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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

The Octave of Our Lady 2021 begins on the fourth Sunday after Easter, 25 April, when all the linguistic communities and the wider Church in Luxembourg usually join together in a special Mass at the Cathedral at 10.30am called the “Messe du Peuple de Dieu” or “Mass of the People of God”. It is a special and historical occasion. The name of the Mass is a reference to the Book of Revelation:

“I looked, and there was an enormous crowd - no one could count all the people! They were from every race, tribe, nation and language, and they stood in front of the throne and of the Lamb.”

The tradition of the Octave of Our Lady, Mother of God goes back almost 400 years to the 1620s. At the time, Europe was riven by sectarian conflict during the Thirty Years War and the population had been decimated by the plague. The people of Luxembourg identified Our Lady, Mother of God, as “Consoler of the Afflicted” - and a pilgrimage to and veneration of the statue of Our Lady began, which continues to the present day.

The full programme can be found on cathol.lu. With the pandemic there will be no processions this year and numbers at all Masses and services will be limited to 100.

Octave Mass in English: As part of the Octave programme Fr Michael will be celebrating Mass in the cathedral on Monday 3 May at 6pm and members of our community will lead the music and the liturgy of the word. Places are limited to 100. Please reserve seats for this Mass via the parish office: parish@catholic.lu

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MASS SETTING : Mass of a Joyful heart

OPENING HYMN : Rejoice in the Lord always

Rejoice in the Lord always
and again I say rejoice x2
Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice!

PSALM 117 :

Melody

Harmony

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows a musical score for the opening hymn. It consists of two staves. The top staff is labeled 'Melody' and the bottom staff is labeled 'Harmony'. The melody is written in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The harmony is written in a bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS : The Servant King

1. From heaven you came helpless babe
Entered our world, your glory veiled
Not to be served but to serve
And give your life that we might live
*This is our God, the Servant King
He calls us now to follow him
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King*
2. There in the garden of tears
My heavy load he chose to bear
His heart with sorrow was torn
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said



COMMUNION : Now the green blade rises

*Now the green blade rises
from the buried grain,
Wheat that in the dark earth
many years has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat
that springeth green.*

1. In the grave they laid him,
Love whom men had slain,
Thinking that never he would wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain
that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again,
like wheat that springeth green.

2. Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain;
quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat
that springeth green.
3. When our hearts are wintry,
grieving or in pain,
Thy touch can call us back to life again;
Fields of our hearts that dead
and bare have been:
Love is come again,
like wheat that springeth green.

COMMUNION II: Father, I believe

1. Father, I believe (x 3),
I believe, I believe in you.
2. Jesus, I believe ...
3. Spirit, I believe ...

RECESSIONAL : Bind us together, Lord

*Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together with love.*

1. There is only one God,
There is only one King,
There is only one Body,
That is why we sing:
2. We are the family of God,
We are the promise divine,
We are God's chosen desire,
We are the glorious new wine.