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**Weekend Masses:** 7.30 pm Saturdays (vigil), Sundays 11.30am and 6.30pm. We can now admit more than 150 worshippers but we ask you to maintain a safe distance between households of 2 metres. Please arrive early and wear a mask; 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](https://www.facebook.com/stalphonseluxembourg/live)

**Masses at Christmas in English:** **24 December** - 4pm (children/family Mass), 8.30pm. **25 December** 11.30am, no evening Mass. **26 December** - 11.30am, 6.30pm. **1 January** - 10am - Mass in French, German and English, 7.30pm (Vigil). **2 January** - 11.30am, 6.30pm.

**Volunteers needed for Children's liturgy** at the 11.30 Mass for children from the age of 3. If you could assist with the group on a rota basis, please contact the parish office: [parish@catholic.lu](mailto:parish@catholic.lu). Please note that the Zoom sessions are no longer running.

**Pastoral & Community Life sub-committee:** the Pastoral Council is looking forward to future events and this sub-committee needs some new members to help with the planning. For more information please contact the parish office.

**Advent Extra:** A limited number of copies of this Redemptorist magazine will be on sale at all Masses from this weekend, price 5 Euro.

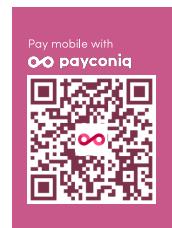
**Ilula Orphanage Program:** Sonya will be selling raffle tickets after Mass on the next few Sundays for the draw on 11 December. More details are available on the notice board and [catholic.lu](http://catholic.lu)

**Sewing help needed:** The social workers at the refugee / asylum-seeker reception centre (Centre de Primo-Acceuil, 293 route d'Arlon, Strassen) are looking for a volunteer to help a weekly women's sewing group. If you are willing to give the group basic sewing instructions (for example, in the use of the centre's sewing-machines), please contact Delphine (tel. :+352 621 813 858; email: [delphine.onan@croix-rouge.lu](mailto:delphine.onan@croix-rouge.lu)).

**[luxyouth.lu](http://luxyouth.lu):** visit this site to discover information on activities for young people in Luxembourg, the opportunity to participate in World Youth Day with Pope Francis and lots more.

**Advent Concert next Saturday 4 December 14.00 in St Alphonse:** in aid of SoS Children's Villages Latvia mission Tickets are 25 Euro, children free, includes a raffle. See noticeboard or [catholic.lu](http://catholic.lu) for more information.

**Donations to the English-speaking Catholic Community** can be made via bank transfer by bank transfer: Friends Engl. Cath. Comm. LU10 0019 5155 8196 2000. Donations can also be made via your mobile using Digicash (payconiq)

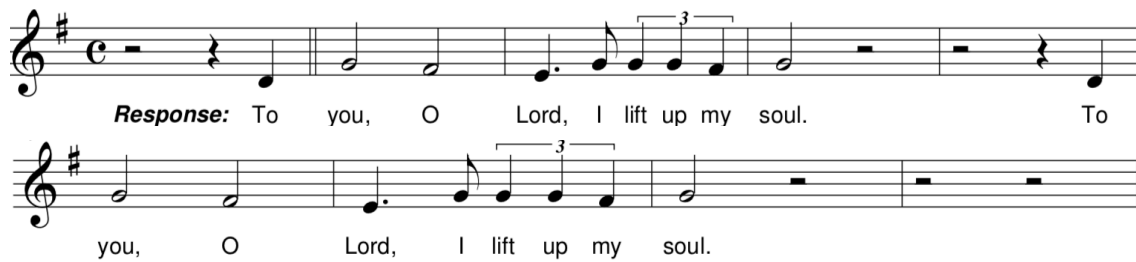


## **MASS SETTING: Mass of Hope**

### **OPENING HYMN: O come, O come Emanuel**

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.

## Psalms 24 (25): To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul

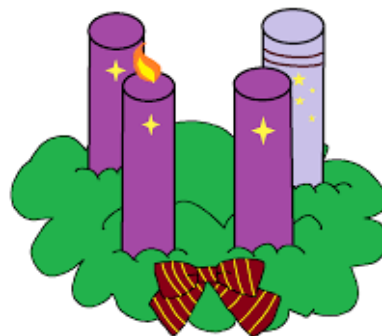


## PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS : In bread we bring you Lord

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 : As the deer pants for the water

1. As the deer pants for the water  
So my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship you:  
*You alone are my strength, my shield*  
*To you alone may my spirit yield.*  
*You alone are my heart's desire*  
*And I long to worship you.*
2. I want you more than gold or silver,  
Only you can satisfy.
3. You're my friend, and you are my brother  
even though you are a King  
I love you more than any other  
So much more than anything.



## COMMUNION II : Wait for the Lord (Taizé)

Wait for the Lord, his day is near;  
Wait for the Lord, keep watch, take heart

## 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.