

# FIESTA SEÑOR 2022

## SANTO NIÑO LEICESTER

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7th-16th of January 2021

Blessed Sacrament Church, Gooding Avenue, Braunstone, Leicester LE3 1JS

[theme: TBC]

### 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 fundraise by donation envelopes as our '*Halad kang Señor*' (Offering for our Lord) for the benefit of a charity (to be agreed).
2. To foster fellowship among devotees and friends through the virtual communal prayers during the 9-days novena, the feast-eve Solemn Mass and the Sinulog Festival feastday celebration.
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 during the 9-day novena: both at our virtual communal prayers and through social media evangelisation (Facebook posts).

### Summary of Activities

7<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> Jan, **9-Days Novena**

- via Zoom **from 7:00PM**  
(special note: the 16.Jan, 9<sup>th</sup> day prayers shall be said after the Feast-Eve Mass later in the evening via Zoom)

15<sup>th</sup> Jan (Sat), **Feast-Eve Solemn Mass**

- 5:00PM at Blessed Sacrament Church

16<sup>th</sup> Jan (Sun), **Sinulog Festival (feastday celebration)**

- [tbc]

## Money Matters

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

- for the benefit of a charity (to be agreed).
- 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.
  - the basket shall be securely taken home by Peter for accounting.
  - (if still there are *pahabol*'s, like failure to drop on entry, simply quickly drop into the baon exit; if no envelop, cash may be dropped quickly on exit)
- **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.
  - 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.2022 (end of month) shall be the set deadline** to have received all donations in envelopes for those who are unable to join the celebrations but would like to offer some donations.

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

- another basket shall be ready as per parish practice for the faithful to drop their offertory gift.
- make sure to announce and encourage the faithful to contribute something for the parish 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.

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### LITURGY PLAN

Theme :

[tbc]

Celebrant/Presider: *(of the parish)*

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 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).
- NO 9th day novena prayers (9th day) prior to the Holy Mass; this will be done after the Feast-Eve Mass later in the evening 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 following parts of Mass: the Alleluia/Gospel Acclamation, 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.**

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