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**Weekend Masses:** 7.30 pm Saturdays (vigil), Sundays 11.30am and 6.30pm. Most Covid restrictions have now been lifted and it is your personal choice whether you wear a mask.

**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)

**Children's liturgy** for children from the age of 3. If you would like to register your child for this group please contact the parish office: [parish@catholic.lu](mailto:parish@catholic.lu)

**Ascension Day 26 May:** there will be **no Mass in English on this day**. You are invited to attend the French Mass at St Alphonse at 10am or to attend Mass in your local parish. The Feast of the Ascension will be celebrated Sunday 29 May.

**Synod 2021-2023:** the final report and reports from the discussion groups from the English-speaking Catholic Community can be found at: [www.catholic.lu/synod-2021-2023](http://www.catholic.lu/synod-2021-2023)

**Tea/coffee after the 11:30 Mass:** Refreshments have resumed after the 11.30 Mass; donations for the Ilula Orphanage Program. Please try to remember to bring your own cup for yourself and your children (paper cups are available) to reduce our impact on the environment.

**Young adults Sunday get together:** The young adults of our community (between approx 20 -40 years) continue to meet informally at the Fischer Café at about 12.30pm after the 11.30 Mass - all welcome.

**Advance notice- plant fair** Sunday 5 June after 11.30 Mass: a chance to donate and/or buy outdoor & indoor plants, packets of seeds, pots - all proceeds to charity. Start potting up now!

**Outdoor Mass - Sunday 19 June** - we will resume the annual tradition of celebrating the 11.30 Mass in the garden of the Archbishop's residence at 3 Avenue Marie-Thérèse, followed by a picnic. Please bring your own picnic and something to sit on. (There will be no BBQ)

**Hear the Cry of the Earth; hear the cry of the poor.** (Pope Francis) This week's suggestion from the Diakonia group: I'll try to avoid foods in plastic packaging and remember to have my shopping bags with me.

**Baptisms and marriages:** If you would like your son/daughter baptised or you are planning to get married, please contact the parish office in the first instance.

**Understanding the Liturgy :** The Liturgy of the Word is one of the "two tables" of the Mass: we are nourished first from the table of Holy Scripture. We have an opportunity to listen to what the Lord has to say to each of us. The Liturgy of the Word prepares our hearts, minds and souls to receive the body, blood, soul and divinity of Christ in the Eucharist.

**Donations to the English-speaking Catholic Community :** Please consider making a donation via bank transfer or even better, set up a monthly direct payment:

**Friends Engl. Cath. Comm. LU10 0019 5155 8196 2000.**

Donations can also be made via your mobile using Dicash (payconiq)

Thank you for all your donations - your generosity is much appreciated.



**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. \_\_\_\_\_

## MASS SETTING : Mass of Joy

PSALM 66: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!



**Response:** Let the peo-ples praise you, O God; let all the peo-ples praise you!

## PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS: Into your presence

1. Take as our offering the bread and the wine,  
Fruit of our labour and work of our hands.  
Into your presence we bring them.  
Take as our offering the lives that we lead.  
Bless all our efforts to grow in your love.  
Into your presence we enter.
2. In the bread and the wine,  
You give us hope with your presence.  
In the bread and the wine,  
we are made whole in your giving.
3. Take as our offering the music we sing.  
Songs of rejoicing for your gift of love.  
Into your presence we bring them.  
Take as our offering the joy in our hearts.  
For in this gathering you come to give life.  
Into your presence we enter.

## 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

- I am still with you, and you will know  
you're very close to me.
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: Oh the love of my Lord is the essence

1. Oh, the love of my Lord is the essence  
of all that I love here on earth.  
All the beauty I see he has given to me  
and his giving is gentle as silence.
2. Every day, every hour, every moment  
have been blessed  
by the strength of his love.  
At the turn of each tide  
he is there at my side,  
and his touch is as gentle as silence.

3. There've been times  
when I've turned from his presence,  
and I've walked other paths, other ways.  
But I've called on his name  
in the dark of my shame,  
and his mercy was gentle as silence.

## RECESSATIONAL : Sing it in the valleys

*Sing it in the valleys,  
Shout it from the mountain tops;  
Jesus came to save us,  
And his saving never stops.  
He is King of Kings,  
And new life he brings,  
Sing it in the valleys,  
Shout it from the mountain tops, (Oh!)  
Shout it from the mountain tops.*

1. Jesus, you are by my side,  
You take all my fears  
if I only come to you,  
you will heal the pain of years.
2. You have not deserted me,  
Though I go astray  
Jesus take me in your arms  
Help me walk with you today.