



**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: 10th January 2021: The Baptism of the Lord***

Saturday	<b>9th January</b>	Baptism of the Lord	Vigil	12.30pm 5.00pm	Brailes Shipston	Special Intention (VR) Robert Webster
Sunday	<b>10th Jan.</b>			9.15 am. 11.00 am.	Shipston Kineton	Ian & Patricia Jones Peter Pistello
Monday	<b>11th</b>			10.00am	Kineton	Carole Stanley (SI)
Tuesday	<b>12th</b>	No public Mass				
Wednesday	<b>13th</b>	No public Mass				
<b>Thursday Friday</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> 15th</b>			10.00am 10.00am	Brailes Shipston	Priest Intention John Brittain
Saturday	<b>16th</b>	<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		12.30pm 5.00m	Brailes Shipston	Jack Brooks Aaron Clarke
Sunday	<b>17th</b>			9.15am 11.00am	Shipston Kineton	Johnson Fund Special Intention

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for January: May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

Ordinary Time: Besides the times of the year that have their own distinctive character, there remains 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. In 2021 the Sunday readings are taken from Year B with the Gospel of Mark used:

Mark's main interest is in the person of Jesus himself. He follows Jesus through his public ministry in Galilee, outside Galilee and finally Jerusalem itself immediately before the passion. The crisis is reached when the fundamental question is posed to the disciples: "Who do you say I am?" Peter's confession is therefore, at the heart of Mark's Gospel. In the year of Mark, The Lectionary observes faithfully the structure and message of the gospel itself. One important peculiarity is that the Lectionary includes a major insert from the Gospel of John (Sundays 17-21) John 6- the sermon of the Bread of Life fits well into this part of Mark's Gospel, which is concerned with Jesus' revelation of himself, and is known as "the Bread section". In weekdays during the year the readings are taken from Year 1.(Ordo)

We continue to be vigilant in following government and diocesan guidelines in our attending Mass. Thank you once again to all our stewards for their great assistance. Please continue to observe the social distancing rules, especially when going forward for Holy Communion and when kneeling or sitting down in the pew. Please God; the vaccine will be distributed to us all very soon. With best wishes and prayers for the year ahead: God Bless. Fr David

"My God, you have created me to do you some definite service. You have given some work to me which you have not given to any other. I have my place in your plan. I may never know what it is in this life, but I will know it in the next. Therefore, I will trust you in all things. If I am sick, my sickness will serve you. If I am worried, my worry will serve you. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow will serve you. You do nothing in vain; you know what you are doing. You may take away my friends; You may put me among strangers; You may make me feel forgotten; You may make my spirits sink; You may hide my future from me-still, you know what you are doing, and I trust you Amen"

-St John Henry Newman.