

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 12 July 2026- Fifteenth Sunday (A) – p 741**

Collection for Stella Maris

First Reading- Isaiah 55: 10-11; *Psalm* 65 (64): 10-14; *Second Reading-* Romans 8: 18-23; *Gospel-* Matt 13: 1-23

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Sunday Our Lady and St Joseph's 09.00 - St Theodore's 11.00

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. This week, there is a second collection for **Stella Maris**, formerly known as the Apostleship of the Sea. For the work of this charity see [Home - Stella Maris](#)
4. 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](#)
5. There is a collection box for **Nourish** in the church entrance at St Theodore's
6. Bishop Paul Mason, Lead Bishop for Safeguarding for the Catholic Bishops' Conference, and Sister Una Coogan CJ, the Lead Religious for Safeguarding, have responded to the publication of the [Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency \(CSSA\)](#)'s thematic review of survivors' experiences of safeguarding in the Catholic Church in England and Wales see [Statement on the CSSA report into survivors' experiences of safeguarding in the Catholic Church in England and Wales - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)
7. Lauren Edwards, the Labour MP for Rochester and Strood, announced that she will re-introduce the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, first tabled by Kim Leadbeater MP in 2024. Please write to your MP on this matter using the briefing notes etc. see [Fight the Terminally Ill Adults \(End of Life\) Bill - SPUC](#)
8. ACN are running two appeals. First **to help Christians in Nigeria** where many are being driven from their homes see https://acnuk.org/?srsltid=AfmBOoo68ulpRh5ZA_M4cPW_Bvfi5QDnuEQUDeqoJ_Dbu51ikQltQenV . The second to help victims of the double **Venezuela earthquakes** with lost or damaged homes. Yet the Church remains - opening its doors to people in desperate need, offering them emergency and spiritual support see [ACN UK Homepage](#)
9. Summer listening? - You might like to listen to the podcasts on various Catholic themes at:
 - Catholic Culture [Lives of the Popes \(Podcast\) | Catholic Culture](#)

Dates for your diary?

1. **WeBelieve** festival brings thousands together to encounter Jesus Christ in His Church takes place at St Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham between 24-27 July. For details see [WeBelieve 2026: Archdiocese of Southwark](#)
2. **Summer Stillness Retreat 2026** at Aylesford Priory- Come and join us from Monday 10th August to Friday 14th August for our annual retreat. For details see [thefriars.org.uk/Whats+On/Events/Summer Stillness Retreat 2026/](https://thefriars.org.uk/Whats+On/Events/Summer+Stillness+Retreat+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 Mildred (d.c.700), Abbess of Thanet OR St Henry (d.1024), Patron of the childless, of the disabled
Tuesday	St Camillus de Lellis (d.1607), Capuchin Priest OR St Kateri Tekakwitha (d. 1680)
Wednesday	St Bonaventure (d.1274), Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Thursday	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Friday	10:00 -Mass at St Theodore's 10.30 – Rosary
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✠ SUNDAY 19 July 2026- Sixteenth Sunday (A) – p 746

First Reading- Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19; **Psalm** 86 (85): 5-16; **Second Reading-** Romans 8: 26-27; **Gospel-** Matt 13: 24-43

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For details on feasts-for the feast of St Mildred see [St. Mildred - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); of St Henry see [St. Henry - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); of St Camillus de Lellis see [St. Camillus de Lellis - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St Kateri Tekakwitha see [St. Kateri Tekakwitha - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St Bonaventure see [CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA: St. Bonaventure](#); for the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel see [CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA: Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel](#):

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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