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

**Fr Ed's final Mass** with the English-speaking Community will be on Sunday 20 September at 11.30 with Cardinal Hollerich. If you would like to attend this Mass, please contact the parish office.

**Farewell collection for Fr Ed:** If you wish to contribute to a gift for Fr Ed, a donation can be made via the parish bank account on the 'Giving' tab on [catholic.lu](http://catholic.lu). Please include in the reference "Fr Ed's gift".

**Fr Michael Cusack CSsR** has been confirmed by the Cardinal as Fr Ed's successor. He will arrive in early October in Luxembourg.

**Weekday Masses at St Alphonse:** the 7.30 am Mass has been cancelled until further notice.

**First Holy Communion 2020 important update:** This will be celebrated at two special Saturday Masses: 11.00 am on 14 and 21 November. More information will be sent out via email.

**Rosary:** you are invited to join in saying the Rosary on Sundays either from 10.30 am in the Garden Room or from 5.30pm before evening Mass.

**Bible study:** Fr HP is re-launching the Bible study group this month. The group will meet once a month and will start Wednesday 23 September 2020. The meeting will be in the Salle Saint Ignace at the Jesuit House, 23 Avenue Gaston Diderich (Belair). More information can be found in the leaflet below. You do not have to attend every session but please contact the parish office in advance to enrol. The usual Covid-19 restrictions will be observed.

**Samaritan's Purse / Operation Christmas Child - Christmas in a Shoebox Appeal:** The 2020 Christmas-in-a-shoebox season is starting this Sunday. Due to Covid-19 even more children are deprived as the poor communities are typically worst hit by the pandemic. Hence, we feel compelled more than ever to help. Due to the social distancing and sanitary precautions, we will be running the appeal until the end of October 2020, but in a slightly different way. If you wish to fill your own box, empty boxes with instructions will be available on a table outside the main doors of the church. Filled boxes can be dropped off during any English speaking mass on Saturdays or Sundays from mid September until the end of October. Unfortunately, there will be no stand to purchase pre-packed boxes this year. Instead, you can make a donation and we will pack the boxes for the amount received. The base price for a filled shoebox, including transportation fees, is 30 Euros. All boxes are packed with great care and with good quality items. Samples will be on display. You can transfer the money to the parish account via the *Giving* tab on [catholic.lu](http://catholic.lu) and mention "Shoebox appeal 2020" in the reference. Thank you for your support - Shoebox team.

**Attending Sunday Mass:** Please note the change of times in Sunday Masses in English: 11.30 am and 6.30 pm. We are reaching capacity with seats available in St Alphonse at the 11.30 Mass. Please arrive in good time for Mass wearing a mask so the welcomers can seat people as efficiently as possible under Covid restrictions. If you arrive and the church is already full, you may unfortunately be turned away - there is Mass in French at 12 noon at the cathedral. We are trying to add extra chairs where we can safely. Alternatively the Sunday evening 18.30 Mass has more space at the moment, so please consider attending that Mass. Thank you for your understanding.

**Children's Liturgy:** There is no Children's Liturgy during the 11.30 am Mass at the moment. Arrangements for the new school year will be announced soon.

**Confirmation programme for adults:** If you would be interested in enrolling in a preparation programme for adults, please contact the parish office in the first instance: [parish@catholic.lu](mailto:parish@catholic.lu)

**If you have notices for the newsletter, please contact the parish office before Wednesday.**

**MASS SETTING : Mass of St Alphonse**

**OPENING HYMN : Christ be beside me**

1. Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,  
Christ be behind me, King of my heart;  
Christ be within me, Christ below me,  
Christ be above me never to part.
2. Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,  
Christ all around me, shield in strife;  
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,  
Christ in my rising, light of my life.
3. Christ be in all hearts thinking about me,  
Christ be in all tongues telling of me,  
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,  
In ears that hear me, Christ ever be.

## PSALM 102 : The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Response: The Lord is com - pass - ion and love,  
slow to an - ger and rich in mer - cy.

## PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS : We are gathering together unto him

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.

## COMMUNION : Freely, freely

1. God forgave my sin in Jesus' name  
I've been born again in Jesus' name  
And in Jesus' name I come to you  
To share His love as He told me to  
  
*He said: 'Freely, freely,  
you have received, freely, freely give  
Go in My name, and because you believe  
Others will know that I live.'*

2. All power is given in Jesus' name  
In earth and heaven in Jesus' name  
And in Jesus' name I come to you  
To share his power as He told me to.
3. God gives us life in Jesus' name,  
He lives in us in Jesus' name,  
And in Jesus' name I come to you  
To share his peace as he told me to.

## COMMUNION II: Abba Father

*Abba, Abba, Father.  
You are the potter; we are the clay,  
the work of your hands.*

1. Mould us, mould us and fashion us  
into the image of Jesus, your Son,  
of Jesus, your Son.
2. Father, may we be one in you.  
May we be one in you as he is in you,  
and you are in him.

3. Glory, glory and praise to you.  
Glory and praise to you forever, amen,  
forever, amen.

## RECESSINAL : 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.