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SANCTUARY LAMPS

Private Intentions x3
Leonardus & Ellen Bossong RIP x3
Private Intention x1

LADY CHAPEL

Toby Philpot

SACRED HEART CHAPEL

Mary

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CORPUS CHRISTI

THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FEBRUARY – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE HOLY FAMILY

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 18TH FEBRUARY 2024 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY 18TH

✠ 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

9.30 am Said Mass in English
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin

*Ps Wk 1
Kai-yin Wong RIP – Anniversary
Pro Populo*

MONDAY 19TH

LENT FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.30 pm Mass (1962 Missal)

Vincent Lourey RIP

TUESDAY 20TH

LENT FERIA

No public Mass today. Private Mass offered for

Saoirse Duffly – sick

WEDNESDAY 21ST

LENT FERIA (ST PETER DAMIAN, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH)

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Fr Clifton's Mother RIP

THURSDAY 22ND

THE CHAIR OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Nikki Smith – sick

FRIDAY 23RD

(Friday Abstinence)

LENT FERIA (ST POLYCARP, BISHOP & MARTYR)

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.00 pm Stations of the Cross

De Burgh Family Deceased RIP

SATURDAY 24TH

LENT FERIA

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Pro Populo

SUNDAY 25TH

✠ 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

9.30 am Said Mass in English
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin
5.00 pm Holy Hour

*Ps Wk 2
Private Intentions
Carmel Howell RIP*

Confessions: Confessions are heard for half an hour before all Masses, or by making an appointment with the Rector.

Exposition & Benediction: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each weekday, except Tuesdays from 12noon – 1pm, and every day, except Tuesdays, from 5pm – 6pm, which includes Vespers, Rosary and Benediction

Eucharistic Prayer Group: Young Adults Prayer Group each Wednesday 7pm in Church with Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary. Contact Annette: ccpguk@gmail.com

REPENT AND BELIEVE

On this First Sunday of Lent we meet Jesus who, after receiving Baptism from John the Baptist in the River Jordan, is subjected to temptation in the wilderness. St Mark's concise narrative lacks the details we read in the other two Gospels of Matthew and Luke. The wilderness referred to has various meanings. It can indicate the state of abandonment and loneliness, the "place" of human weakness, devoid of support and safety, where temptation grows stronger.

However, it can also indicate a place of refuge and shelter — as it was for the People of Israel who had escaped from slavery in Egypt — where it is possible to experience God's presence in a special way. Jesus "was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan". St Leo the Great comments that "The Lord wanted to suffer the attack of the tempter in order to defend us with his help and to instruct us with his example.

What can this episode teach us? As we read in the book *The Imitation of Christ*, "There is no man wholly free from temptations so long as he lives... but by endurance and true humility we are made stronger than all our enemies", endurance and the humility of following the Lord every day, learning not to build our lives outside him or as though he did not exist, but in him and with him, for he is the source of true life.

The temptation to remove God, to arrange things within us and in the world by ourselves, relying on our own abilities, has always been present in human history.

Jesus proclaims that "the time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand", he announces that in him something new happens: God turns to the human being in an unexpected way, with a unique, tangible closeness, full of love; God is incarnate and enters the human world to take sin upon himself, to conquer evil and usher men and women into the world of God. However, this proclamation is accompanied by the request to measure up to such a great gift. In fact Jesus adds: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel". It is an invitation to have faith in God and to convert all our actions and thoughts to goodness, every day. The season of Lent is a favourable moment for renewing and reinforcing our relationship with God, through daily prayer, acts of penance and works of brotherly charity. Let us fervently beg Mary Most Holy to accompany us on our Lenten journey with her protection and to help us to impress the words of Jesus Christ in our hearts and in our lives so as to convert to him.

MASS INTENTIONS

The earliest dates available are now in **May**. If there are any dates you would particularly like, please book them soon to avoid disappointment! There are very few Sundays left. You can use the envelopes at the back of the church or online at maidenlane.org.uk/intentions

CONFESSION

Confessions are heard for half an hour before all Masses, or upon request. Do make use of this wonderful Sacrament which restores our relationship with the Lord.

LENT IS HERE

Lent has begun — that time of prayer, fasting and abstinence ahead of Our Lord's Passion and Resurrection. How are you spending those forty days? I'm sure many of you have thought of things to give up; but what about taking something up as well? Don't just deprive yourself in a dietary fashion, by giving up chocolate or alcohol, but really try to feed your Spiritual Life and your relationship with God. Where does Confession fit into your Lent plan? Why not pick up the Rosary if it has fallen from your grasp. Why not come to Mass during the week as well as Sunday? Here at Corpus Christi on Fridays in Lent, there will be a **Holy Hour with Vespers, Rosary & Benediction from 5pm, followed by Stations of the Cross at 6pm**. Every day we have two Holy Hours, with the Blessed Sacrament exposed. Why not come and spend some extra time with the Lord, Truly Present in the Most Blessed Sacrament? Perhaps bring some spiritual reading with you as well? This year's recommendation is *We Dare To Say* — more info below. The Shrine is open all day every day — so come in if you're in the area. Please don't let this wonderful Lenten opportunity pass you by.

WE DARE TO SAY

Copies of a Lent Course: **We Dare To Say** are available at the back of the church for **£5**. The book features five chapters, each based on a line from the Lord's Prayer. Each chapter includes scripture, prayers and a reflection with questions. The connection of the Our Father with the sacraments and the devotional life is explored, and wisdom from the saints is offered. This five-week course takes us on a journey through the Lord's Prayer, and has been specially prepared for the Year of Prayer, the penultimate year of preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025, Pilgrims of Hope.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE BUILDING FUND

As many of you will remember, last year we had to have some urgent repairs done to the roof. There was a large hole, and a substantial amount of water was coming in, damaging the wood frame of the roof. This work cost around £10k, with a substantial amount going towards scaffolding and the pavement licence to Westminster Council. Through your generosity, we have raised £5,500 towards these costs. We are now trying to collect some money to pay for the remaining **£4,500**. There will be a second collection after Mass, and donations can also be made through our website at maidenlane.org.uk/donate Thank you!

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass is on **Thursday 7th March at 6:30pm**. This month's guest preacher will be **Fr Philip-Thomas Edwards**, Priest in Charge of St Patrick's, Soho Square. Mass will conclude as usual with a period of Adoration and Benediction. To find out more about the Sodality, and to become a member, visit sodality.co.uk

SEVEN DAY LAMPS

Are available at the back of the church for £6, or online at maidenlane.org.uk/lamps. This is the same link if you would like the Sanctuary lamps lit for your intentions.

Our sick parishioners and friends: Natalie Williams, Douglas Adams, Norma Stanes, Phil Bawden, Almudena Dagn, Brona Lynch, Sheena Colman, Christos Hana, Philip Barney, Donna Webb, Christopher Bronne, Sandra Jones, Velrich Fernandes, Kee Ow Peng, Maria Jessiman, Sue Wingfield, Marilyn Bruce-Mitford, Peter Noakes, Tony Pearce, David Jordan, Christopher Browne, Margaret Griffith, Pascal James, Jean Bernard, Brian Keenan, Sid Shepherd, Terry Miles, John Hughes, Nicholas Pollock, Fr Patrick Hayward, Traute Pollock, Noël Tobin, Geoff Smale, David Michael Barrett, John Lynch, Ann Gorman, Janet Seeley **Of your charity — please pray for those who have died recently:** Ann Christine Leece, Johanna Sophia Pretorius, Pauline Lewis, Michael O'Toole, John Hughes, Fr Mark James Leenane, William Blake, Eve Schreiber, Soumaya Tabet, Eugene Owen Monahan, Thomas Hunt, Joy Fleischmann, George Cardinal Pell, Pope Benedict XVI, Veronica Davies, Vivien May Adams, Irene Walters, Gerard Joseph Waddingham KGCHS,