

**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 22 March 2026- Fifth Sunday in Lent - (A) – p 177

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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!** - Join one of our parish teams – the Prayer Group, Tea and Coffee Ministry, Church Cleaning Team, Flower Decoration Group, or become a Lay Reader.
3. There will be a second collection today for the Poor Parishes of the diocese who receive grants to help with projects.
4. There will be a collection next Sunday for Easter Flowers after the Sunday masses
5. **Sacrament of Reconciliation-** Last Saturday, Henry, Ralph, Mason and Byron received 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. As we move toward Holy Week Fr Barry is available for Confession at any time. You can call him on 1580 713364 to arrange a time that suits you.
6. 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/>.
7. **Colours of Liturgical vestments-** **White** represents joy, purity, and Christ's resurrection. **Green** symbolises hope, perseverance, and the faithful's daily journey. **Purple** signifies penance and waiting during Advent and Lent. **Black** is used for Masses for the dead. **Red** represents Christ's passion and the blood of martyrs, used on major feasts like Palm Sunday and Good Friday. **Blue** honours the Virgin Mary. **Pink** expresses joy on special Sundays in Advent and Lent. **Gold** symbolises royalty and is used for the most important solemn celebrations.
8. Much thanks to Jolyon Vickers who pressure washed the ramps to allow safe alternative access into St Theodore's.
9. **Good Friday United Witness in the Parade, Staplehurst** will take place between 9am and 12 noon. During this time hot cross buns with a special Good Friday message are offered to the passing public and there is an opportunity for personal reflection, prayer and quiet conversation with other participants.
10. **Cranbrook Holy Week services-**  

<b>Maundy Thursday--19.00-</b>	Mass of the Last Supper
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>--9.00-</b> Stations of the Cross and Walk of Witness
	<b>3.00-</b> The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

#### Dates for your diary?

1. The Archbishop will preside at **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 – Canterbury - and then onto the shrine of St Augustine in Ramsgate. Contact Eddie at: gileag@gmail.com or [www.eddiegilmore.org](http://www.eddiegilmore.org)
3. Join [7-13 June Young Adult Pilgrimage](https://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/LD1006/) (ages 18–35) to Lourdes. For details see <https://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/LD1006/>.
4. **Southwark Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** 21-28 August 2026 Details from Deacon John Fogarty ([johnfogarty@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:johnfogarty@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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<b>Monday</b>	St Toribio Alfonso de Mogrovejo (d. 1606), Archbishop of Lima, Patron of Native Indians of Peru
<b>Tuesday</b>	St Hildelitha (d. 712), Abbess of Barking or St Macartan, Bishop of Clogher (d. c. 500)
<b>Wednesday</b>	The Annunciation of the Lord
<b>Thursday</b>	St Margaret Clitherow (d. 1586)
<b>Friday</b>	10:00 -Mass at St Theodore's 10.30 - Rosary
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**✠ SUNDAY 29 March 2026- Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - (A) – p 234**

*First Reading-* Isaiah 50: 4-7; *Psalm-*22 (21): 8-24; *Second Reading-* Philippians 2: 6-11; *Gospel-* Matt 26: 14 - 27: 66

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

For details on feasts- for St Toribio Alfonso de Mogrovejo see [St. Toribio Alfonso de Mogrovejo - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); St Hildelitha see [St. Hildelitha - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St Macartan see [St. Macartan - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for the Annunciation of the Lord see [CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA: The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary](#); for St Margaret Clitherow see [St. Margaret Clitherow - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#)

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**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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