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UPDATES: 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.

Masses this weekend will be celebrated by Father Michel Remery, Diocesan youth chaplain.

Fr Michael Cusack CSsR will arrive in Luxembourg next week.

Vigil Mass: With increasing numbers at Mass the priests with the Pastoral Council have decided to re-start the Vigil Mass from Saturday 17 October at 7.30pm to allow time for disinfecting.

7.30am Weekday Masses at St Alphonse are cancelled till 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 has been sent out via email.

Volunteers needed: please consider joining one of the rotas for the weekend Masses in one or more of the following roles: Eucharistic Minister, Reader, Welcomer. Please email the parish office to register your interest and for more information: parish@catholic.lu

Conférence Saint Yves invites you to a talk entitled 'Catholic presence in the Holy Land', Thursday 8 October at 7pm in the Church of St Alphonse. Details are on catholic.lu or at the back of church.

Christmas in a Shoebox Appeal: We only have 47 boxes so far and last year we sent almost 400! If you wish to fill your own box, empty boxes with instructions are available outside the main doors of the church. Filled boxes can be dropped off during any English speaking mass until the end of October. Alternatively the base price for a filled shoebox, including transportation fees, is 30 Euros and the team of volunteers will pack a box for you. You can transfer the money to the parish account with "Shoebox appeal 2020" in the reference: *Paroisse Europ. / Section anglophone; LU18 0019 3755 5648 2000*.

Children's Liturgy starts today in the Garden Room at 11.15. Children must be enrolled in order to attend as numbers are limited. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Confirmation programme for adults: if you are interested in joining this, please contact the parish office for further information.

Message from Fr Ed:

I am currently in Cambridge in quarantine, and have had the time and space to reflect on my time with you in Luxembourg, and on the wonderful Mass on Sunday – the great spirit of joy (albeit tinged with sadness) so evidently present is still with me. It has been a true privilege to minister with you and to be part of a community that is so alive, so attentive and joyful in prayer, and so sensitive and generous to those in need.

Before I focus on Sunday, a word about the previous Wednesday evening when I received a wonderful surprise. I celebrated the French Mass, and noticed Kristine in the congregation, which was unusual for a weekday. At the end of Mass, I was invited into the garden where I was ambushed by a gospel choir! Caroline and other members, who had given the gospel music workshop for us last year, were assembled and sang various songs they had taught us. It was a wonderful, touching half hour – many thanks to all involved.

Back to Sunday. A big 'thank-you' to everyone who contributed in any way to Sunday's celebration – I know that there were teams at work setting up the 'garden church', welcoming (and disinfecting!), serving, reading, distributing communion, and, of course, making music (especial thanks to Klaus to came from Italy to sing 10,000 reasons).

I was overwhelmed by the kind words said by the Cardinal, Alex Isaebert, John and Nicola; while the praise was being heaped on me, I just wanted to hold up a giant mirror so the praise would go to you too, who deserve it.

The presentation to me, including the superb watercolour of Luxembourg and the photo album, was very generous indeed, as were the individual gifts I received, and I am truly grateful. I have a dilemma, though: I have decided to buy a bicycle, but can't decide whether I will buy a pedal bike to keep me fit, or give in to my advancing age and buy an electric/hybrid one: should I give in to the temptation of an easy life or not... I'll let you know what I decide!

I hope to be back in Luxembourg from time to time and to catch up with you after Mass.

Once again, a huge 'thank-you' to everyone. Please keep me in your prayers, as I keep you in mine. Every good wish, and God Bless, Fr Ed.

MASS SETTING : Mass of Joy

OPENING HYMN : Our God reigns

1. How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him Who brings good news, good news Proclaiming peace, announcing news of happiness Our God reigns, our God reigns
Our God reigns, our God reigns
Our God reigns, our God reigns
2. You watchmen lift your voices joyfully as one Shout for your King, your King

3. See eye to eye the Lord restoring Zion Our God reigns, Our God reigns!
4. Waste places of Jerusalem break forth with joy We are redeemed, redeemed The Lord has saved and comforted his people Our God reigns, Our God reigns!
5. Ends of the earth, see the salvation of your God Jesus is Lord, is Lord Before the nations he has bared his holy arm Your God reigns, your God reigns!

PSALM 24: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel



Response: The vine - yard of the Lord is the House of Is - ra - el.

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS : Gift of Finest Wheat

*You satisfy the hungry heart
with gift of finest wheat,
come give to us O saving Lord,
the bread of life to eat.*

1. As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice; so when you call your family Lord, we follow and rejoice.
2. With joyful lips we sing to you, our praise and gratitude, that you should count us worthy Lord, to share this heavenly food.

3. Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ outpoured? Do not one cup, one loaf declare our one-ness in the Lord?
4. The mystery of your presence Lord, no mortal tongue can tell; whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell.
5. You give yourself to us O Lord, then selfless let us be, to serve each other in your name in truth and charity.

COMMUNION : Give thanks with a grateful heart

1. Give thanks with a grateful heart Give thanks to the Holy One Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son x2

2. And now let the weak say, "I am strong" Let the poor say, "I am rich" Because of what the Lord has done for us" x2

COMMUNION II : You are my all in all

*Jesus, Lamb of God
Worthy is your name
Jesus, Lamb of God
Worthy is your name*

1. You are my strength when I am weak You are the treasure that I seek You are my all in all Seeking you as a precious jewel

Lord, to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all

2. Taking my sin, my cross, my shame
Rising again I bless your name
You are my all in all
When I fall down you pick me up
When I am dry you fill my cup
You are my all in all.

RECESSINAL : God's spirit is in my heart

1. God's Spirit is in my heart, He has called me and set me apart. This is what I have to do, what I have to do.
*He sent me to give
the Good News to the poor,
Tell prisoners that they
are prisoners no more,
Tell blind people that they can see,
And set the downtrodden free
And go tell everyone the news*

*that the Kingdom of God has come,
And go tell everyone the news
that God's kingdom has come.*

2. Just as the Father sent me, So I'm sending you out to be My witnesses throughout the world, The whole of the world.
3. Don't worry what you have to say, Don't worry because on that day God's Spirit will speak in your heart, Will speak in your heart.