

UPDATES: www.catholic.lu - **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.

Weekend Masses: 7.30 pm Saturdays (vigil), Sundays 11.30am and 6.30pm. We are limited to 100 worshippers at Mass. Please arrive early or try to attend one of the evening Masses rather than the 11.30 Mass. Please wear a mask and disinfectant gel will be available. You will be shown to a seat by one of the welcomers. Thank you for your support and understanding. Fr Michael.

Livestreaming of Mass: The Sunday 11.30 Mass is live-streamed via our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/stalphonseluxembourg/live

Weekday Masses: The Wednesday 6.15pm Mass at St Alphonse is celebrated every week in English by Fr Michael.

Reconciliation during Lent: Fr Michael will be available to hear confessions from 5.30-6.00pm on Wednesdays during Lent before the 6.15pm Mass. Please wait by the Blessed Sacrament altar.

Marriage preparation: At the moment it is difficult to organise our usual face to face marriage preparation workshops. However, if you are intending to get married in the next year, marriage preparation is available online via webcam with Marriage Care UK. Please contact the parish office for more information: parish@catholic.lu

Children's Liturgy takes place via Zoom before Sunday Mass at 10.30am. Children must be enrolled and parents will be sent the Zoom invitation. Please contact the parish office to register.

Donations to the English-speaking Catholic Community: please note that we have a new bank account for donations by bank transfer: Friends Int. Cath. Engl. Cath. Comm. LU10 0019 5155 8196 2000. If you have recently made a donation via the old bank account, it is still open and we are able to transfer the money across. Members of our finance committee have been working very hard on an online payment facility via the website and information will be published once it is set up.

A NOTE ON LENT : We began Lent on Ash Wednesday, receiving the sign of the cross in ash on our foreheads. It would seem quite ironic having such a visible religious sign when Jesus warns against hypocrites who make a big show of religiosity; but there is an important distinction to be made. We wear this outward sign to show *inward* change: we wish to turn our hearts towards God – we wish to receive God's mercy anew. As a community – all of us sinners, all of us asking the Lord to renew us. The challenge: what small act can we perform daily during Lent as a sign of our desire for God, our prayer that God will renew us, and our commitment to those around us? We have this opportunity, and it's never too late to accept the challenge and make an effort that will be good for us and for others. Fr Michael

MASS SETTING : Mass of St Alphonse

OPENING HYMN : Be thou my vision

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| <p>1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought in the day
and the night,
Waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.</p> <p>2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.</p> <p>3. Be thou my breastplate,
my sword for the fight;
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my might;
Be thou my soul's shelter,
and thou my high tower:</p> | <p>Raise thou me heavenward,
O power of my power.</p> <p>4. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
Be thou mine inheritance,
through all my days:
Thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.</p> <p>5. High King of heaven, when battle is done,
Grant heaven's joy to me,
O bright heaven's sun;
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.</p> |
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PSALM 115 : I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living



Response: I will walk in the pre-sence of the Lord in the
land of the liv - ing. I will walk in the pre-sence of the
Lord in the land of the liv - ing.

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS : Take our bread

*Take our bread, we ask you,
Take our hearts, we love you,
Take our lives, oh Father,
We are yours, we are yours.*

1. Yours as we stand at the table you set,
Yours as we eat the bread
our hearts can't forget.
We are the signs of your life with us yet;
We are yours, we are yours.
2. Your holy people
stand washed in your blood,
Spirit-filled, yet hungry,
we await your food.
Poor though we are,
we have brought ourselves to you:
We are yours, we are yours.

COMMUNION : Amazing Grace

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.
3. Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home
4. The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my Shield and Portion be,
As long as life endures

COMMUNION II: Open our eyes, Lord

1. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch him and say that we love him;
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen;
O, open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

RECESSIONAL : How great thou art

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.