

UPDATES: Parish Office - Please contact the office for all enquiries: (+352) 661 127 962 / parish@catholic.lu Office hours are 08:00 - 12:00 Mon - Fri.

Leaving Luxembourg

As I announced at Mass last weekend, I will be leaving Luxembourg at the end of September to take up the post of Dean of St Edmund's College, Cambridge. After eight happy years here with the English-speaking Catholic community, the Lord is calling me on. Despite the present restrictions on our gatherings, our community is in good shape: full of faith, welcoming, vibrant and generous. We are praying for a successor who, working alongside Fr HP, can take the the community forward. Keep up those prayers!

Fr HP will be out of action for the next few weeks due to a broken wrist. We are looking for priests to cover my holiday time at the end of this month. The office is as busy as ever!

We continue to broadcast and record our 11:30 Mass on FaceBook, and have viewers in the US, UK, Ireland and Australia, to name but a few places we reach; this has been one useful discovery we have made: that it's relatively simply to reach many others who can't be with us in person, but who wish to be with us in spirit. Another joyful discovery has been the further creation of 'sacred spaces' in our homes, a little 'holy corner' that can help in our personal and family prayer. God our Redeemer can bring good out of even the most challenging circumstances. Fr Ed.

New times and arrangements for Sunday Mass: Please note the change of times in Sunday Masses in English: **11.30 am and 6.30 pm**. Please wear a mask. There will be no entry from the courtyard, only by the main doors. We have volunteer welcomers at each Mass who will show you to your seat, provide direction for coming up to receive Holy Communion and leaving the church at the end of Mass, so that we maintain social distancing.

The collection will be taken as you leave the church. Thank you for your support with these measures - we are trying to keep our community safe!

Children's Liturgy: There will be no Children's Liturgy during the 11.30 am Mass over the summer. The team hope to re-start for the new school year.

First Holy Communion 2020: This has now been moved to the weekend of 14-15 November 2020. If you have children making their First Holy Communion, please keep this weekend free. More information to follow.

Confirmation programme for adults: If you have not received the sacrament of confirmation and would be interested in enrolling in a preparation programme for adults, please contact the parish office in the first instance: parish@catholic.lu

If you have a notice for next week please contact the parish office before 12 noon on Wednesday.

MASS SETTING : Mass of St Alphonse

OPENING HYMN : Walk with me

*Walk with me, oh my Lord,
Through the darkest night
and brightest day
Be at my side, oh Lord,
Hold my hand
and guide me on my way.*

1. Sometimes the road seems long,
My energy is spent.
Then, Lord, I think of you
And I am given strength
2. Stones often bar my path,
And there are times I fall,
But you are always there
To help me when I call.

3. Just as you calmed the wind
And walked upon the sea
Conquer, my living Lord
The storms that threaten me.
4. Help me to pierce the mists
That cloud my heart and mind,
So that I shall not fear
The steepest mountain-side.
5. As once you healed the lame
And gave sight to the blind
Help me when I'm downcast
To hold my head up high.

PSALM 84 : Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

Response:
Let us see, O Lord, your mer - cy and give us your sa - ving help.

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS : We are gathering together

1. We are gathering together unto him,
We are gathering together unto him,
Unto him shall the gathering of the people be,
We are gathering together unto him.
2. We are offering together unto him,
We are offering together unto him,
Unto him shall the gathering of the people be,
We are offering together unto him.
3. We are singing together unto him,
We are singing together unto him,
4. Unto him shall the gathering of the people be,
We are singing together unto him.
5. We are praying together unto him,
We are praying together unto him,
Unto him shall the gathering of the people be,
We are praying together unto him.

COMMUNION : Oh the love of my Lord is the essence

1. Oh, the love of my Lord is the essence
of all that I love here on earth.
All the beauty I see he has given to me
and his giving is gentle as silence.
2. Every day, every hour, every moment
have been blessed by the strength of his love.
At the turn of each tide he is there at my side,
and his touch is as gentle as silence.
3. There've been times when I've turned
from his presence,
and I've walked other paths, other ways.
But I've called on his name
in the dark of my shame,
and his mercy was gentle as silence.

COMMUNION II: I will be with you

*I will be with you wherever you go,
go now throughout the world,
I will be with you in all that you say,
go now and spread my word.*

1. Come walk with me on stormy waters,
Why fear? Reach out and I'll be there.
2. And you, my friend, will you now leave me,
or do you know me as your Lord?
3. Your life will be transformed with power
by living truly in my name.
4. And if you say, 'Yes Lord, I love you,'
then feed my lambs and feed my sheep.

RECESSIONAL : O Lord, my God

1. O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hand has made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.*
2. When through the wood and forest glades
I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.
3. And when I think of God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.
4. When Christ shall come
with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart;
When I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim: my God,
how great thou art.