

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 17 May 2026- Seventh Sunday of Easter- (A) – p 401

First Reading- Acts 1: 12-14; *Psalm 27* (26): 1-8; *Second Reading-* 1 Peter 4: 13-16; *Gospel-* John 17: 1-11

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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 Prayer Group, Tea and Coffee Ministry, Church Cleaning Team, Flower Decoration Group, or consider becoming a Lay Reader.
3. There is a collection this Sunday for the **Catholic Communication Network** which supports the media office of the English Bishops' Conference helping to develop the public profile of the Church and its teaching.
4. **Maidstone Deanery Confirmation Programme-** Applications are invited from School age young people in **Year 9 or above**, to join our 2026 our programme. This will run usually on Sunday evenings at St Francis' Church, Maidstone, beginning in July, breaking throughout the summer, and continuing in September-October. The **Confirmation Mass is scheduled for Sunday 25th October, 2pm** (Venue TBC). Applicants must be Catholics, who have made their First Holy Communion and applications must come from the candidate themselves. Applicants must commit to attending all of the sessions and be willing to participate fully in the programme. To request an application form, with details of dates and times of sessions, or ask pertinent questions, email: confirmation@stfrancisparish.org.uk. The closing date for applications is **Friday 12th June 2026**
5. **Renewal of vows on Wedding anniversary-** in Mass on July 11th at St George's Cathedral. If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please let us know **as soon as possible** providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, your parish, and the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. In the title of your email, please write Cranbrook. Spaces are limited. Contact mflkent@rcaos.org.uk
6. Archbishop Wilson is asking parishes to pray **the Rosary for Life** during the month of May. [Archbishop John calls on Catholics to pray the Rosary for Life this May: Archdiocese of Southwark](#)
7. **Radio Maria England**, a 24-hour Catholic radio station, [Radio Maria Play App - App Store](#) , has announced an extraordinary city-wide prayer event. On **Saturday, 23 May**, groups of faithful pilgrims will gather simultaneously walk 15 routes along the famous Capital Ring - each group praying the Rosary together as they journey on a section of the Capital Ring encircling the nation's capital. See [Pray around the Capital with Radio Maria: Archdiocese of Southwark](#)

Dates for your diary?

1. **Thursday 28 May 6pm** Scripture scholar Dr Scott Hahn will deliver two presentations, one on the Eucharist (Road to Emmaus: Cultivating Eucharistic Amazement) and the other on the Lord's Prayer (Understanding Our Father: Reflections on the Lord's Prayer). Tickets priced at £20- <https://rcaos.org.uk/news-events/events/dr-scott-hahn-28-may-2026/?d=63915588000000000>
2. **Saturday 11 July (10.00 am)** at Bayham Old Abbey, there will be a Gregorian chant Mass celebrating its Norbertine heritage. See <https://rcaos.org.uk/news-events/events/historical-norbertine-rite-mass-at-bayham-old-abbey/?d=6391936080000000000>
3. Aylesford Priory has a **Summer Fayre** on Saturday 11 July, 11am-4.30pm- [thefriars.org.uk/Whats+On/Events/Summer Fayre 2026/](https://thefriars.org.uk/Whats+On/Events/Summer+Fayre+2026/)

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	Pope St John I (d. 526), Martyr
Tuesday	St Dunstan (d. 988), Archbishop of Canterbury, Patron of goldsmiths, armourers, locksmiths, and jewellers
Wednesday	St Bernardine of Siena (d. 1444), Priest and called 'Apostle of Italy'
Thursday	St Christopher of Magallanes Jara and 19 Companions (d. 1927), Martyrs
Friday	10:00 -Mass at St Theodore's 10.30 – Rosary
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✠ SUNDAY 24 May 2026- Pentecost Sunday- (A) – p 419

First Reading- Acts 2: 1-11; *Psalm 104* (103): 24-34; *Second Reading-* 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13; *Gospel-* John 20: 19-23

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For details on feasts- for St Pope John I see [St. Pope John I - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St Dunstan see [CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA: St. Dunstan](#); for St Bernardine of Siena see [CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA: St. Bernardine of Siena](#); for St Christopher Magallanes Jara see [St. Cristobal Magallanes Jara - 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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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- 170526f*