



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:*

13th April 2025-Palm Sunday: Pilgrims of Hope

Saturday 12th	Shipston 10.00am Brailes 5.00pm	Adoration & Confession Michael Flynn	
Sunday 13th	Shipston 9.15am Kineton 11.00am	Parish Thanks (JS) Leigh (Special Intention)	Palm Sunday
Monday 14th	Kineton 10.00am	Alan Lee	
Maundy Thursday 17th	Shipston 7.30pm	St Francis & Our Lady & the Apostles Parishes.	
Good Friday 18th	Shipston 3.00pm Kineton 3.00pm Brailes 7.00pm	Celebration of the Passion of the Lord Celebration of the Passion of the Lord Stations of the Cross	
Holy Saturday	Shipston 8.00pm	Christian Kwek	First Mass of Easter
Easter Sunday 20th April	Shipston 9.15am Kineton 11.00am	Anthea Anderson Gloria & Peter Matthews	

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, James Stewart, Lee Johnson, Patricia O'Brien, Bridget Ramsay, Jim Stuart, Sheila Hyder and Tony Kay. May they rest in peace.

Pope's Prayer Intention for April: Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person and will help us face the crises of our times.

Collections: Shipston £78. Brailes £84. Kineton £192

Please collect your Easter Offering envelope from the churches and chapel this weekend. The Sunday collection will be your offering and gift to Fr David.

Archbishop Bernard's pastoral letter: I am including in this bulletin a suggested letter wording for your MP. I shall make copies available at Mass also.

"Say One for Me": a church initiative during Holy Week to be in the town square at Shipston inviting its residents to write prayers they would like us to pray for them and to post them in a box provided at the stall. Volunteers from each church are required between 11.00am and 1.00pm. If you are interested and feel you could help then please see Jane Fetherston

Please do your very best to take part in the Triduum services. Mass of the Lord's Supper takes place at Shipston on Thursday evening at 7.30pm- followed by watching in the parish hall. On Good Friday Msgr. Danny will be looking after the solemn celebration at Shipston and Fr David will be looking after Kineton (Both 3.00pm). If you are not able to make any of those services then there will be Stations of the Cross at Brailes at 7.00pm. The traditional collection for the Holy Places will be taken at these services. Good Friday is also a day of fasting and abstinence. On Holy Saturday evening the Solemn Easter Vigil will take place at Shipston at 8.00pm. Please make sure you bring along your bells for the "Gloria". There will be a social gathering in the parish hall after the Mass and I hope that both parishes will be well represented. Thank you to all who are taking part or helping in any way during the Triduum celebrations. Easter Sunday Masses will be celebrated at the usual times. I hope you have a grace filled Holy Week. God bless you. Fr David.

SAFEGUARDING: PERMANENT NOTICE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies and procedures at all times.

Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are:

Kineton - Maria Tredgold – (TBA)

Shipston - J. Fetherston - sg.ola.shipstonbrailles@rcaob.org.uk

Alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or at safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern

Church Safeguarding policy.

Information regarding the Church Safeguarding policy is available on the following websites:

- About Safeguarding on the [Archdiocese of Birmingham website](#),
- On the [Bishop's Conference of the England and Wales website](#),
- On the [Safe Spaces website](#).

And also on a document Guide for Survivors of Abuse.

Dear MP,

Please kindly accept my email to you expressing my opposition to the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill.

I live in District & Postcode

Please would you consider voting against this Bill for the following reasons:

Flawed Process:-

There has not been given sufficient time for full and proper debate by all members of Parliament to consider fully this morally complex issue.

The committee examining the Bill took only a few days of evidence. The committee, itself, excluded full and proper representation so that all views could be considered, not just those voices who were predominantly in support of the Bill.

Unanswered Questions:-

Can MPs guarantee that the *scope* of the Bill will not be extended?

Please note that in almost all countries where Assisted Dying has been introduced, the *scope* is wider than was originally intended.

Who will protect the vulnerable from coercion, or from feeling a burden to their family?

When you and I get old, weak, maybe mentally frail, I would like to think that our lives are cherished, and that being looked after by family and loved ones will enrich their lives, as well as making the end of my life, your life, not feel like that we have outlived a sell-by date, or that we no longer matter or have purpose especially on the threshold of saying farewell to this world and to all the people we love.

Thank you for giving your time to consider my request.

Appreciatively,