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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/live

The Octave of Our Lady 2021 begins on the fourth Sunday after Easter, 25 April, when all the linguistic communities and the wider Church in Luxembourg usually join together in a special Mass at the Cathedral at 10.30am called the “Messe du Peuple de Dieu” or “Mass of the People of God”. It is a special and historical occasion. The name of the Mass is a reference to the Book of Revelation:

“I looked, and there was an enormous crowd - no one could count all the people! They were from every race, tribe, nation and language, and they stood in front of the throne and of the Lamb.”

The tradition of the Octave of Our Lady, Mother of God goes back almost 400 years to the 1620s. At the time, Europe was riven by sectarian conflict during the Thirty Years War and the population had been decimated by the plague. The people of Luxembourg identified Our Lady, Mother of God, as “Consoler of the Afflicted” - and a pilgrimage to and veneration of the statue of Our Lady began, which continues to the present day.

The full programme can be found on cathol.lu. With the pandemic there will be no processions this year and numbers at all Masses and services will be limited to 100.

Octave Mass in English: As part of the Octave programme Fr Michael will be celebrating Mass in the cathedral on Monday 3 May at 6pm and members of our community will lead the music and the liturgy of the word. Places are limited to 100. Please reserve seats for this Mass via the parish office: parish@catholic.lu

Advance warning: Confirmation will be celebrated here Sunday 16 May at the 11.30am Mass. Due to the Covid restrictions and the number of candidates we regret that there will only be reserved seats for the candidates and their families. The Mass will be live-streamed but please find an alternative opportunity to attend Mass: 7.30 pm (vigil), 6.30pm (Sunday) or in your local parish. Thank you for your understanding and please pray for the candidates. Fr Michael.

Donations to the English-speaking Catholic Community: please note the new bank account for donations by bank transfer: Friends Int. Cath. Engl. Cath. Comm. LU10 0019 5155 8196 2000.

MASS SETTING : Mass of Hope

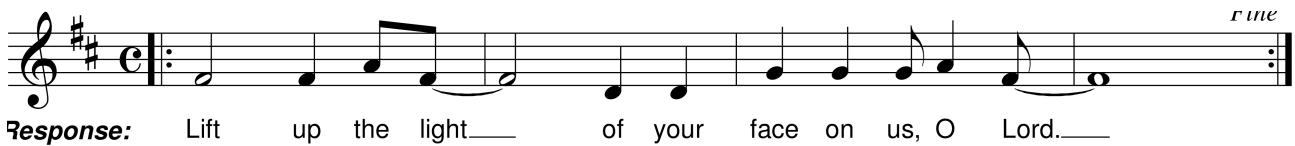
OPENING HYMN : You are my All in All

*Jesus, Lamb of God
Worthy is your name
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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.

PSALM 4: Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord



Response: Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS : Table of Plenty

*Come to the feast of heaven and earth!
Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need
Here at the table of plenty.*

1. O come and sit at my table where saints and sinners are friends. I wait to welcome the lost and lonely to share the cup of my love.

2. O come and eat without money; come to drink without price. My feast of gladness will feed your spirit with faith and fullness of life.

COMMUNION : Lord, you have come to the seashore

1. Lord, you have come to the seashore Neither searching for the rich nor the wise, desiring only that I should follow

*O Lord, with your eyes set upon me,
gently smiling,
you have spoken my name;
all I longed for
I have found by the water.
At your side, I will seek other shores.*

2. Lord, see my goods, my possessions; in my boat you find no power, no wealth Will you accept then my nets and labour?

COMMUNION II: I am the Bread of life

1. I am the bread of life. He who comes to me shall not hunger; he who believes in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father draw him.

*And I will raise him up,
and I will raise him up,
and I will raise him up on the last day.*

2. I am the resurrection, I am the life. He who believes in me even if he die, he shall live for ever.

3. Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who has come into the world.

RECESSATIONAL : I will be with you

*I will be with you wherever you go,
go now throughout the world,
I will be with you in all that you say,
go now and spread my word.*

3. Your life will be transformed with power by living truly in my name.
4. And if you say, 'Yes Lord, I love you,' then feed my lambs and feed my sheep.

1. Come walk with me on stormy waters, Why fear? Reach out and I'll be there.
2. And you, my friend, will you now leave me, or do you know me as your Lord?