

PRAYER INTENTIONS

-for those who died in January [from 1970 to the present]:

Graham Carney, Gloria Clancy, Kevin McCarthy, Leonard Adams, Margaret Bennett, Beryl McCosker; Ruth Dunmore; Terrence McCluskey; Ronald Myler; Peter Hoynes; Dermid McCosker; Heather Kerrason; Enid Hansen; Nino Pasco; Sharon McCausland; Marjorie Dunlop; Kevin Dailey; Betty Picken; Christine Minehan; Keith Rixon; Joan Margaret Doyle; Anthony Robert Chapman; Philip John Harris; Aubrey James O'Brien; Judith Edith Anne McGuire; Aubrey James O'Brien; Philip John Harris; Lionel Alfred Irwin; Florence Amy Stieger; Lila Faye Dixon; Mary Magdalen Blair; Albert Charles Peterson; Michael Richard Cowled; Betty Eleanor Chapman; Neil Henry Richard Lewis; Kathleen May McInnes; William Aloysius McCosker; Eileen Blanche Morris; Lorna Jean Smith; Olive Marie Ashe; Eugenie Josephine Tutt; Dawn Eileen Bakhsh; Jake David Sunderland; Ivy Linda Pearl Pischke; Marie Therese Kimmence; Frederic John Chappell; Daniel Patrick Gilfuis; Patricia Mary Bradford; Francis Leonard Gaukroger; Joseph Edward William Kelly; Mary Nicholls; Cecil Sydney Willoughby; Mary Madeline Dasey; Barbara Mary Cameron; Paul Whyte (O'Shannessy); Susan Patricia Hoynes; Edith Elizabeth Kennedy; Flora Jean Deane; Stewart Patrick Hough; Gladys Magdalen Skinner; Frank Alwyn Heligman; Carlisle Francis (Jack) Ferris; Keith Leonard Ash; Ronald Archibald Hutton; Geoffrey Clifford Taylor; Keith Raymond Morris; Gordon Mulroy; Stephen John Dalton O'Brien; Alexander Thomas John Shortt; Keith William Kennedy; Kenneth (Tony) Goldman; Patricia Ann McArdle; Michael Daley; Ernest William Langan; Elsie Vera Galvin; Walter William Nichols; Thomas William McGee; Dion John Rynne; Charles John Moffitt; William (Mick) Crittenden; Gordon Stirling; Anthony Jabbour Hanna; Margaret Jane Willoughby; Florence Margaret Paul; Amber Mary Anderson; Sydney Gregory Nichols; Harry Frederick Manuel; George Doyle Lennon; Sarah Kathleen Ryan; Richard Sidney Cook; Elsie May "Peg" Ryan; Margaret Farrell; Edith Florence Cook; Noel Ambrose Coote; Mary Geraldine Britton; Catherine Kent; Christina Susanna McCann; Dianne Lee Baldwin; Albert James Daley; Helena Pearl Doyle; Ernest Molloy Wilkins; Alan Gordon Davis; Raymond Claude Butcher; Geoffry Michael Carrett; Elizabeth Brissett; Eleanor Ann Holden; Raymond Corry; Monica Beatrice Alfred; Stephen John Meiforth; Kathleen Elizabeth Daley.

-PRAYER REQUESTS [from the WEBSITE]:

Agapito Recuerdo; Luz Quintero; Park Hung; Paul Lao; Rosarito Pueblo; Proceso Lindo; Rose Esguerra; Din Kai Man; Salvador Retaso; Chan Cheung Lok; Estelita Franco; Tan Eng Pun; Rosito Ang; Estelito Bernas; Lolita delos Reyes.

-for the SICK:

Agapito & Jesus de Leon; Miriam Ballam; Lisa Hopgood [cousin of Margaret Robinson]; Brian Kennedy [son-in-law of Don & Shirley Thom]; Robert Vanags [Mudgee; Grandfather of Simon & Meg Gaukroger]; Jim Cannons; Flo & Barry Emerson; David Croft; Leonie McFetridge; Eileen Boland; Sue Spackman; Marie Charlston [Glen Innes]; Pam Boulus; Baby Aimee Arun; Florence Irwin; Mary Porchedda; John McCormack; Tootie Rolfe; Joan Fleming; Jacinta Parnell-Major; Monica Turner; Anne Gleeson; Connie Gleeson [sister of Maureen Newbigin]; John Fleming; Angus James McCosker [of Clinton & Holly/in Caberra]; Anne Dale; Robert McCormack; Jevet Cox; Jean Byrnes; Anne Maree Short; Stella Spalding; Lesley Scholz; Frank Tome; Mary Turner; Ted O'Brien; Gwen Zemit [mother of Marie Chie]; Leanne Michael; Betty Brissett; Bill Burke; Sophia Schroder; Colleen Burke; Rebecca Morley; Paul Lavallee; Kath Hiscox; Gordon Clay; Anne Jamieson; Jean Baldwin; Agnes Hannigan; Roz Hardy; Brett Romer; Duncan Henderson; Loral Arnott; Virginia Black; Mitch Fleming; Joseph Dickins; Brian McCormack; Cathy Douglass; Maude Harmon; Pat Croft; James Hogan [brother-in-law of Frank & Mary Jordan]; Barbara Lane; Margaret Pollock; Margaret Spencer; Ruth Tome; Pat McCormack; Michael Castledine; John Lawn.

-for the recently deceased:

Colin Rynne; Doreen Monckton; Stephen Beech McLane; Yvonne Boulous; Allen Francis Smith; Don Thom; Peel James Gainey; Bill Barry; Rebecca Aguadera; Bien Santos [Philippines]; Sue Sharpe; Reg Manvell [Dungowan; father of Deacon Paul Manvell]; Elizabeth Goldman.

-Parish Schedules in advance-

January 26/Monday/ 9:30 am: AUSTRALIA DAY MASS then: Cuppa
January 27/Tuesday: Start of: Term 1
January 30/Friday: 5:30 pm: Mass at Saint Vincent de Paul Centre
January 31/February 1: 4th Sunday in ORDINARY TIME

First Friday Mass
6 February/Friday/12:00 Noon

Parish Schedule of Masses & Liturgical Celebrations; and Activities

17 January/Saturday

12:00 Noon : House Blessing
3:00 pm : **MASS-Ashford** /in lieu of 18 January 2015
[for the repose of the souls of **Ian McMaster** and **Yvonne Boulus**; **Phil Harris**; and **Geof & Peg McCosker**]
6:00 pm : **MASS-Inverell**
[for the repose of the souls of **Ronald William & Marie Fergusson**]
in gratitude for their bequest to the parish]

18 January/Sunday

8:00 am : **LW & HC-Tingha**
9:00 am : **SANTO NINO MASS-Inverell**
[in honour of the Infant JESUS; Misa Pro Populo]
followed by: **Morning Cuppa**
[hosted by the **Filipino Community of Inverell**]

19 January/Monday: NO MASS

20 January/Tuesday

11:30 am : Rosary & Angelus
12:00 Noon : **MASS: Main Church**
[for the repose of the souls of **Anthony Hanna**; **Martina Armstrong**; and **John & Margaret Casey**]
3:00 pm : McLean Hostel Visit

21 January/Wednesday

10:00 am : Hospital Visit
11:30 am : Rosary & Angelus
12:00 Noon : **MASS: Main Church**
or the deceased members of the **Hiscox & McGuinness Families**;
and for the repose of the souls of **Myra & Douglas Ramsey**
3:00 pm : Home Rosary
-PRESBYTERY/81 Vivian Street
4:30 pm : Tingha: Home Rosary

22 January/Thursday

11:30 am : Rosary & Angelus
12:00 Noon : **MASS: Main Church**
[for the deceased Family & Friends of **Nancy Winmill**]
2:30 pm : Home Visit

23 January/Friday

11:00 am : **MASS: McLean Retirement Village**
[for the repose of the souls of **Mary Robbins**; and **Nina Galea**]
3:00 pm : Hospital Visit
5:30 pm : St. Patrick Day Team Meeting/2

24 January/Saturday

11:00 am : Baptism
-Gilbert Knox Robert Dowling of Ashley & Natalie
6:00 pm : **MASS-Inverell**
[for the repose of the soul of **Una Alfred** in gratitude for her bequest to the parish]

25 January/Sunday

7:00 am : **MASS-Tingha**
[for the repose of the soul of **Ian McMaster**]
9:00 am : **MASS-Inverell**
[Misa Pro Populo]
: **LW & HC-Ashford**

AUSTRALIA DAY MASS

26 January/Monday/9:30 am



and

Planting of the TREE of PEACE
in honour of **ANN McCOSKER**

[followed by an AUSSIE CUPPA; please bring dampers/lamingtons to share; etc.]

NEWS and INFORMATION

The Feast of the PRESENTATION of the LORD Mass will be celebrated on the 2nd of February/Monday at 12:00 Noon. There will be Blessing of Candles within the mass; please bring your own candles to be blessed, thanks.

The following day, 3rd of February/Tuesday, is the Feast of Saint Blaise. There will be Blessing of the Throat within the mass: to pray for the healing of throat ailments.

Saint Blaise was a doctor in Sebaste of Armenia, the city of his birth; practiced medicine with miraculous ability, good-will, and piety.

When the bishop of the city died, he was chosen to succeed him, with the acclamation of all the people. His holiness was manifest through many miracles: from all around, people came to him to find cures for their spirit and their body.

In 316, Agricola, the governor of Cappadocia and of Lesser Armenia, having arrived in Sebastia at the order of the emperor Licinius to kill the Christians, arrested the bishop. As he was being led to jail, a mother set her only son, choking to death of a fish-bone, at his feet, and the child was cured straight away. Regardless, the governor, unable to make Blaise renounce his faith, beat him with a stick, ripped his flesh with iron combs, and beheaded him.

From JOE...

This weekend, the FILIPINO Community of Inverell joins the devotees of the Infant Jesus all over the world in celebrating the Feast of Santo Nino. Closely connected with the celebration of the Feast of the Infant Jesus in Cebu [the Visayas Islands] is the tradition called: SINULOG.

In a little way, this will be performed by the Pinoys of our parish at the very start of the mass; the music that will be used is the same music used in Cebu.

Sinulog lasts for nine days, culminating on the final day with the Sinulog Grand Parade. The day before the parade, a Fluvial Procession is held at dawn. The procession ends at the Basilica where a re-enactment of the Christianising of Cebu is performed. In the afternoon, a more solemn procession takes place along the major streets of the city, which last for hours due to large crowd participating in the event.

The Sinulog dance steps are believed to originate from Rajah Humabon's adviser, Baladhay. It was during Humabon's grief when Baladhay was driven sick. Humabon ordered his native tribe to bring Baladhay into a room where the Santo Niño was enthroned, along with the other pagan gods of the native Cebuanos.

After a few days, Baladhay was heard shouting and was found dancing with utmost alertness. Baladhay was questioned as to why was he awake and shouting. Pointing to the image of the Santo Niño, Baladhay explained that he had found on top of him a small child trying to wake him and tickling him with the midrib of the coconut. Greatly astonished, he scared the child away by shouting. The little child got up and started making fun of Baladhay. In turn, Baladhay danced with the little child and explained that he was dancing the "movements of the river."

To this day, the two-steps forward, one-step backward movement is still used by Santo Niño devotees who believe that it was the Santo Niño's choice to have Baladhay dance.

On April 15, 1521, the Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan arrived and planted the cross on the shores of Cebu, claiming the territory for Spain. He presented the image of the child Jesus, the Santo Niño, as baptismal gift to Hara Amihan, wife of Rajah Humabon. Hara Humamay (or Amihan in some versions) was later named, Queen Juana in honor of Juana, mother of Carlos 1. Along with the rulers of the island, some 800 natives were also baptized to the Roman Catholic Church. At the moment of receiving the holy image, it was said that Queen Juana danced with joy bearing this image of the child Jesus. With the other natives following her example, this moment was regarded as the first Sinulog.

This event is frequently used as basis for most Sinulog dances, which dramatize the coming of the Spaniards and the presentation of the Santo Niño to the Queen. A popular theme among Sinulog dances is Queen Juana holding the Santo Niño in her arms and using it to bless her people who are often afflicted by sickness caused by demons and other evil spirits.

VIVA PIT SENYOR!

-on FINANCIAL Matters-

-Plate Collections-

-Weekend Before Last:

-1 st Collection [Presbytery Account]	:	\$	860.80
-2 nd Collection [Church Account]	:	\$	965.70
-Planned-Giving Envelops	:	\$	114.40
-Loose Collection	:		900.00
-Direct Debit	:		
[Excess of: \$ 480.10 per budget]			

-Last Weekend:

-1 st Collection [Presbytery Account]	:	\$	1,038.75
-2 nd Collection [Church Account]	:	\$	1,587.00
-Planned-Giving Envelops	:	\$	163.00
-Loose Collection	:		380.00
-Direct Debit	:		
[Excess of: \$ 630.00 per budget]			

-CHRISTMAS Dues-

-Last Year: \$ 1,742.00

-This Year [running collection]: \$ 1,192.00

2015 Special Collections

[Mandated by the Diocese of Armidale]

7/8 February	:	CCD Collection [Catechists Sunday]
LENT	:	Project Compassion
3 April/Good Friday	:	Holy Places
26 April/Good Shepherd Sunday	:	Education of Clergy & Seminarians
28 June/Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul	:	Peter's Pence
6 September	:	Sick & Retired Clergy
18 October	:	Mission Sunday

NOTES on the

Ordination to the Priesthood

of

Rev. FRANCIS AFU

[13 February/Friday/5:30 pm // Armidale]

A 57-seat coach will be provided by the Inverell Bus Service [courtesy of Jim & Kay Harmon]. Departure from the front of the Church at 2:30 pm on the day of ordination [a few parishioners from TINGHA will join the coach - we have to consider this in managing the time].

Return Fare is \$ 10.00: proceeds from the fare collected will be given to Rev. FRANCIS AFU as a collective gift; pay to reserve a seat directly to: Daphne Dasey [67222008] or Sr. Coral Hedley [67225977].

The coach will depart ARMIDALE immediately after the Ordination Mass [departure details will be announced before disembarking in Armidale].

Fr. FRANCIS AFU will celebrate the masses in Inverell on the weekend of 21/22 February. There will be cuppa after both masses [organised by the Parish PASTORAL Council]. Please bring cakes/bikkies/cookies/slices to share, thanks.

In addition to what is collected as bus fare mentioned above, the Parish FINANCE Committee is encouraging a collective Parish Ordination Gift to Rev. Francis. Those who wish to make a contribution toward this, please give it to any member of the Parish FINANCE Committee or to JOE: a basket is kept in the safe for this purpose.

-Please PRAY that this grace-filled event and journey of Rev. Francis will be a blessing to him, to his family, to the Diocese of Armidale, and to the Church-

2015 CONFIRMATION is on the 2nd of May/Saturday & 3rd of May/Sunday. Please contact JOE [67221103] for more details.