

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

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St Theodore's 11.00

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 **Flower Decoration Group** in the parish. Flowers are permitted in services on this Sunday.
4. This is Laetare Sunday. Flowers are permitted in services today. For the history of the feast see <https://www.newadvent.org/cathen/08737c.htm>. In the medieval period it was also called 'Mothering Sunday' when alms would be given to your baptismal Church. Also the day when the Golden Rose was blessed and sent to papal-favoured monarchs across Europe see <https://www.newadvent.org/cathen/06629a.htm>
5. There will be a second collection next the Poor Parishes of the diocese who receive grants to help with projects.
6. **Sacrament of Reconciliation-** On Saturday 14th March 2026, Henry, Ralph, Mason and Byron will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), for the first time at St. Theodore's. Could you please pray for these four boys and their families as they continue to prepare for their First Holy Communion on Sunday 7th June at St Theodore's.
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. 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](https://www.catholictruthsociety.com/this-is-my-body-a-call-to-eucharistic-revival/).
9. 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](https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/)
10. **'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- From Rochester Cathedral, to Canterbury, and then onto the shrine of St Augustine in Ramsgate. Contact Eddie at: 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/>.
4. **Southwark Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 21- 28 August 2026** Archdiocesan form for Pilgrim's details see <https://www.catholicassociation.co.uk/join2026>. Details on travel and accommodation <https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocesan-pilgrimages/diocese-ca/>. For more information, Deacon John Fogarty (johnfogarty@rcaos.org.uk) or Bishop Paul Hendricks (paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk)

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 Abban (d. 620), Abbot or St Finian Munnu (d. 635), Abbot
Tuesday	St Patrick (d.c. 461), Bishop and Patron of Ireland
Wednesday	St Cyril of Jerusalem (d. 386), Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Thursday	St Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, unborn children, fathers, travellers and workers
Friday	10:00 -Mass at St Theodore's 10.30 - Rosary
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✠ SUNDAY 22 March 2026- Fifth Sunday in Lent - (A) – p 177

First Reading- Ezekiel 37: 12-14; *Psalm-*130 (129): 1-8; *Second Reading-* Romans 8: 8-11; *Gospel-* John 11: 1-45

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

For details on feasts- for St Abban see [St. Abban - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#) ; for St Finian Munnu see [St. Finian Munnu - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#) ; for St Patrick see [CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA: St. Patrick](#); for St Cyril of Jerusalem see [CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA: St. Cyril of Jerusalem](#); for St Joseph see [St. Joseph - 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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