



**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: 25th July: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil Masses	Brailes	12.30pm	Anna Maria Arienzo	
Saturday 24th July	Shipston	5.00pm	Alan Lee	
Sunday 25th	Shipston	9.15am	PI	
	Kineton	11.00am	Kathleen Lea	
Monday 26th	Kineton	10.00am	Vocations & Conversion	St Joachim & Anne
Thursday 29th	Brailes	10.00am	Arthur Lee	St Martha
Friday 30th	Shipston	10.00am	Rita Lee	St Peter Chrysologus
Vigil Masses	Brailes	12.30pm	Special Intention (F)	
Saturday 31st	Shipston	5.00pm	Thanksgiving (Rachel)	
Sunday 1 st August	Shipston	9.15am	PI	
	Kineton	11.00am	Margaret Blundell	

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur during July: Mary Thompson, John Grant, Fr Anthony Maguire, Frances Lloyd, Louise Gunter, Florence Weaver, Dolores Crocker, Thomas Mockler, Euphemia Kenyon, Eiley Perry, Mary Seymour, Peter Drinkwater, Maria Forde. May they rest in peace.

Pope Francis prayer intention for July: We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

Bishop's Statement: "We are mindful of the certain fact that the Covid-19 virus is still circulating in society. Vaccines provide genuine protection against the worst effects of the virus, yet we recognise the legitimate fear on the part of some who otherwise desire to gather for Holy Mass. It is our continuing judgement, therefore, that it is not possible at the present time for all of the faithful to attend Mass on a Sunday thus fulfilling their duty to God.

It is hoped that it will be possible for all Catholics in England and Wales to fulfil this most important Church precept, that of the Sunday Obligation, by the First Sunday in Advent 2021. In the meantime, all Catholics are asked to do their best to participate in the celebration of the weekly Sunday Mass and to reflect deeply on the centrality of Sunday worship in the life of the Church."

You will notice this weekend that the benches have been put back in place: (Though at Brailes, I am keeping one side still with benches unavailable, for those who wish to continue to social distance.) As stated last week, wearing masks will now be optional and there will be no need for stewarding at public worship. Should you wish to continue to sign in however; a signing-in form will continue to be available at each entrance.

We need still, to continue to be mindful of the risks involved with infections, so you should not come to Mass if you are not well or suffering from any of the Covid symptoms. Likewise one must be mindful of those who still wish to keep some social distancing and continue to wear face masks during Mass. Hand gel will continue to be available in all places of worship and you **are all** asked to use this on entry and exit. Should you wish to continue to social distance then please take two cards to be placed either side of you letting others know that you wish to maintain a distance. Mass will now end in its traditional way, meaning that Holy Communion will be distributed at the normal time and you will be returning to your places for the final prayer: Holy Communion will continue to be given under one kind and on the hand only. For the safety of all I shall continue to sanitise my hands before and after the distribution of Holy Communion and shall continue to wear a mask when this is taking place. I think it good practice to continue to allow each bench to come forward for Holy Communion before you exit your bench: It means there will not be any unnecessary queuing and waiting in line. I would ask the worshippers at St Francis to continue to use both side aisles to return to your bench. There will no longer be the need to exit the place of worship in any one way system, though again one should be mindful of unnecessary queuing to get out! The sign of peace will be back in place and those of you who are in a bubble of some kind should make the sign of peace in the usual way: If you are not in a bubble then a respectful bow to each other should suffice: **You should not leave your place** to make the sign of peace to anyone else. Congregational singing is now allowed, though you are asked to wear a mask should you choose to do so. If you are a visitor to any of our places of worship this weekend then I wish you all a very warm welcome. And for those of you getting ready to go on your summer holidays, let's hope the sunny weather continues-(though maybe two or three degrees lower!) Have a good week. God Bless. Fr David (Please note that from Saturday 4th September the pre- covid Mass times will resume- Brailes vigil Mass 5.00pm)