

International English-speaking Catholic Community, Parish of Luxembourg Notre-Dame
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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 can now admit more than 150 worshippers but we ask you to maintain a safe distance between households of 2 metres. Please arrive early and wear a mask; 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

Volunteers needed for Children's liturgy at the 11.30 Mass for children from the age of 3. If you could assist with the group on a rota basis, please contact the parish office: parish@catholic.lu. Please note that the Zoom sessions are no longer running.

Pastoral & Community Life sub-committee: the Pastoral Council is looking forward to future events and this sub-committee needs some new members to help with the planning. For more information please contact the parish office.

Ilula Orphanage Program: Sonya will be selling small gifts from Tanzania in aid of IOP before and after the 11.30 Mass this weekend - an opportunity to buy some Christmas presents and support the children in the orphanage and school.

Donations to the English-speaking Catholic Community : a number of parishioners have commented that they no longer carry cash. Please consider making a donation via bank transfer or even better, set up a monthly direct payment: **Friends Engl. Cath. Comm. LU10 0019 5155 8196 2000.**

Donations can also be made via your mobile using Digicash (payconiq)

Thank you for all your donations - your generosity is much appreciated.



Masses at Christmas in English:

Christmas Eve -24 December - 4pm (children/family Mass), 8.30pm.

Christmas Day - 25 December 11.30am, no evening Mass. 26 December - 11.30am, 6.30pm.

1 January - 10am - Mass in French, German and English, 7.30pm (Vigil). 2 January - 11.30am, 6.30pm.

MASS SETTING: Mass of St Alphonse

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 : Sing and shout for joy

Response:
Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the
Ho- ly One of Is - ra - el.

The image shows two staves of musical notation. The first staff is in 4/4 time and contains the melody for the first line of the hymn. The second staff is in 4/4 time and contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS : Table of Plenty

*Come to the feast of heaven and earth!
Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need
Here at the table of plenty.*

1. O come and sit at my table
where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely
to share the cup of my love.
2. O come and eat without money;
come to drink without price.

My feast of gladness will feed your spirit
with faith and fullness of life.

3. My bread will ever sustain you
through days of sorrow and woe.
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness
to flood the depths of your soul.
4. Your fields will flower in fullness;
your homes will flourish in peace.
For I, the giver of home and harvest,
will send my rain on the soil.

COMMUNION I : O come, O come Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee,
O Israel.*

2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the Law
in cloud and majesty and awe.
3. O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;

from depths of hell thy people save,
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

4. O come, thou key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.
5. O come, desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of all humankind;
bid every sad division cease,
and be thyself our Prince of Peace.

COMMUNION II : Wait for the Lord

Wait for the Lord, his day is near;
Wait for the Lord, keep watch, take heart.



RECESSIONAL : Ready the Way

*Ready the way, ready the way,
ready the way of the Lord.
Ready the way, ready the way,
ready the way of the Lord.*

1. Make straight the road,
raise the valleys,
and mountains make low.
Turning from sin,
let the broken be whole,
and ready the way of the Lord.

2. As we wait for you,
give us the strength
to walk in your truth,
so we may love more like you
and ready the way for you, Lord.
3. Let us see your face;
in our hearts we prepare a place.
Come bring this world
your mercy and grace,
as we ready the way for you, Lord.