege, Bishop of Winchester (d. 951)

Friday 10:00 -Mass at St Theodore's

10.30 - Rosary

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✠ SUNDAY 15 March 2026- Fourth Sunday in Lent -Laetare Jerusalem- (A) – p 171

First Reading- Samuel 16: 1-7, 10-13; *Psalm-22* (21): 1-6; *Second Reading-* Ephesians 5: 8-14; *Gospel-* John 9: 1-41

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NOTE: *Weekday Masses are held in the Presbytery at 10am, unless otherwise stated*

For details on feasts- for St Frances of Rome see [St. Frances of Rome - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); Mary Eugenie of Jesus see [St. Mary Eugenie of Jesus - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St John Ogilvie see [St. John Ogilvie - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#) for St Aengus see [St. Aengus - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St Aurea see [St. Aurea - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St Fina [St. Fina - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St Alphege see [St. Alphege - 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; Sheila 481260; 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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