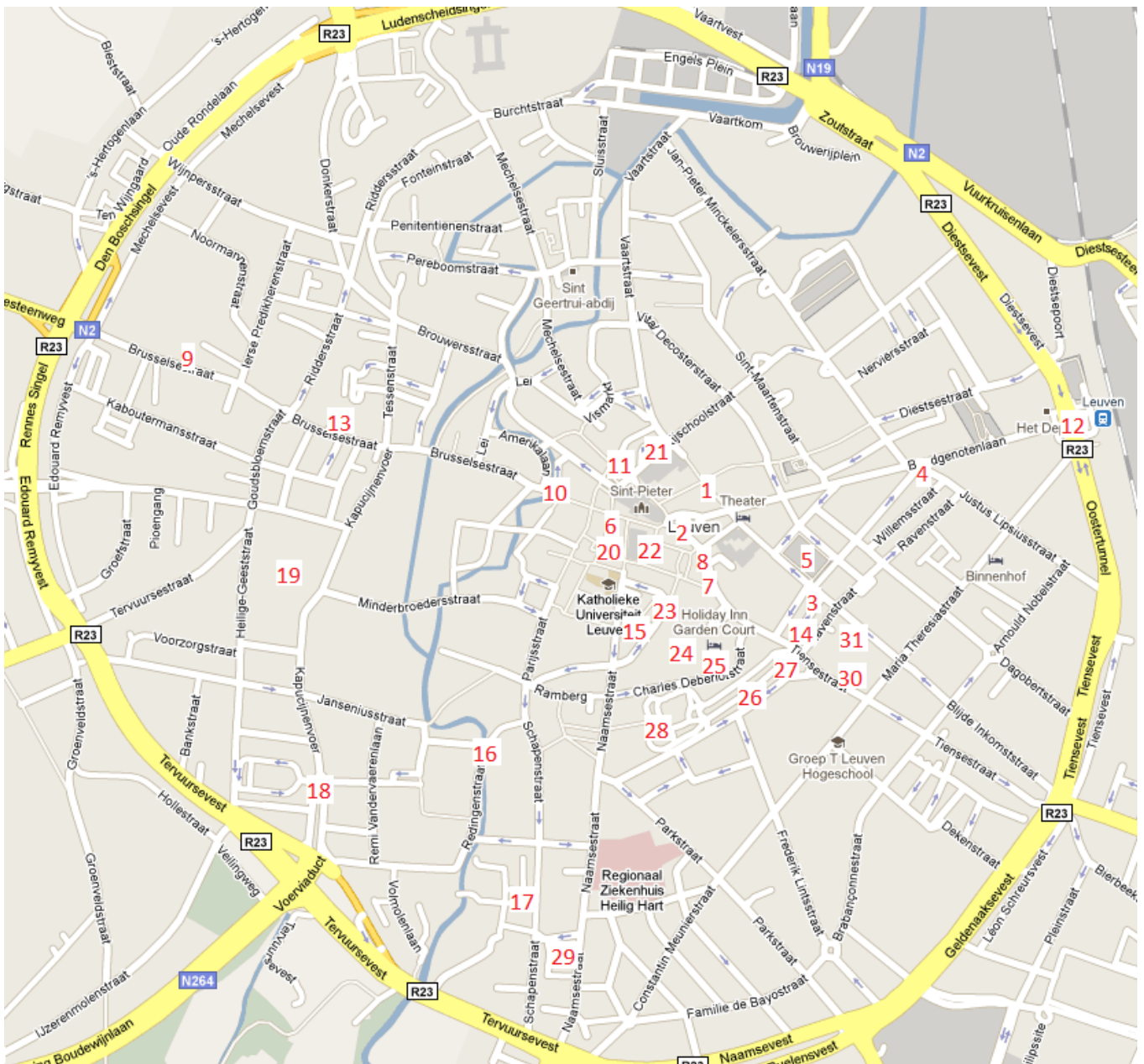


A guide to the statues of Leuven

Including English translations of any inscriptions and brief notes on any relevant background



De Bakkers
1879-1979
Aan de
Bevolking Van Leuven

The Bakers
1879-1979
to the
People of Leuven

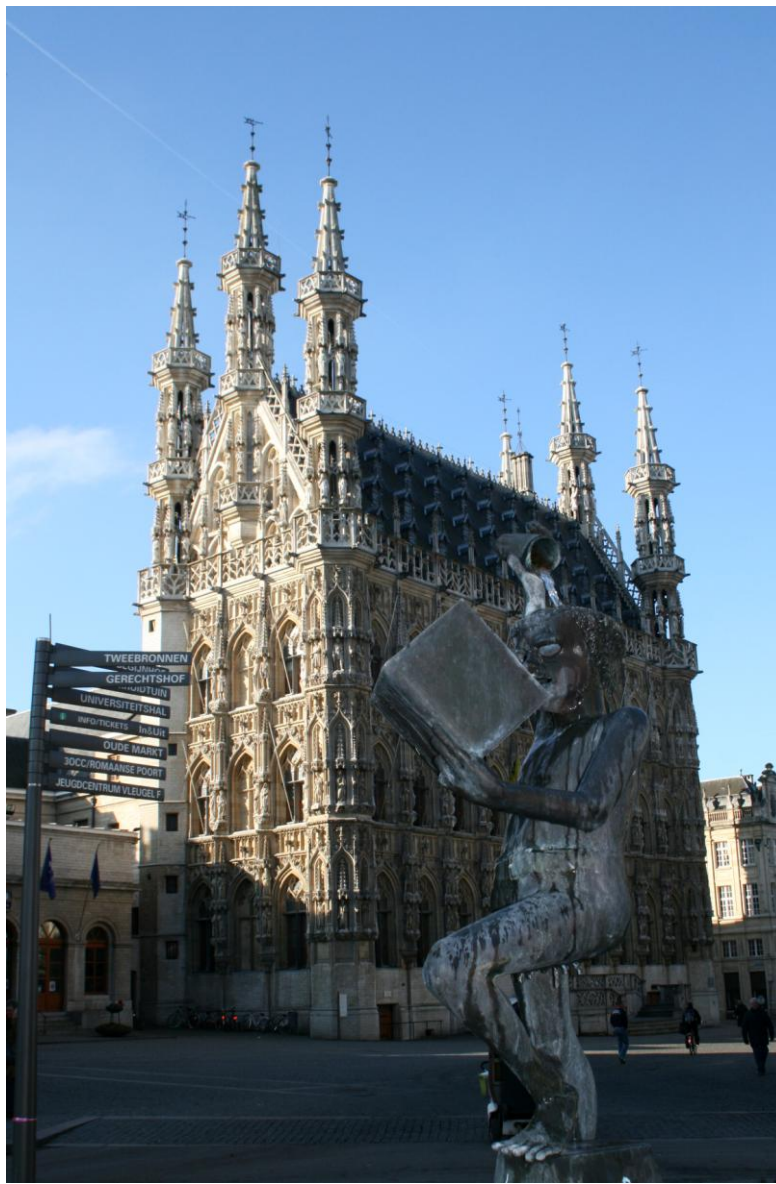


Location: Intersection of Diestsestraat and Vaartstraat

Fons Sapientiae
De Universiteit
Aan de Stad
1425-1975

Fountain of Wisdom
The University
The City
1425-1975

The statue represents a university student who pours wisdom into his head by reading a book.



Location: Grote Markt

Ode Aan de Vriendschap
Aangeboden aan de stad Leuven
Ingerwijd Door Burgemeester Alfred Vansina

Ode to Friendship
Built by the Mannen van het jaar (Men of the Year)



Location: Intersection of Hooverplein and Leopold Vanderkelenstraat

Justo Lipsio
In Alma Universitate
Lovaniensi Professore
A D MCMIX Restitutae
Universitatis LXXV
Leopoldo II
Rege Belgarum

A statue to Justus Lipsius (Joest Lips), who was born in Overijse (Duchy of Brabant) on October 18 1547 and died on 23 March 1606 in Leuven. He was a humanist and Latin Professor at the University of Leuven, from 1579, and was one of the most famous scholars of the 16 century.



Location: Intersection of Louis Melsensstraat and Bondgenotenlaan

The Totem

Built in 2005 to celebrate the 575th birthday of the University of Leuven by Jan Fabre.



Location: University Library square (Ladeuzeplein)

1914

The sword, flame and 1914 carving is found on those buildings on Grote Markt that were rebuilt after being destroyed during the Great War.



Location: Brusselstraat, near Grote Markt

Fiere Margriet
W. Meysmans
35 j. Handelaarsvesbond

Proud Daisy



Location: 35 Tiensestraat

Kattenpomp

1729

*“Twee emmerkes water halen,
Twee emmerkes pompen,
De meisjes met hun klompen
De meisjes van de kattenstraat...”*

Cat Pump (traditional folk song)

“Two buckets of water,
Two bucket pumps,
The girls with their wooden shoes
The girls of Cat Street...”



Location: Intersection of Kattestroot and Tiensestraat

De Koeieschieter
Spotnaam van de Leuvenaar

The Cowshooters
Nickname of the people of Leuven

(based on a folk tale where the militia of Leuven mistook a herd of cattle in the fog for an invading French army during the 1691 siege, and bravely held their ground)



Location: 290 Brusselstraat

Paep Thoon
1430(?) – 1487
P. Vanbekbergen
45 j *Handelaarsverbond*

In honour of Paep Thoon, an organist/jester at the Holy Sacrament of St Peter's church in the 15th century, who used to tell the truth through dark humour.



Location: Intersection of Brusselstraat and the Leie

Erasmus
1467-1536

In honour of the scholar Erasmus, a reformer of the Catholic church and lecturer at the University of Leuven.



Location: Intersection of Mechelsestraat and Penstraat

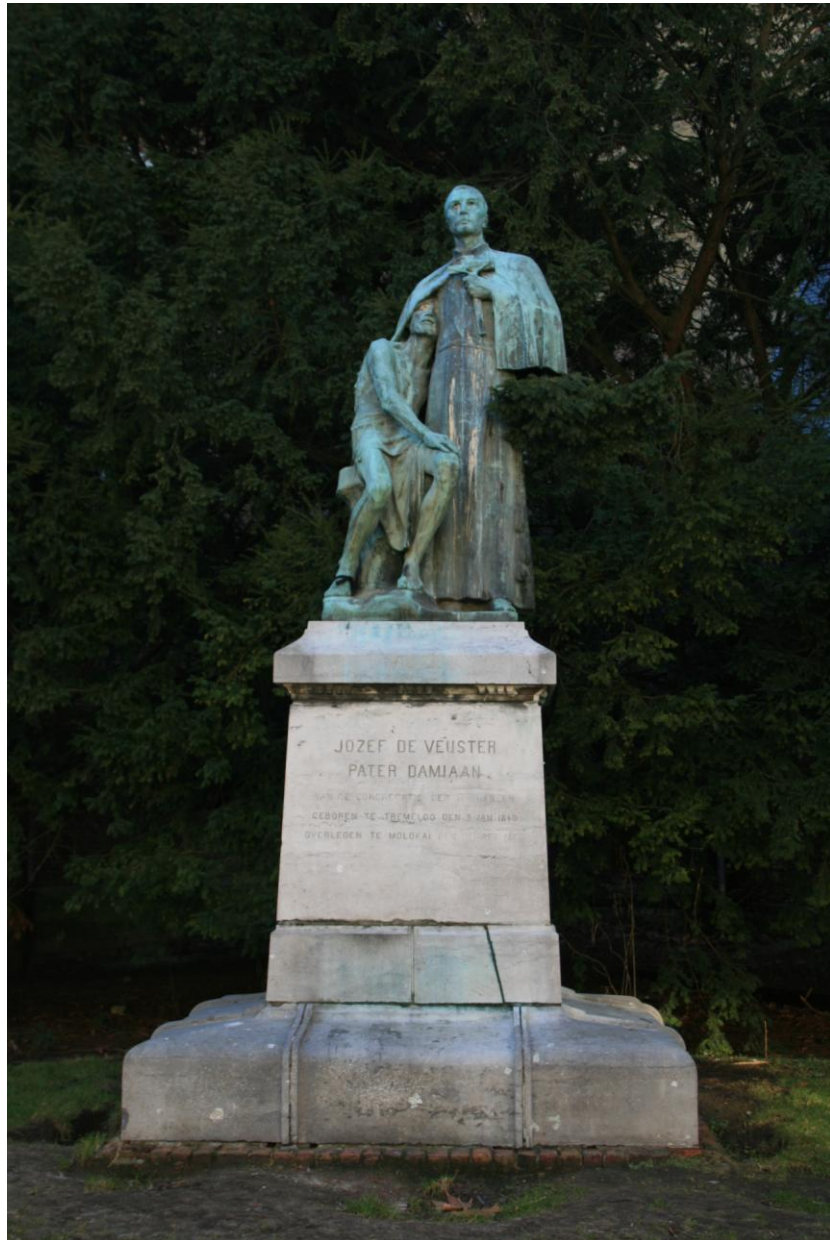
War memorial



Location: Railway Station

Jozef De Veuster
Pater Damiaan
De Concrecatie Der Hhaharten
Ceboren Te Tremeloo Den 3 Jan 1840
Overleden Te Molokai Den 15 April 1889

In honour of Father Damiaan (born Jozef de Veuster), a Catholic Priest born just outside Leuven who was sent as a missionary to Hawai'i to look after lepers. He was canonised for his persistent efforts to grant the lepers dignity, against the custom of the Church. He died of leprosy in 1889.



Location: Augustinian convent on Brusselstraat (c. 1220)

Edouard Remy
1813-1896

In honour of Edouard Remy, an industrialist and factory owner who looked after the needs of the workers.



Location: Hooverplein

Renée
50 jaar Handelaarsverbond Leuven
Stad Leuven Embryo

Reading a book entitled “Loveniers Armand”, the name of the sculptor.

Renée is meant to represent the active female students in Leuven, built near Atrecht College, the first to offer university degrees in teaching to women. It was named after René Depret, head of the Merchants Association of Leuven and the Friends of Leuven Museums, among many other associations.



Location: Intersection of Naamsestraat and Hogeschoolplein

Geluksbrenger

Men wrijve driemaal over den rug van het beest, men grijpe de start met den pink, men lave zich in stilte aan de bron, waarna men in diepe gedachten den ultieme wensch voor zichzelf houdt.

Voor get water druk vooraan met de voet op de zwarte knop

Good luck

Rub the duck three times on the tail to get water
(Actually, to get water pressure use the black button at the front)



Location: Intersection of Redingenhof and Redingenstraat

Water fountain



Location: Groot Begijnhof 39 (outside Convent van Chievres)

Sylvain Van de Weyer

Ne a Louvain le 19 Janvier 1802 Mort a Londres le 23 Mar 1874

Lid van et voorloopig bewind minister van staat buitengewoon cezant en gevolmachtico
minister te londen 1831-1867

Sylvain Van de Weyer was a politician during the Belgian Revolution in 1830 (from the United Kingdom of the Netherlands). He became part of the central committee of the Provisional Government of Belgium and became the diplomatic representatives of the revolutionaries and the ambassador to London. He later became Prime Minister of Belgium.



Location: Intersection of Prosper Poulletlaan and Kapucijnenvoer

Statues of the Botanic Gardens



Location: Hortus Botanicus Lovaniensis,
between Heilige-Geeststraat and Kapucijnenvoer

De Kotmadam

Statue by Fred Bellefroid built in 1984 in honour of the kotmadam. “Kot” is Flemish slang for a student room, and the “kotmadam” is the landlady of the building, who would prepare meals for the students, tidy their rooms and help them when help was needed.



Location: Oude Markt

Pieter Coutereel
14 EEUW

Dedicated to Pieter Coutereel, Mayor of Leuven in 1348 and leader of the Leuven Uprising of 1360, in which non-nobles were first allowed a say in the running of the city



Location: Ferdinand Smoldersplein

The Town Hall Garden



Location: Stadhuis garden, Naamsestraat

Andre Dumont
1847-1920

Hij onidekte de steenkool in de diepten van der Kempengrond

Discoverer of coal in Campine, on the 1st of August 1901



Location: Hogeschoolplein

Statues of Paus Adriaan VI college



Location: Paus Adriaan VI college, between Hogeschoolplein and Charles Deberiotstraat

Pieter de Somer
Rector 1966-1985

The first lay rector of the University, biologist and founder of the Rega Institute



Location: Back of Paus Adriaan VI college, Charles Deberiotstraat

*Dit Beeld werd geschonken door
De "Mannen van 60" Aan de Stad Leuven
Ingeduldigd 10/09/2000
Door Eremarraine Wendy Van Wanten
En voorzitter van de "Mannen van 60"
Christian Smets*

This sculpture was given by the "Men of 60" and the City of Leuven on 10/09/2000

In memory of those drafted into the crossbow corpse (always 60 men strong) who trained along this pathway, outside the inner wall



Location : Herbet Hooverplein entrance of Donatus's Park

*Wus is Hu
Die Weten Wil
Waar Abraham
De Mosterd Haalt*

A wise Abraham knows where to look for the mustard

Abraham is what men are called in Leuven after they reach 50, and "knowing where to look for mustard" is a sign of wisdom



Location : Herbet Hooverplein entrance of Donatus's Park

Atrechtcollege

Functional chinese astrolobe



Location : Ruteriuspad

Statues of Groot Begijnhof



Location : Groot Begijnhof

Eugene Dodeigne
Man en Vrouw
1975

“Man and Woman”



Location: Erasmus House, Tiensestraat

Vallend paard (1988)

Rik Poot

Beeldhouwer (1924-)

“Falling Horse”



Location: Erasmus House, Tiensestraat