



**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: 2nd May: 5th Sunday of Easter

Vigil Masses	Brailes	12.30pm	Joanna Watkins
Saturday 1 st May	Shipston	5.00pm	Mark & Lavinia Fleming
Sunday 2nd	Shipston	9.15am	Antoni Rybka
	Kineton	11.00am	Catherine & Simon Walsh
Monday 3rd	Kineton	10.00am	Jodie Hyde Feast of St Philip & James, Apostles
Thursday 6th	Brailes	10.00am	The Westmoreland Family
Friday 7th	Shipston	10.00am	Edoardo and Carmella Fernandes
Vigil Masses	Brailes	12.30pm	Kathleen, Jack, Christopher ONeill
Saturday 8th	Shipston	5.00pm	Tony Kay
Sunday 9thnd	Shipston	9.15am	Doreen & John Toner
	Kineton	11.00am	Special Intention

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur during this month: Thomas Brennan, Catherine Murphy, Bridget Payjak, Joseph Keogh, Sheila Jenkins, Tommy McDonald, Cornelius Keyes, Helga Beebee, Freda Cox, Robert Moulers, Jodie Rosaway, Alice Minogue, Charles Bewlay, Henry Smyth, Margaret Bailey, Ronald Batten, Louisa Hayley, Joanna Watkins, Michael Fahy. May they rest in peace.

Pope Francis prayer intention for May: Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

“The month of May is here, a month which the piety of the faithful has long dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. Our heart rejoices at the thought of the moving tribute of faith and love which will soon be paid to the Queen of Heaven in every corner of the earth. For this is the month during which Christians, in their churches and their homes, offer the Virgin Mother more fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration; and it is the month in which a greater abundance of God’s merciful gifts comes down to us from our Mother’s throne.....

Because the month of May is a powerful incentive to more frequent and fervent prayers, and because our petitions more readily find access to her compassionate heart during it, it has been a favourite custom of Our predecessors to choose this month, dedicated to Mary, for urging the Christian people to offer up public prayers whenever the needs of the Church demanded it or some grave crisis threatened the human race.....

May she who experienced the cares and hardships of earthly life, the weariness of daily toil, the hardships and trials of poverty, and the sorrows of Calvary, come to aid the needs of the Church and the human race. May she graciously lend an ear to the devout pleas of those all over the world who beg her for peace. May she enlighten the minds of those who rule nations. And finally, may she prevail on God, who rules the winds and the storms, to calm the tempests in men’s warring hearts and grant us peace in our day...

You should know that We are relying particularly on the prayers of children and those suffering affliction, for their pleas have special power to penetrate heaven and soften God’s justice. Since this is a perfect occasion, do not fail to put repeated emphasis on the recitation of the Rosary, the prayer so pleasing to Our Lady and so often recommended by the Roman Pontiffs”.

Extracts from Blessed Pope Paul VI Encyclical “Mense Maio” (Prayers during May)

Please do your very best to keep this month as a special dedication to Our Blessed Mother.

God Bless. Fr David.

