



ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

[Mary Help of Christians Church]

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The **Sinulog-Santo Niño Festival** is an annual cultural and religious festival held on the third Sunday of January in Cebu City, and is the centre of the Santo Niño Catholic celebrations in the Philippines. The festival is considered to be first of most popular festivals in the Philippines. The word *Sinulog* comes from the Cebuano adverb *sulog* which roughly means "like water current movement;" it describes the forward-backward movement of the Sinulog dance. The dance consists of two steps forward and one step backward, done to the sound of drums. Sinulog is the ritual prayer-dance honouring Señor Santo Niño or the Child Jesus. An image of the Child Jesus is a baptismal gift of the Portuguese conquistador Ferdinand Magellan to Hara Amihan (Humanay) of Zebu (now Cebu) in April 1521. The miraculous image, is housed at the Basilica Minore del Santo Niño in downtown Cebu City.

Prayer to Honour the Divine Infant King

Divine Infant King Jesus, I want to give You my hands today. I want to serve You with all my heart and make You known and loved. Doing Your will is the source of my inner peace and joy. Divine Infant King Jesus, I give You my hands to touch those I meet with Your love and peace. I ask You to heal those in pain, to encourage the hopeless, to console the sorrowing, and to provide for those in want. I ask You to reach out to the lonely. I especially plead for the many people suffering from great poverty and injustice. Miraculous Infant, I believe that You love me and know all of my needs. I place them in Your hands, especially my present concerns (*quietly mention your personal intentions here*). I trust in Your love and care. I want to honour and praise You, now and forever. Amen.

Act of Spiritual Communion

The most common occasion for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when we cannot fulfill our obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation, whether because of illness, bad weather, or another reason outside of our control. Many also make an Act of Spiritual Communion when they can and do attend Mass but something prevents them from receiving sacramental Communion that day, such as a mortal sin that they have not had the opportunity to confess yet.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

In your charity, please pray for

our sick

Fr John Willis Barry Winning Sayde Baladia
Peter Richards Narelle Albans Chris O'Sullivan
Peachy Family Julien Ryan Ginavis Naw Pha Day
Nini Torres Patricia Jones Rolando Alba

our deceased

+ Helen Oade + Phan Van Nghi + Filipinas Cadorna
+ Kevin Taggart + George Benning, *anniversary*
+ Antonio Luna, *anniversary* + Simeon Aguilar, *anniversary*

Roman Martyrology

30/01 St Martina
31/01 St John Bosco
01/02 St Brigid of Ireland
02/02 The Presentation of the Lord
03/02 St Blasius
04/02 St Andrew Corsini

Omnes sancti mártires, oráte pro nobis.

On Church Giving

Giving is an expression of our thankfulness and praise to God. It comes from a heart of worship that recognises everything we have and give already belongs to the Lord. Our ability to earn money is a gift from God. Returning a percentage of our treasure back to God is one way that we live our faith. Just like our family households, our parish community needs financial resources in order to operate, serve, and minister. God provides for these needs through you - you ARE the parish.

To support the priests (1st collection):

A/C Name: St Edwards Church Presbytery Savings Account
BSB: 082 105 A/C No.: 001023592
Reference: First + last name

To support the Church (Planned Giving Program - PGP):

A/C Name: St Edwards Church Suspense Acct
BSB: 082 105 A/C No.: 001002950
Reference: Envelope Number + last name

Last Week's Collection

1st Collection - \$ 1,006.05
Planned Giving - \$ 764.00 Loose - \$ 215.35

MINISTRY ROSTER

5 February | 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

	Reader	EMHC	Piety
Saturday 5.30pm	G. Tighe	K. Pearson	D. Sullivan
Sunday 9.00am	S. Cunneen	Y. Benning	R. Evans
Sunday 5.30pm	J. McKenzie	S. Grace	C. Frost
Counters this week:	S. Cunneen & T. Hill		
Counter next week:	R. Fisher & K. Keating		

NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Choir Practice

Choir practice will resume on Monday 6 Feb at 5.30pm and we would certainly welcome new members.

Lenten Program - 2023

We are planning Lenten Groups for 2023. If you are able to host a group or would like to join a group, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

Free Course | English as Second Language

If you want to improve your English - speaking, writing and reading, come and join our classes. This We are also looking for any volunteer parishioners to help with conversation English. Classes will be held at Mary Help of Christians Church Hall from 10 - 11.30am every Sunday beginning February 5th. Email to mhocenglish@gmail.com if interested.

World Day of the Sick

Saturday 11 February 05.30pm Holy Mass followed by Anointing of the Sick

Missionary Order Special Collection

The annual Missionary Orders Special Collection is to be conducted at all Masses on the weekend of 11-12 February. This collection is shared equally with the Missionaries of La Salette in the Philippines and the Rogationists in India. The Diocesan collection has been set at \$10,000 and parishes are levied based on its Catholic population. St Edward's Parish Tamworth is to contribute \$1253. If the target is not achieved, the parish is to make up the shortfall.

You can also EFT your donation to:

Account Name: Special Collection Account

BSB: 082105 Acc. No: 001059638 Reference: Missionary Orders

Nazareth Care

Could you possibly consider becoming a volunteer and make a difference in the lives of the elderly at Nazareth Care? Please ring Sr Ana on 6761 2356, she would very much welcome a chat with you.

Liturgy Ministry Roster

The new roster has been prepared and copies are available in the foyer for those who haven't received by email.

Ethical Covid-19 Vaccine Trial

Covid-19 vaccinations have been an important population health measure during the recent pandemic. One moral concern with currently available Covid-19 vaccines, however, is their link to the use of aborted fetal cell lines. An Australian Covid-19 vaccine, SpikoGen, does not share this concern, whilst still maintaining comparable safety and efficacy as the other available vaccines. SpikoGen is approved for use overseas and the Adelaide-based developers are now seeking to have it approved in Australia. They are conducting a single-booster clinical trial of SpikoGen for anyone who has had either 2 or 3 Covid-19 vaccinations of other approved products. The UNE Medical Centre in Armidale is one of two trial sites in NSW with the next clinics to be held in Feb 2023. For further information, including on participating, contact: Dr Joe Turner medical.centre@une.edu.au or the Trial Coordinator admin@vaxine.net.au

Evangelisation Program

Following the success of the Evangelise 2022 Diocesan hubs Bishop Kennedy invites interested parishioners to attend a series of follow-up zoom hubs and face to face gatherings to be held across the diocese on the following Fridays 24th February, 26th May, 25th August, 17th November. Participants will be provided with input from speakers regarding Evangelisation along with food, sharing of ideas and discussion. Further information regarding venue of hubs, timings etc will be provided closer to the date.

Sick List

If you would like to add someone to our sick list please use the "sick list prayer request form" placed in the blue folder at the foyer.

Visitation

If there is a parishioner in whom you know would appreciate a visit from a priest or the SVDP, please contact the Parish Office.

TRIBUNAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Marriage breakdown is a distressing experience for all concerned. The Church reaches out support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Armidale Office of the Interdiocesan Tribunal of Sydney extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment you will be guided and supported through the process. For further information please phone the Armidale Office of the Interdiocesan Tribunal of Sydney on 67718705 or email tribunal@armidale.catholic.org.au

Schedule of Masses & Sacraments

30 January - 05 February

Holy Mass

Monday 07.00am
Tuesday 09.30am
Wednesday 09.30am
Thursday 09.30am
Friday 09.30am
Saturday 05.30pm
Sunday 09.00am
05.30pm

Confessions

Saturday 04.45pm to 05.15pm
Sunday 08.15am to 08.45am
04.45pm to 05.15pm

Baptism

by appointment

Online baptism request form:
https://stedwardsparish.org.au/sacraments/

Wedding

by appointment

Anointing of the Sick

by appointment

Funeral

by appointment

2023 Sacramental Classes

1st Reconciliation (Confession)

Enrolment Liturgy Sat 11/02 3.00pm
Reconciliation Day Tue 28/03 4.00pm

1st Holy Communion

Parent's Info Sat 29/04 5.00pm
Enrolment Mass Sat 29/04 5.30pm
1st Communion Sun 18/06 9.00am

Confirmation

Parent's Info Sat 05/08 5.00pm
Enrolment Mass Sat 05/08 5.30pm
Confirmation Sun 17/09 9.00am

HOPe KITCHEN

Free and healthy meal for everyone.

We have served 1309 meals from 28/09/2022 to 21 December 2022

This program will resume late February 2023.

Heart of Peace (HOPE) is a social justice ministry of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Armidale.

New volunteers are welcome.

To volunteer please email: hopekitchen2340@gmail.com

Follow us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/hopekitchen

Child Safe Parish

Electronic copy of the Child Safe Parish Policy is now available on our website www.stedwardsparish.org.au/safeguarding/ It is a valuable resource to keep our parish a child safe environment. All are encouraged to read the booklet.