

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 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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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 box for **Nourish** in the church entrance at St Theodore's
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 will be an *Adoremus* National Eucharistic Congress in 2026- see [Adoremus 2026 - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)- as part of a national parochial focus on the Eucharist in the life of the Church
6. 'Let Us Walk' is a walking pilgrimage, for the national Church, from **Maidstone to Southwark**, London, to mark the *Adoremus* 2026 National Eucharistic Congress. It will take place the week before Adoremus from Monday, 5 October to Friday, 9 October 2026- see [Adoremus Walking Pilgrimage - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)
7. An ecumenical partnership between the English Bishops' Conference 'God who Speaks' project, St John's Waterloo, and Art + Christianity, has asked UK artists, graphic designers and illustrators to design a cover for any of the 73 books of the Bible see [Divine Designs - Bible art competition - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#). For mere doodlers who would like to explore the world of biblical journaling [Bible Journaling | What is it and How do You Do it?](#)
8. 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](#) and [Oppose Assisted Suicide - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)
9. 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_Bvfl5QDnuEQUDeqoJ_Dbu51ikQtQenV . 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](#)
10. Summer listening? - You might like to listen to the podcasts on various Catholic themes at:
 - Justin Hibbard on the Ecumenical Councils at- Why Catholic Podcast?

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 Apollinaris (d. 1 st C) or St Margaret of Antioch (d. 4 th C), Patron of Women who are pregnant
Tuesday	St Lawrence of Brindisi (d.1619), Priest and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday	St Mary Magdalen or St Philip Evans (1679) and St John Lloyd (1679) martyrs
Thursday	St Bridget of Sweden (d. 1373), Patron of Europe and Sweden
Friday	10:00 -Mass at St Theodore's 10.30 – Rosary
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✠ SUNDAY 26 July 2026- Seventeenth Sunday (A) – p 750

First Reading- 1 Kings 3:5-6, 7-12; **Psalm** 119 (118): 57-130; **Second Reading-** Romans 8: 28-30; **Gospel-** Matt 13: 44-52

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For details on feasts-for the feast of St Apollinaris see [St. Apollinaris - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#) ; for St Margaret of Antioch see [CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA: St. Margaret](#); for St Lawrence of Brindisi see [CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA: St. Lorenzo Da Brindisi](#); for St Mary Magdalen see [CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA: St. Mary Magdalen](#); for Sts Philip Evans and John Lloyd see [Sts. Philip Evans & John Lloyd, Martyrs - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St Bridget of Sweden see [St. Bridget of Sweden - 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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