

FIESTA SEÑOR 2021

SANTO NIÑO LEICESTER

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8th-16th of January 2021
Blessed Sacrament Church, Gooding Avenue, Braunstone, Leicester LE3 1JS

**"Señor Santo Niño:
the Abiding Presence of the Father in our Journey of Faith"**
(Santo Niño at 500 theme, Cebu Philippines)

Objectives:

1. To give honour and tribute to the Infant Jesus and make Him more known and loved by promoting the devotion to Señor Santo Niño de Cebu. In a more practical way, to perform some corporal work of mercy by fundraising and forwarding our aid for the benefit of the Philippine typhoon Rolly (Goni) & Ulysses (Vamco) victims via Caritas Manila as our *'Halad kang Señor'* (Offering for our Lord).
2. To foster fellowship among devotees and friends through virtual communal prayers and celebration in the 9-days novena, in the feast-eve Solemn Mass and in the virtual Sinulog 'banquet' (Zoom chat) thereafter.
3. To continue to learn more about Jesus through the Scriptures and our Church's teachings in order to grow in our life of faith; in particular, through theme-based readings and reflections on chosen extracts from Pope Francis' encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* (all brothers & sisters) during the 9-day novena: both at our virtual communal prayers and through social media evangelisation (Facebook posts).

Summary of Activities

8th - 16th Jan, **9-Days Novena**

- via Zoom **from 8:30PM** (note: also on the 16.Jan, 9th day prayer which is during the virtual Sinulog 'banquet' via Zoom after the Feast-Eve Mass)

16th Jan, **Feast-Eve Solemn Mass**

- 7:00PM at Blessed Sacrament Church: **all Covid19 safety protocols in place**, will also be livestreamed via Facebook live

Sinulog Banquet (virtual via Zoom)

Money Matters

1. **'Halad kang Señor' (Offering for our Lord) envelopes/online**

- for the benefit of typhoon Rolly (Goni) 0 victims (all of net proceeds less operational expenses) via Caritas Manila by Ria remittance
- numbered and monitored envelopes: posted on request
 - will either be posted back to Peter no later than 3-days before the feast-eve Mass or brought and dropped on a designated basket at the Church entrance upon entry for the Mass
 - the basket shall be brought forward by an official steward and placed at the foot of the Santo Niño altar during offertory (of course, hand-sanitising afterward)
 - the basket shall be securely taken home by Peter and left untouched (quarantined) for 72-hours before accounting
 - (if still there are *pahabol's*, like failure to drop on entry, simply quickly drop on exit; if no envelop, cash may be dropped quickly on exit)
- Alternately, a direct digital transfer payment option to our Nationwide club account (a passbook account) shall also be made available:
 - Account Name: **Santo Nino Leicester**
 - Account Number: **3333 3334** / Sort Code: **070093** / Reference: **0748/703 868 568**
- **Full transparency policy** shall be practiced as we have always done:
 - showing a roster of all numerically ordered numbers of envelope donations and their matching donation amounts; receipts (which also quotes every corresponding envelope number) shall be issued to donors
 - and an alphabetical list of names of donors (real/alias/anonymous); how many are the returned envelopes with donation should match with how many are the names on the roster of envelope donors
 - for those paying online: a roster of alphabetised names shall also be presented that should match with how many entries were paid into our club account as shown in a scanned-copy of our updated account passbook
 - motive: though this sounds complicated, this is to ensure that donors who opt not to reveal the amount of their donation for any personal reasons may do so with whole-hearted happy giving; also 'there is more reward in heaven' from what the Father sees done in secret (cf. Mt 6:4).
- will be promoted well in advance on social media and will be posted to donor on request not later than 1-week before the feast-eve Mass
- **31.January.2021 (end of month) shall be the set deadline** to have received all donations in envelopes and directly into our account.

2. **'Offertory' collections for the parish**

- another basket shall be ready at the exit door for the faithful to drop their offering
- make sure to announce and encourage the faithful to contribute something for the parish too as our gratitude for the use of the Church
- in addition, we shall give some donation as we usually do annually for the parish from our fund

3. **Pamisa (Mass intentions)**

- if some individuals/families would like to offer special Mass intentions, they will be encouraged to privately contact Fr Conde and send their donation well in advance before the feast-eve Mass or otherwise as privately arranged
- in addition, we shall give some stipend for our invited Mass celebrant/presider from our fund

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LITURGY PLAN

Theme :

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Celebrant/Presider: **Rev Fr Claro Conde, CSsR**

Lector/Reader: **Elma Odell**

Music: **Peter Zabala**

Stewards: **(of the parish)**

Santo Niño altar: **Lorenzo Bacus**

Very Important Notes:

- **All Covid19 safety protocols shall be strictly observed**
In addition:
 - **no procession of images**; instead, just carry with you to your assigned seats and there will be general special blessing before the Mass' Final Blessing
 - **special blessing for our niño's and niña's**: just stay on your seats whilst the priest gives the special blessing
- A **Santo Niño altar** shall be prepared at the foot and side of the sanctuary by one (or two socially-distanced) person(s) only
 - **strictly no touching** of the Santo Nino image on this altar; unfortunately, **no selfies** with the altar please (apologies & your kind understanding please)
- A single sheet **Mass Guide** shall be prepared and distributed at the entrance; then, either **binned** on exit of the Church or **taken home**
- **NO 9th day novena prayers (9th day)** prior to the Holy Mass; this will be done later during the virtual Sinolog 'banquet' (via Zoom). Reason: we shall keep our length of stay in the Church to the minimum
- Only a few (4 max) socially-distanced cantors (lead singers) will sing the 4 processional songs (entrance, offertory, communion & recessional) whilst keeping to the minimum the acapella sung Mass responses, the Sanctus & the Memorial Acclamation by the congregation

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

Lord Jesus Christ,
you loved children so much that you said:
"Whoever welcomes a child welcomes me."
Hear our prayers and, with your unfailing protection,
watch over [these children] whom you have blessed with the grace of
baptism.
When [they have] grown to maturity,
grant that [they] will confess your name in willing faith,
be fervent in charity,
and persevere courageously in the hope of reaching your kingdom,
where you live and reign for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

PRAYER SOURCE: *Book of Blessings* by Prepared by International Commission on English in the
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