



Catholic Parishes of Our Lady and the Apostles (Shipston), SS Peter & Paul (Brailes), and St Francis of Assisi (Kineton)

Parish Priest: Fr David Tams

The Presbytery, Friars Lane, Lower Brailes, OX15 5HU

Telephone: 01608 685259, Email: fr.david.tams@rcaob.org.uk

Websites: www.catholicbrailes.org.uk and www.stfrancis-kineton.co.uk

The parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Registered Charity No 234216



CALENDAR, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS. *Week beginning:*

19th January 2025- 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pilgrims of Hope

Saturday 18th Vigil	Brailes 5.00pm	Caroline R (SI)	
Sunday 19th	Shipston 9.15am Kineton 11.00am	Robert John Webster Andy Money & Family	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 20th	Kineton 10.00am	Jack, Kathleen & Christy O Neill	
Thursday 23rd	Shipston 10.00am	Victor De Costa	Nicholas Owen
Friday 24th	Brailes 10.00am	Catharine Cullinan	St Francis de sales
Saturday 25th Vigil	Brailes 5.00pm	Kitty Hearty	
Sunday 26th	Shipston 9.15am Kineton 11.00am	Jack & Ethel Harding Fr Arul Samy	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please pray for the repose of the following whose anniversaries occur during January: Stefan Zielinski, Sean Smith, Jack Law, Marjory Coulson, Michael Barrass, Margaret Fraser, John Dick, Elspeth Holmes, Josef Baumgarti, Loretta Bewley, Joan McMillan, Robert Webster, Peter Clarke, Mary Robinson, Carl Watkins. May they rest in peace.

Pope's Prayer Intention for January. Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war; that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, may always be respected.

Please note that the prayer group meets on Thursday morning after Mass, at Shipston, for adoration, divine mercy chaplet and the rosary. All welcome.

We have now entered into the liturgical period of Ordinary Time. " Besides the times of the year that have their own distinctive character, there remain in the yearly cycle thirty three or thirty four weeks in which no particular aspect of the mystery of Christ is celebrated, but rather the mystery of Christ itself is celebrated in its fullness, especially on Sundays. This period is known as Ordinary time" (Ordo)

In 2025 the Sunday readings are taken from Year C. Luke's Gospel represents Jesus' journey from Galilee to Jerusalem- a journey which is completed in the Acts of the Apostles by the journey of the Church from Jerusalem to "the ends of the earth". The Lectionary in the year of Luke represents faithfully his "Travel Narrative" (chapters 9-19)- Jesus' journey to death, to resurrection and his return to the Father (Sundays 13-31). Luke's vision of the journey is not geographical or chronological. Rather it is seen as a journey towards suffering and glory. Each Gospel passage should mean a great deal to preacher and reader when it is seen in the context of the whole programme of readings for year C" (General Introduction to the Lectionary).

And finally- Visitors and worshippers at Brailes will have been aware of the repair and decorating that is taking place of the property. We are soon to enter the next phase of work with the painting of the Chapel and the installation of stained glass windows (from Illminton Church) depicting Christ the King and several of the English Martyrs. During this work the chapel will be closed and the Saturday Vigil and Friday Mass will take place in the Croft (the room below the chapel) Further details will be made known next week. I hope the week ahead bring many graces and blessings. God bless. Fr David