

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 are 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.

Marriage preparation: At the moment it is difficult to organise our usual face to face marriage preparation workshops. However, if you are intending to get married in the next year, marriage preparation is available online via webcam with Marriage Care UK. Please contact the parish office for more information: parish@catholic.lu

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.

Donations to the English-speaking Catholic Community: please note that we have a new bank account for donations by bank transfer: Friends Int. Cath. Engl. Cath. Comm. LU10 0019 5155 8196 2000. If you have recently made a donation via the old bank account, it is still open and we are able to transfer the money across. Members of our finance committee have been working very hard on an online payment facility via the website and information will be published once it is set up.

A NOTE ON LENT : We began Lent on Ash Wednesday, receiving the sign of the cross in ash on our foreheads. It would seem quite ironic having such a visible religious sign when Jesus warns against hypocrites who make a big show of religiosity; but there is an important distinction to be made. We wear this outward sign to show *inward* change: we wish to turn our hearts towards God – we wish to receive God's mercy anew. As a community – all of us sinners, all of us asking the Lord to renew us. The challenge: what small act can we perform daily during Lent as a sign of our desire for God, our prayer that God will renew us, and our commitment to those around us? We have this opportunity, and it's never too late to accept the challenge and make an effort that will be good for us and for others. Fr Michael

MASS SETTING : Mass of St Alphonse

OPENING HYMN : Here I am to worship



So, here I am to wor-ship, here I am to bow down, here I am to
say that You're my God. And You're al - to - geth - er love - ly, al - to - geth - er
wor - thy, al - to - geth - er won - der - ful to me.

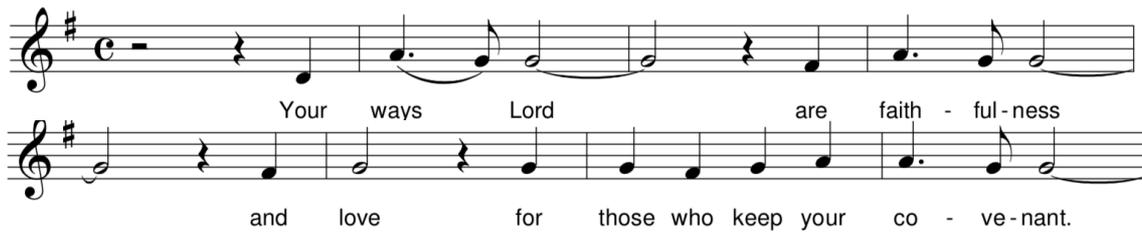
1. Light of the world
you stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see;
beauty that made this heart adore you
hope of a life spent with you.
2. King of all days, oh, so highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above;

humbly you came to the earth you created
all for love's sake became poor

after 3rd refrain:

I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross;
I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost...

PSALM 24 : Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love



PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS : In bread we bring you Lord

1. In bread we bring you Lord, our body's' labour
In wine we offer you our spirit's grief.
We do not ask you, Lord, who is my neighbour?
But stand united now, one in belief.
For we have gladly heard your word, your holy word
And now in answer, Lord, our gifts we bring.
Our selfish hearts make true, our failing faith renew,
Our life belongs to you, our Lord and King.
2. The bread we offer you is blessed and broken,
And it becomes for us our spirit's food.
Over the cup we bring, your Word is spoken;
Make it your gift to us, your healing blood.
Take all that daily toil plants in our heart's poor soil,
Take all we start and spoil, each hopeful dream.
The chances we have missed, the graces we resist,
Lord, in thy Eucharist, take and redeem.

COMMUNION : O let all who thirst

1. O let all who thirst
Let them come to the water
And let all who have nothing
Let them come to the Lord
Without money, without price
Why should you pay the price
Except for the Lord?
2. And let all who seek
Let them come to the water
And let all who have nothing
Let them come to the Lord
Without money, without strife
Why should you spend your life
Except for the Lord?
3. And let all who toil
Let them come to the water
And let all who are weary
Let them come to the Lord
All who labor without rest
How can your soul find rest
Except for the Lord?
4. And let all the poor
Let them come to the water
And let the ones who are laden
Let them come to the Lord
Bring the children without might
Easy the load and light
Come to the Lord

COMMUNION - REFLECTION: Adagio - Albinoni (Lisa & Kristine)

RECESSIONAL : Be not afraid

1. You shall cross the barren desert
but you shall not die of thirst
You shall wander far in safety
though you do not know the way
You shall speak your words in foreign lands and
all will understand
You shall see the face of God and live
*Be not afraid, I go before you always
Come follow me and I will give you rest.*
2. If you pass through raging waters
in the sea you shall not drown
If you walk amidst the burning flames
you shall not be harmed
If you stand before the power of hell and death
is at your side
Know that I am with you through it all
3. Blessed are the poor,
for the Kingdom shall be theirs
Blessed are you that weep and mourn
for one day you shall laugh
And if wicked men insult and hate you
all because of me
Blessed, blessed are you.