



**Catholic Parishes of Our Lady and the Apostles, Shipston & Brailes,
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CALENDAR, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS. Week beginning:

31st March 2024: Easter Sunday-Pilgrims of Hope

Easter Vigil	Shipston 8.00pm	People of both Parishes	First Mass of Easter
Easter Sunday	Shipston 9.15am Kineton 11.00am	Marie Mourdant John Wheildon	
Easter Monday	Kineton 10.00am	Vic De Costa	
Thursday 4th	Shipston 10.00	Bridie & John Doherty	
Friday 5th	Brailes 10.00am	William Frazer	
Saturday Vigil	Brailes 5.00pm	Maria Mourdant	
Divine Mercy Sunday	Shipston 9.15am Kineton 11.00am	Patricia Ann O Brien Mary Sturt	2nd Sunday of Easter

Please pray for the repose of the following whose anniversaries occur during April: Assayah Essack, Alice Dixon, Helen Worrall, Horace Mead, Julia Martin, Elizabeth Herbert, Julian Brett, Robert Churchill, Harry Scarborough, Monica Dorrity, Ian Jones, Joan Crook, Mary Birch Reynardson, George Ramsay, Rita Cooke, Barbara Flexen, Dennis Walsh, Margaret Payne, Peter McAleese and Tony Kay. May they rest in peace.

Pope's Prayer Intention for April: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

The Easter Sunday collection is your offering and gift to Fr David

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"The fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one "great Sunday". These are the days above all others in which the Alleluia is sung. The first eight days of Easter time constitute the Octave of Easter and are celebrated as Solemnities of the Lord. On the fortieth day after Easter the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated. The weekdays from the Ascension up to and including the Saturday before Pentecost prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete. This sacred period of fifty days concludes with Pentecost Sunday, when the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles, the beginning of the Church, and the start of its mission to all tongues and peoples and nations are commemorated" (Ordo)

"Sanctity then, is not giving up on the world. It is exchanging the world. It is a continuation of that sublime transaction of the Incarnation in which Christ said to man: "You give me your humanity; I will give you my Divinity. You give me your time; I will give you my Eternity. You give me your bonds; I will give you my Omnipotence. You give me your slavery; I will give you my freedom. You give me your death; I will give you my Life. You give me your nothingness; I will give you my All". And the consoling thought throughout this whole transforming process is that it does not require much time to make us saints; it requires only much love". Fulton J Sheen: "Our Grounds for Hope"

My dear people, Thank you for your participation in the Easter Triduum and for your great help, in so many ways, in celebrating these sacred days: I wish you and your loved ones a very happy and holy Easter season. God Bless. Fr David.