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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](https://www.facebook.com/stalphonseluxembourg/live)

**Octave Mass in English:** As part of the Octave programme Fr Michael will be celebrating Mass in the cathedral on this coming 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 by Monday 3 May 9 am: [parish@catholic.lu](mailto:parish@catholic.lu)

**The Octave of Our Lady 2021** began last weekend. 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](http://cathol.lu). With the pandemic there will be no processions this year and numbers at all Masses and services will be limited to 100.

**Advance warning:** Confirmation will be celebrated here Sunday 16 May at the 11.30am Mass. Due to the Covid restrictions and the number of candidates we regret that there will only be reserved seats for the candidates and their families. The Mass will be live-streamed but please find an alternative opportunity to attend Mass: 7.30 pm (vigil), 6.30pm (Sunday) or in your local parish. Thank you for your understanding and please pray for the candidates. Fr Michael.

**Accommodation required:** A salaried research student, who is a member of our community, is looking for a one bedroom apartment for a long-term let, preferably in the Belval area. If you can help at all, please contact the parish office in the first instance - [parish@catholic.lu](mailto:parish@catholic.lu)

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### **MASS SETTING : Mass of a Joyful Heart**

### **OPENING HYMN : Abide with me**

1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see;  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.
3. I need Thy presence every passing hour.  
What but Thy grace can foil  
the tempter's power?  
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord,  
abide with me.
4. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave,  
thy victory?  
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.
5. Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom  
and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks,  
and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me

**PSALM 21:** You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly



**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 : A new commandment**

*A new commandment I give unto you,  
That you love one another as I have loved you,  
That you love one another as I have loved you.*

1. By this shall all men know that you are my disciples,  
if you have love one for another. x2
2. You are my friends if you do what I command you.  
Without my help you can do nothing. x2
3. I am the true vine, my Father is the gardener  
Abide in me, I will be with you. x2
4. True love is patient, not arrogant nor boastful,  
Love bears all things, love is eternal.

**COMMUNION II: Ubi caritas**

Ubi caritas, et amor, ubi caritas, Deus ibi est x2

**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,  
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. Made for the glory of God,  
Purchased by his precious Son.  
Born with the right to be free,  
Jesus the victory has won.
3. We are the family of God,  
We are the promise divine,  
We are God's chosen desire,  
We are the glorious new wine.