

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.

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.

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.

The parish office will be closed between 23 December and 3 January.

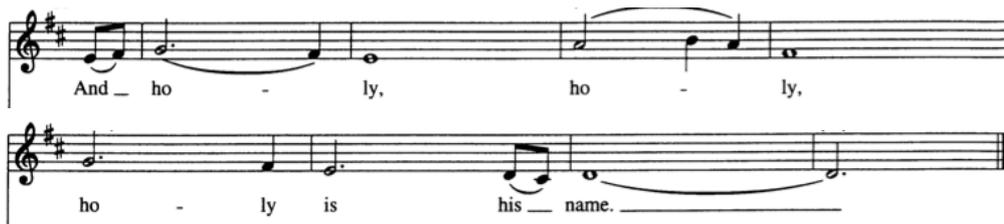
MASS SETTING : Mass of St Alphonse

OPENING HYMN : The Angel Gabriel from heaven came

1. The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
'All hail,' said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favoured lady.' Gloria!
2. For know, a blessed Mother thou shalt be,
all generations laud and honour thee,
thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold;
most highly favoured lady.' Gloria!
3. Then gently Mary meekly bowed her head,
To me be as it pleaseth God,' she said.
4. 'My soul shall laud
and magnify his holy name';
Most highly favoured lady. Gloria!
4. Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ was born
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout the world
will ever say
'most highly favoured lady.' Gloria!



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 : 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.

COMMUNION : Come, O long-expected Jesus

1. Come, O long expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Free us from captivity.
2. Israel's strength and consolation,
You the hope of all the earth,
Dear desire of every nation,
Come and save us by your birth!
3. Born thy people to deliver;
Born a child and yet a King!
Born to reign in us forever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.
4. By your own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By your self-sufficient merit
Raise us to your glorious throne.

COMMUNION II: As I kneel before you

1. As I kneel before you,
as I bow my head in prayer,
take this day, make it yours
and fill me with your love.
*Ave Maria,
Gratia plena,
Dominus tecum,
Benedicta tu.*
2. All I have I give you,
every dream and wish are yours,
Mother of Christ,
Mother of mine, present them to my Lord.
3. As I kneel before you,
and I see your smiling face,
ev'ry thought, ev'ry word
is lost in your embrace.

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.