



**Catholic Parishes of Our Lady and the Apostles, Shipston & Brailes.
And St Francis of Assisi, Kineton**



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CALENDAR, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS.

Week beginning 19th May 2019:5th Sunday of Easter

The Year for Priests

Saturday	18 th	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Vigil	5.00 pm.	Brailes	Joanna Watkins
Sunday	19 th			9.00 am.	Shipston	
				11.00 am.	Kineton	Jim Deeley
Monday	20 th			10.00am	Kineton	
Tuesday	21 st			9.30am	Brailes	Breda Dwyer (SI)
Wednesday	22 nd May			10.30am	Shipston	Communion Service
Thursday	23 rd May			9.30am	Shipston	
Friday	24 th			9.30am	Shipston	
Saturday	25 th	Adoration & The Sacrament of Reconciliation		10-11.00am	Kineton	
Saturday		Sixth Sunday of Easter	Vigil	5.00pm	Brailes	Jenny Holder
Sunday	26 th			9.00 am.	Shipston	Edwyna (SI)
				11.00 am.	Kineton	Special Intention

Shipston counting team- 19th- Sue & Sally 26th John & Sue

Retiring Collection for the Clergy Training Fund totalled £154. Weekly collections: 5th May £407. 12th May £338. Thank you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The Sick and Housebound: Patients in the Ellen Badger Hospital, Residents in Low Furlong, Kineton Manor and River Meadow: Jean Blackie, Brian Blackie, John Oakes, Pat Lawton, Doreen Watkins, Eileen Keogh, Margaret Blundell, Pansy Corless, Frances Ward and Matthew Sabatowski.

READERS are respectfully reminded NOT to announce the readings- "The first reading"- "The response to the psalm" etc. etc. Spare copies of guidelines for parish readers are available in the porch or at the back of the church or chapel.

Pope Francis prayer intention for May: That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent

Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 8th June - Brailes . 15th June -Shipston . 22nd June- Kineton.

May is normally part of the Easter season lasting fifty days. During this time we celebrate the Lord's resurrection from the dead, culminating with the feast of the Ascension of Our Blessed Lord to the Father and the sending of the Holy Spirit to the Church at Pentecost. It is fitting time to dedicate to the Blessed Virgin Mary, to recall her great joy at her Son's resurrection and the comfort and support she gave to the Apostles in the Upper room as they awaited the sending of the Holy Spirit. The tradition of dedicating the month of May to our Lady dates back at least 700 years and is associated also with the particular season of the year. Blessed John Henry Newman writes: "It is a time when the earth bursts forth into its fresh foliage and its green grass after the stern frost and snow of winter and the raw atmosphere and the wild wind and rain of the early spring. It is because the blossoms are upon the trees and the flowers are in the garden. It is because the days have got long, and the sun rises early and sets late. For such gladness and joyousness of external Nature is a fit attendant on our devotion to her who is the Mystical Rose and the House of Gold". We ask Mary, the Mother of God and our heavenly Mother, who brought new life into the world by giving birth to her Son, Jesus, who brought about a new spring, watch over us all and our loved ones during this month of May.

God Bless. Fr David.