



ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

[Mary Help of Christians Church]

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WHY DO PRIESTS/DEACONS VEIL THEIR HANDS WHEN CARRYING THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN THE MONSTRANCE?



The question is, since a priest is capable (by the power of God) of consecrating the Bread and Wine into the body and blood of Christ with his bare hands, and even at benediction, he touches the most precious body of Christ and places it in the lunet, then fixes it in the Monstrance/Ostensorium. If this is so, why then must he use a veil to lift up

the Monstrance containing the Blessed Sacrament? Is it a sign of respect? If yes, why does he touch the Sacred Host with his hands in the first place? What exactly is he portraying? Apparently, the hands of the priest are not unworthy to touch the Body of Christ or even the golden monstrance which bears Him. In order to understand this, we have to first understand the essence of Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

First, we must note that a priest is ordained to bless and consecrate the people of God with his hands, that is why one without hands cannot be ordained, he's said to have a canonical impediment. Thus, the hands of the priest are consecrated at Ordination.

Apart from blessing the people of God, there's a special moment reserved for Christ Himself to bless his people. This moment is called *Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament*

During the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament (as it is called) "the Blessing of Christ", it is not the priest who blesses or acts, neither does he act or blesses in the person of Christ, no, it is Christ himself (the true Priest) who acts and blesses at that very moment He's exposed on the altar. Therefore, in order to illustrate that the priest is not blessing the people, he covers (hides) his hands (used for blessing) with a humeral veil (humurus means "shoulder" so a humeral veil is a "shoulder veil"). Thus, once the hands of the priests ain't seen, it would be understood that he's not the one blessing the people but Christ himself.

Therefore, at benediction, adoration, or during the procession of "Corpus Christi" (an offshoot of benediction), the priest carries the Blessed Sacrament in procession with his hands hidden, while the blessings of Christ continue to radiate in all its rays towards the people (as seen in the shape of the monstrance). It is Christ himself who goes about in procession.

In your charity, please pray for our sick

Fr John Willis	Barry Winning	Sayde Baladia
Narelle Albans	Chris O'Sullivan	Peachy Family
Julien Ryan	Patricia Jones	Ginavis Naw Pha Day
Jo O'Sullivan	Peter Fardy	Anna Gawlik
Jerome Wong	Belarmino Perdito	

our deceased

+ Dorothy & James Ryan	+ Brian Clark
+ Paul O'Sullivan	+ Gary Lee
+ Annette Frahm	+ Rolando Alba

Mass Intentions

26/06 For the response of the soul of Jill Manvell, *anniv.* 7/6
 27/06 For the response of the soul of Annette Frahm
 28/06 For the response of the soul of Janette Brown, *anniv.*
 29/06 For the response of the soul of Rolando Alba
 30/06 For the response of the soul of Bertha Brady, *anniv.* 6/6

Roman Martyrology

26/06 Bl Raymond Lull
 27/06 Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 28/06 St Irenaeus
 29/06 Sts Peter & Paul
 30/06 First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

Act of Spiritual Communion

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.

On Church Giving

To support the priests (active, sick and retired-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

MINISTRY ROSTER

01-02 July | 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

	Reader	EMHC	Piety	Counters this week:
Saturday 5.30pm	C. Jackson	K. Pearson	R. Stortenbeker	J. McRae & J. Milne
Sunday 9.00am	D. Sullivan	A. McEvoy	H. McCluand	Counters next week:
Sunday 5.30pm	H. Harvey	S. Grace	E. Hearne	S. Cunneen & T. Hill



All are invited to the

DEDICATION

of the

Australian Defence Force Memorial Bell Tower

Tuesday, 4th of July 2023 at 9.00 am

Mary Help of Christians Church
Hillvue Road, South Tamworth

Following the dedication ceremony,
the Legacy Centenary Torch
will march pass the memorial monument.

There will be a free BBQ and refreshments after the event.

Please forward this invitation to anyone you think might appreciate this dedication.

NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Working Bee | Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the following:

- * Sunday July 2 at 10.00am to plant the Memorial Garden at the Bell Tower, mow surrounds and generally tidy the area (please bring mower, tools, etc)
- * Sunday July 2 at 3.00pm to clean-up around the Bell Tower and new garden (pressure washer needed - please bring one if you can)
- * Tuesday July 4 at 7.30am - to set-up chairs and marquees

Special Collection | Peter's Pence

The Peter's Pence Collection is a significant way we all fulfill our obligation to support the ongoing activities of the Holy See and the Church's ministry of solidarity to the poor around the world. By participating in the Peter's Pence Collection, you join the Holy Father's efforts to show mercy to all in two ways: you support the ongoing activities of the Holy See, and you contribute to the charitable works of the Holy Father on behalf of those who are most in need. Our Catholic tradition calls us to provide for the material needs of the Church, and the Peter's Pence Collection is one of the opportunities we have to do so. This collection is to take place at all Masses on 1st and 2nd July.

Save Calvary Hospital

On Wednesday 10 May 2023, the ACT Government announced that it would compulsorily acquire Calvary Public Hospital in Canberra. The Hospital is an apostolic work of the *Little Company of Mary* and has served residents of the ACT and nearby NSW towns since 1979.

Archbishop Prowse has called for the decision to be revisited and has established a taskforce to challenge the ACT Government's plan. The forced takeover of one Catholic apostolic work that receives government funding presents an unknown risk to other Catholic apostolic works which also receive government funding. You may wish to join in supporting this taskforce by signing the online petition 'Save Calvary' <https://www.savecalvary.com.au/>.

Formation Opportunity | Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Flyer/Registration forms now available

The first Level of formation for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) will be run at the Holy Family Parish Centre, Armidale, June 29th - 2nd July and 6-8th October (9am-5pm daily). This is a unique formation opportunity for catechists, parents and anyone interested in helping children grow in their relationship with God. Financial subsidies available for all Parishioners of Armidale Diocese. Flyers/ Registration forms are now available at the back of the Church, or email jmturmer2110@gmail.com for a copy.

Cuppa "n' Chat | Multicultural Conversation

To connect with local people, practice speaking English, learn something new and enjoy a "cuppa" while making new friends. Thursday 10.30am to 12.00pm beginning 01 June 2023 Centacare NENW, 201 Marius St. For more information please contact Yesy at y.sepulveda@centacarenw.com.au or 02 6762 9209.

PRAYERS FOR A BROKEN HEART

✠ Lord, my thoughts feel so consumed with this breakup. I feel anxious about what the future holds, and how I'll move on from this. Please help me to take my eyes off of the hurt and devastation of this breakup. Help me fix my eyes on You, knowing that You care for me.

Though I may have had my own plans for this relationship, I know Lord that Your plans are greater than mine. Please help me to place my trust in You, and Your wisdom. I ask that You would help me heal from this heartbreak. Please restore my heart, and fill me with hope for the future. Help me to move on from this breakup, and deal with any anger, or ill feelings that I may be experiencing.

I don't want to hold onto things or people that will change, I want to hold onto You. You are the only one who will never change. Help me to find my hope in You. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

✠ Lord, my heart feels so shattered today. I don't know how to go through each day while my heart feels torn into pieces. No matter how much I try to grasp onto each piece, it just slips through my hands again and again. I know that You alone can mend my broken heart. Your word says that You heal the broken hearted and that You bind up their wounds.

I ask that You would heal my heart, Lord. Please bind up the wounds of my heart, and make me whole again. On my own, and in my strength I cannot face another day. But through Your healing hands, I know that You can carry me through. I give You every piece of me, knowing that You are faithful and able to make it whole. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

Last Week's Collection

1st Collection -	\$	1018.80
Planned Giving -	\$	551.00
Loose -	\$	42.45

Schedule of Masses & Sacraments

26 June - 02 July

Holy Mass

Monday	07.00am
Tuesday to Friday	09.30am
Saturday	05.30pm
Sunday	09.00am
	05.30pm

Confessions

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

by appointment

Online baptism request form:

<https://stedwardsparish.org.au/sacraments/>

Wedding, Anointing of the Sick &

Funeral

by appointment