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Private Intentions x3
Leonardus & Ellen Bossong RIP x4

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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 – 11TH FEBRUARY 2024 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 11TH

✠ 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

*Ps Wk 2
Pro Populo
Maureen Doherty RIP*

MONDAY 12TH

FERIA

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

Jane English RIP

TUESDAY 13TH

FERIA

No public Mass today. Private Mass offered for

Lynn Ray – Intentions

WEDNESDAY 14TH

ASH WEDNESDAY

8.00 am Mass (1962 Missal)
12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.30 pm Sung Mass in Latin

Patricia Smith – Intentions

Jessie Stewart RIP

Austin Lloyd RIP – Anniversary

THURSDAY 15TH

LENT FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass

Benjamin C Fuentes Sr RIP

FRIDAY 16TH

LENT FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

(Friday Abstinence)

Eleanor Fuentes – sick

SATURDAY 17TH

LENT FERIA

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Lynn Ray – Intentions

SUNDAY 18TH

✠ 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

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

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

MAKE ME CLEAN

Last Sunday we saw that in his public life Jesus healed many sick people, revealing that God wants life for human beings, life in its fullness. This Sunday's Gospel shows us Jesus in touch with a form of disease then considered the most serious, so serious as to make the person infected with it "unclean" and to exclude that person from social relations: we are speaking of leprosy. Special legislation allocated to priests the task of declaring a person to be "leprous", that is, unclean; and it was likewise the priest's task to note the person's recovery and to readmit him or her, when restored to health, to normal life.

While Jesus was going about the villages of Galilee preaching, a leper came up and besought him: "If you will, you can make me clean". Jesus did not shun contact with that man; on the contrary, impelled by deep participation in his condition, he stretched out his hand and touched the man — overcoming the legal prohibition — and said to him: "I will; be clean".

That gesture and those words of Christ contain the whole history of salvation, they embody God's will to heal us, to purify us from the illness that disfigures us and ruins our relationships. In that contact between Jesus' hand and the leper, every barrier between God and human impurity, between the Sacred and its opposite, was pulled down. This was not of course in order to deny evil and its negative power, but to demonstrate that God's love is stronger than all illness, even in its most contagious and horrible form. Jesus took upon himself our infirmities, he made himself "a leper" so that we might be cleansed.

A splendid existential comment on this Gospel is the well known experience of St Francis of Assisi, which he sums up at the beginning of his Testament: "This is how the Lord gave me, Brother Francis, the power to do penance. When I was in sin the sight of lepers was too bitter for me. And the Lord himself led me among them, and I pitied and helped them. And when I left them I discovered that what had seemed bitter to me was changed into sweetness in my soul and body. And shortly afterward I rose and left the world."

In those lepers whom Francis met when he was still "in sin" — as he says — Jesus was present; and when Francis approached one of them, overcoming his own disgust, he embraced him, Jesus healed him from his "leprosy", namely, from his pride, and converted him to love of God. This is Christ's victory which is our profound healing and our resurrection to new life!

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

The earliest dates available are now in **April**. 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

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday this year falls on **Wednesday 14th February**, which you will have noticed would normally be the feast of St Valentine... **If you're planning a romantic meal that evening, it will have to be small and vegetarian!** There will be three Masses – 8am (1962 Missal), 1:05pm (said, English) and 6:30pm (sung, Latin). Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.

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.

FASTING & ABSTINENCE: THE RULES

Fasting is to be observed by all those between the ages of 18 – 60. The Church defines this as one meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed the main meal in quantity.

The law of Abstinence means refraining from eating meat and is to be observed by all those from the age of 14. Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl. Also forbidden are soups or gravies made from them. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles and shellfish are permitted, as are animal derived products such as margarine and gelatine which do not have any meat taste.

Those who are excused from fast or abstinence: Besides those outside the age limits, those of unsound mind, the sick, the frail, pregnant or nursing women according to need for meat or nourishment, manual labourers according to need, guests at a meal who cannot excuse themselves without giving great offence or causing enmity and other situations of moral or physical impossibility to observe the penitential discipline.

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 £3,500 towards these costs. We are now trying to collect some money to pay for the remaining **£6,500**. 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

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,