

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.

Weekend Masses: 7.30 pm Saturdays (vigil), Sundays 11.30am and 6.30pm. We are now 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/

Weekday Masses: The Wednesday 6.15pm Mass at St Alphonse is celebrated every week in English by Fr Michael.

7.30am Weekday Masses at St Alphonse are cancelled till further notice.

Christmas and New Year Masses:

Christmas Eve: 4pm Vigil Mass for families; 8.30pm.

Christmas Day: 11.30am and 5pm.

26th December: 7.30pm (Vigil Mass). 27th December: 11.30am and 6.30pm.

1 January: Feast of Holy Mother of God - 11.30am.

P. René Heime CSsR, RIP: Many of you will know P. René Heim CSsR, who went peacefully to his eternal reward early Wednesday morning. We ask you to pray for the repose of his soul and we ask for prayers for his family and all who grieve his passing. May he rest in peace.

Light into Darkness Ecumenical Service at St Alphonse Wednesday 16 December: An opportunity to pray for hope and light with Christians from the Anglican Community and All Nations Church, for those who live in the shadow of darkness. A prayer station will be available from 1 pm and the service starts at 7pm.

Urgent requirement for an apartment /house for a family in need in Luxembourg. All areas of the country would be considered and they can offer 3 months deposit. Please contact the parish office in the first instance if you can help: parish@catholic.lu

IOP - special call for sponsorships: The charity is in great need of our support due to Covid-19. There is an increasing number of children/young people who need financial help in order to go to school. Education is the surest way to end the cycle of poverty in this region of Africa - Please help by becoming a sponsor to a child in Tanzania for just €20 euro a month - perhaps you'd like to give a sponsorship as a gift for Christmas or you can make a one off donation of your choosing to IOP Luxembourg asbl - LU27 0019 3955 9582 3000. Thank you for your support.

Christmas raffle tickets for IOP are for sale outside the church or by contacting Sonya: contact@iopluxembourg.org

Children's Liturgy takes place via Zoom before Sunday Mass at 10.30am. Children must be enrolled and parents will be sent the Zoom invitation. Please contact the parish office to register.

If you have a notice, please contact the parish office before noon on Wednesday.

MASS SETTING : Mass of a Joyful Heart

OPENING HYMN : 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.*

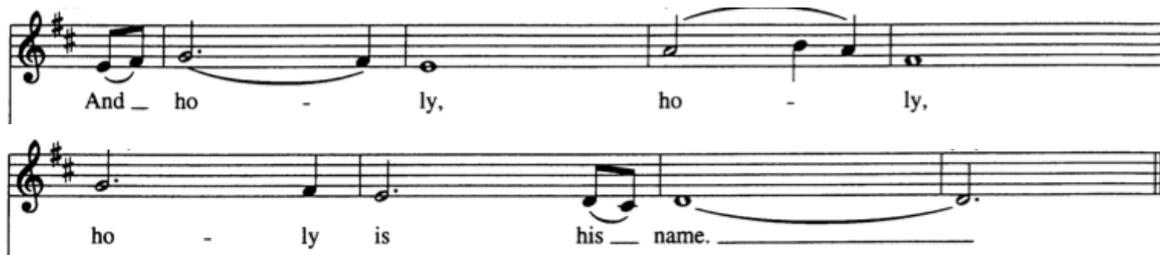
2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the Law
in cloud and majesty and awe

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 humankind;
bid evr'y sad division cease
and be thyself our Prince of Peace.

RESPONSE TO THE READINGS : My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord



1. My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
And my spirit exalts in God my Saviour
For he has looked with mercy
on my lowliness
And my name will be forever exalted
For the mighty God has done great things for me
And his mercy will reach from age to age
2. He has mercy in every generation
He has revealed his power and his glory
He has cast down the mighty in their arrogance
And has lifted up the meek and the lowly
He has come to help his servant Israel
He remembered his promise to our fathers.

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 : This is my body

1. This is my body broken for you
bringing you wholeness, making you free
Take it and eat it and when you do
Do it in love for me.
2. This is my blood poured out for you
bringing forgiveness, making you free
Take it and drink it and when you do
do it in love for me.
3. Back to my Father soon I shall go
Do not forget me, then you will see
4. Filled with my Spirit, how you will grow
You are my branches, I am the tree
If you are faithful, others will know
you are alive in me.
5. Love one another, I have loved you
and I have shown you how to be free
serve one another, and when you do
do it in love for me.

COMMUNION II: Wait for the Lord (Taizé)

Wait for the Lord, his day is near.

Wait for the Lord, keep watch, take heart

RECESSIONAL : 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*
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.

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