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SANCTUARY LAMPS

Maureen Brennan
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Anthony
Teresa Brennan
Stephen Quigley
Ryan-Brereson Families
Deceased Members of Brennan-
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CORPUS CHRISTI THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

JANUARY – MONTH DEDICATED TO
THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS



✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 12TH JANUARY 2025 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

SUNDAY 12TH

✠ THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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

Ps Wk 1
Patricia Ann Murphy – Intentions
Margaret Hegarty – Intentions

MONDAY 13TH

ST HILARY, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

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

Tom Glennon RIP

TUESDAY 14TH

FERIA

No public Mass today. Private Mass offered for

Paola Felipes – Intentions

WEDNESDAY 15TH

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass

No Holy Hour. Apologies. Requiem Mass at Holborn at 6pm for Fr David Barnes.

Francis Duffy RIP

THURSDAY 16TH

FERIA

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Colm & Oonagh O'Neill & Family – Intentions

FRIDAY 17TH

ST ANTHONY, ABBOT

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

(Friday Abstinence)

Theresa Trevett RIP

SATURDAY 18TH

FERIA

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Pro Populo

SUNDAY 19TH

✠ SECOND 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
Ellen McCarthy & Kathleen Everett
Margaret Hegarty – Intentions

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

RAISED TO FILIAL STATUS

With this Sunday following the Epiphany the Christmas Season draws to a close: the time of light, the light of Christ who appears, like the new sun on the horizon of humanity, dispelling the shadows of evil and ignorance. We celebrate today the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus: that Child, Son of the Virgin, whom we contemplated in the mystery of his Birth. We behold him today as an adult immersing himself in the waters of the River Jordan and thereby sanctifying all water and the whole world, as the Eastern Tradition stresses. But why did Jesus, in whom there is no shadow of sin, go to be baptized by John? Why did he perform that gesture of penitence and conversion, beside all those people who in this way were trying to prepare for the coming of the Messiah? That gesture — which marks the start of Christ's public life — comes in continuity with the Incarnation, the descent of God from the highest heaven into the abyss of hell. The meaning of this movement of divine lowering is expressed in a single word: love, the very name of God. The Apostle John writes: "In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him", and he sent him "to be the expiation for our sins". That is why the first public act of Jesus was to receive baptism from John, who, seeing him approaching, said: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world".

Luke the Evangelist recounts that while Jesus, having received baptism, "was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form, as a dove, and a voice came from heaven, 'Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased'". This Jesus is the Son of God who is totally immersed in the will of the Father's love. This Jesus is the One who will die on the cross and rise again through the power of the same Spirit who now descends upon him and consecrates him. This Jesus is the new man who wills to live as the son of God, that is, in love; the man who in the face of the evil of the world, by choosing the path of humility and responsibility he chooses not to save himself but to offer his own life for truth and justice. Being Christian means living like this, but this kind of life involves a rebirth: to be reborn from on high, from God, from Grace. This rebirth is the Baptism, which Christ gives to the Church in order to regenerate men and women to new life. An ancient text attributed to St Hippolytus states: "Whoever goes down into these waters of rebirth with faith renounces the devil and pledges himself to Christ. He repudiates the enemy and confesses that Christ is God, throws off his servitude, and is raised to filial status".

At this moment, I would like to invite you all to remember your own Baptism, the spiritual rebirth that opened the way to eternal life to us. May every Christian, in this Holy Year of Jubilee, rediscover the beauty of being reborn from on high, from the love of God, and live as a child of God.

MASS INTENTIONS

The earliest dates available are now in **April 2025**. To book a Mass, you can use the envelopes at the back of the church or online at maidenlane.org.uk/intentions

FR DAVID BARNES RIP

Fr David's mortal remains will be received at St Anselm and St Cecilia on Kingsway on Wednesday at 4pm. There will be a Requiem Mass there at 6pm. His funeral will be on Thursday at 11am, celebrated by the Cardinal. Please do keep praying for the repose of his soul.

2025 – HOLY YEAR OF JUBILEE

2025 is a Holy Year of Jubilee, which is a time of special graces and opportunities to grow closer to Our Lord. Corpus Christi is a Jubilee Church here in the Diocese of Westminster, and so it is a place of Pilgrimage where you can obtain the special Plenary Indulgences available for the year. There will be a particular sung Jubilee Mass celebrated on **the first Saturday of the month at 11am** as well as various other events during the course of the year. The next one of these Masses will be on **Saturday 1st February**. There will also be an additional Mass in February on **Saturday 22nd February** on the Feast of the Chair of St Peter. For more information about the Jubilee and what's on here, visit maidenlanejubilee.co.uk

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass with Adoration and Benediction will be on **Thursday 6th February at 6:30pm**. To find out more about the Sodality, and to become a member, visit sodality.co.uk

MARIAN APOSTLES GROUP PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE

The Marian Apostles group is organising a pilgrimage to France from Friday 9th to Saturday 24th May 2025 with Tangney Tours. The pilgrimage will be led by Fr Thomas Crean, OP with the Marian Franciscans Sisters. The theme of the pilgrimage is: "Persevering to the end: the need for private and public prayer". Visits include Marian shrines, Paray-le-Monial, Tours, Mont Saint-Michel, and more. Further information and booking forms from Tangney Tours. You can also contact Annabelle at 07733 223 903.

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL

On Friday 29th November, MPs voted at Second Reading to support Kim Leadbeater's dangerous assisted suicide Bill. While the Bill passed its first hurdle, the vote was far closer than many commentators expected, and this is just the start of a long journey through the Commons and Lords before it could become law.

An analysis published in The Independent shows that at least 36 MPs who supported the Bill made it clear they did so only to allow further debate or because they had concerns that mean they won't commit to supporting the Bill at Third Reading.

With the vote passing by a margin of 55, just 28 MPs switching their stance to oppose the Bill would ensure it is defeated at Third Reading. Your MP needs to know there are a large number of people in their constituency who continue to be strongly engaged on this issue and that you want them to oppose the Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill at Third Reading.

That is why it is vital that your MP hears from you now asking them to vote NO at Third Reading. You can write to them through the Right to Life website at righttolife.org.uk/ASvote Pope Francis tells us: "Authentic palliative care is radically different from euthanasia, which is never a source of hope or genuine concern for the sick and dying." Please stand up for life.

Our sick parishioners and friends: Alain de Jager, Mieko Madenokoji, Douglas Adams, Norma Stanes, Phil Bawden, Sheena Colman, Christos Hana, Christopher Bronne, Sandra Jones, Velrich Fernandes, Kee Ow Peng, Maria Jessiman, Marilyn Bruce-Mitford, Peter Noakes, Tony Pearce, David Jordan, Christopher Browne, Margaret Griffith, Pascal James, Brian Keenan, Sid Shepherd, Nicholas Pollock, Fr Patrick Hayward, Traute Pollock, **Of your charity – please pray for those who have died recently:** Fr David Barnes, Evelyn Watkin, Holly Armstrong, Fr Michael Gallagher O.Praem., Lola Pinagli, Sydney Byrne, Sr Carmel of Jesus, Fr Francis Wahle, Fr John Warnaby, Fr Michael Daley, Ann Slater, Ann Christine Leece, Johanna Sophia Pretorius, Pauline Lewis, Michael O'Toole, John Hughes, Fr Mark James Leenane, William Blake,