



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:*

25th May 2025-Sixth Sunday of Easter: Pilgrims of Hope

Saturday 24 Vigil Mass	Brailes 5.00pm	Eugene Gilbride	Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sunday 25th	Shipston 9.15am Kineton 11.00am	Christian Kwek Theresa Coffey	
Monday 26th	Kineton 10.00am	Christian (SI)	
Thursday 29th	Kineton 10.00am Brailes 12.30pm Shipston 7.00pm	Ken & Edwyna W Richardson Frank Traynor Marie Colette Evans	Solemnity of the Ascension
Friday 30th	Brailes 10.00am	David & Catherine (SI)	
Saturday 31st Vigil Mass	Brailes 5.00pm	Tim Lewis	Seventh Sunday of Easter
Sunday 1st June	Shipston 9.15am Kineton 11.00am	Bridie & Kevin Gurney Marin (SI)	

Please pray for the repose of the following whose anniversaries occur during May: Thomas Brennan, Catherine Murphy, Bridget Payjak, Joseph Keogh, Sheila Jenkins, Tommy McDonald, Cornelius Keyes, Helga Beebee, Freda Cox, Robert Moules, Jodie Rashwan, Alice Minogue, Charles Bewlay, Henry Smyth, Margaret Bailes, Ronald Batten, Loisa Hayley, Joanna Watkins, Michael Fahy, Frances Green, Alfredo Sposini and Brian Webster. May they rest in peace.

Please note there is a retiring collection next weekend for Catholic Communications

Offertory 18th May: £166- Kineton. Shipston & Brailes £136

Thursday is the Solemnity of the Ascension and is a holyday of obligation: Masses will be celebrated at Kineton 10.00am, Brailes 12.30pm and Shipston 7.00pm.

We had a wonderful afternoon last Sunday at Oscott College. There were 37 of us from the two parishes and it was lovely to meet some of the seminarians, tour the college, have afternoon tea and then evening prayer and benediction with the staff and seminarians. Please keep in your prayers the need for vocations to the Priesthood, particularly to serve the Archdiocese of Birmingham.

On the fortieth day after Easter the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated. "Christ's Ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain, whence he will come again; this humanity in the meantime hides him from the eyes of men. Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, precedes us into the Father's glorious kingdom so that we, the members of his Body, may live in the hope of one day being with him for ever.

Jesus Christ, having entered the sanctuary of heaven once and for all, intercedes constantly for us as the mediator who assures us of the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit". (Catechism of the Catholic Church)

"Holy Spirit, Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, Spirit of truth, love and holiness, proceeding from the Father and the Son and equal to Them in all things, I adore you and love You with all my heart. Teach me, Divine Spirit to know and seek my last end; grant me the holy fear of God; grant me true contrition and patience. Do not let me fall into sin. Give me an increase of faith, hope and charity, and bring forth into my soul the virtues proper to my state of life. Make me a faithful disciple of Jesus and an obedient child of the Church. Give me efficacious grace sufficient to keep the Commandments and to receive the Sacraments worthily. Give me the four Cardinal Virtues, Your Seven Gifts, your Twelve fruits. Raise me to perfection in the state of life to which You have called me and lead me through a happy death to everlasting life. I ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen". (Pocket Book of Catholic Novenas). Please make a point of praying this prayer each day as we approach the Solemnity of Pentecost. God bless. 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 – sg.stfoa.kineton@rcaob.org.uk

Shipston - J. Fetherston - sg.ola.shipstonbrailes@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.

Safe Spaces is a free and independent support service, providing a confidential, personal and safe space for anyone who has been abused by someone in the Church or as a result of their relationship with the Church of England, the Catholic Church in England and Wales or the Church in Wales. Helpline 03003031056. safesaces@firstlight.org.uk

The Isaiah Journey: is a working group of the Bishops' Conference that has grown out of the need for a pastoral- spiritual response to the suffering of victims and survivors of abuse in the Church. www.cbcew.org.uk/the-Isiah-journey/

The Survivor Forum.

A group of adults with lived experience of faith related abuse and the reporting process. Independent to the Archdiocese they offer insight and guidance to our procedures and policies. They offer peer support. Please contact the Safeguarding team for more details.