

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 31 May 2026- The Most Holy Trinity (A) – p 818

First Reading- Exodus 34: 4-6, 8-9; **Psalm Dn** 3:52-56; **Second Reading-** 2 Corinthians 13: 11-14 **Gospel-** John 3: 16-18

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1. **Missal Guide-** Intro- **523**; Creed- **541**; Euch 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. **First Holy Communion-** On Sunday **7 June 2026** at St Theodore's, Byron, Henry, Mason and Ralph will make their First Holy Communion. Please pray for these four boys and their families at this time.
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 mainly 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. **Eucharistic Ministers-** We would like to add to our team of Eucharistic Ministers, especially for the Vigil Mass on Saturday. If you are interested in serving in this role, please speak to Father Barry
6. Archbishop Wilson and senior clergy have put together a catechetical programme **to help new Catholics** live the faith, see [Archbishop John and senior clergy help new Catholics live the faith: Archdiocese of Southwark](#)
7. Archbishop Moth welcomes Pope Leo's first encyclical *Magnifica humanitas* see [Archbishop Moth welcomes Pope Leo's first encyclical Magnifica humanitas - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#) and for text of encyclical see [Encyclical Letter of His Holiness Leo XIV Magnifica Humanitas \(15 May 2026\)](#)
8. **ACN is calling for people to sign their petition on** Defending Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which guarantees everyone the right to freedom of thought, conscience, and religion. Over 5 billion people live in countries where there is persecution, oppression, and discrimination- see [Sign our Article 18 Petition | Aid to the Church in Need](#)

Dates for your diary?

1. The Southwark Catholic Youth Service runs a **Young Adult Mass** at 12.00 pm at St George's Cathedral, followed by a social in Amigo Hall. The next dates are: 7 June, 5 July, 2 August, 6 September, 4 October
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=639193608000000000>
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	St Justin (d. 165), Martyr
Tuesday	Sts Marcellinus and Peter (d. 304), Martyrs
Wednesday	St Charles Lwanga and his Companions (d. 1886), Martyrs
Thursday	St Francis Caracciolo (d. 1608), Patron of Naples and Italian cooks
Friday	10:00 -Mass at St Theodore's 10.30 – Rosary
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✠ SUNDAY 7 June 2026- The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) (A) – p 823

First Reading- Deut 8: 2-3, 14-16; **Psalm** 147: 12-20; **Second Reading-** 1 Corinthians 10: 16-17 **Gospel-** John 6: 51-58

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For details on feasts- for St Justin Martyr see [St. Justin Martyr - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for Sts Marcellinus and Peter see [Sts. Marcellinus and Peter - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St Francis Caracciolo see [St. Francis Caracciolo - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St Charles Lwanga and his companions see [St. Charles Lwanga and Companions - 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/>

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