



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

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CALENDAR, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS. Week beginning:

26th January 2025-3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pilgrims of Hope

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
Monday 27th	Kineton 10.00am	Maureen & Jim Stewart	
Thursday 30th	Shipston 10.00am	Gerry O Kane	
Friday 31st	Brailes 10.00am	Violet Mourdant	St John Bosco
Saturday 1st	Kineton 10.0am	Adoration & Confession	
Vigil	Brailes 5.00pm	Brian Rulten	Presentation of the Lord
Sunday 2nd	Shipston 9.15am Kineton 11.00am	Harold John Gurney Tams Family	

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.

Offertories: Shipston £194. Brailes £18.00. Kineton £185.

Today is Sunday of the Word of God: On 30th September 2019, Pope Francis wrote: "The [Second Vatican Council](#) gave great impulse to the rediscovery of the word of God, thanks to its Dogmatic Constitution *Dei Verbum*, a document that deserves to be read and appropriated ever anew. The Constitution clearly expounds the nature of sacred Scripture, its transmission from generation to generation (Chapter II), its divine inspiration (Chapter III) embracing the Old and New Testaments (Chapters IV and V), and the importance of Scripture for the life of the Church (Chapter VI). To advance this teaching, [Pope Benedict XVI](#) convoked an [Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in 2008 on "The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church"](#), and then issued the Apostolic Exhortation *Verbum Domini*, whose teaching remains fundamental for our communities.[1] That document emphasizes in particular the performative character of the Word of God, especially in the context of the liturgy, in which its distinctively sacramental character comes to the fore.[2]

It is fitting, then that the life of our people be constantly marked by this decisive relationship with the living word that the Lord never tires of speaking to his Bride, that she may grow in love and faithful witness.

3. Consequently, I hereby declare that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God. This *Sunday of the Word of God* will thus be a fitting part of that time of the year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity. This is more than a temporal coincidence: the celebration of the *Sunday of the Word of God* has ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity".

May God bless you and your loved ones this week. Fr David

