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UPDATES: www.catholic.lu - Parish Office - Please contact the office for all enquiries: (+352) 661 127 962 / parish@catholic.lu New office office hours are 08:30 - 12:30 Mon - Fri. Please telephone the office before calling in.

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil Mass 7.30pm, Sundays 11.30am and 6.30pm. Livestreaming of Mass: The Sunday 11.30 Mass is live-streamed via our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/stalphonseluxembourg/live

Confirmation programme for young people: please enrol now! Go to the <u>Latest News</u> section of catholic.lu to find our more. The programme starts this <u>Wednesday 21 September 2022 7-8pm in the Church</u> and preparation will continue until the Confirmation Mass on Saturday 14 October 2023. Candidates should be at least 16 years old by 1st September 2023. If you have any questions please contact the parish office: <u>parish@catholic.lu</u>

A time for creation: As part of an initiative by the Council of Christian Churches in Luxembourg we will be distributing a flower bulb to each household to plant at home and watch its growth.

Children's Liturgy: this is for children aged 3 years and above and it has resumed at the 11.30 Mass. To register your child please contact the parish office: parish@catholic.lu

First Holy Communion 2023: Details of the programme and how to register will be announced early October.

Appeal for new readers: We need more readers for the rota at weekend Masses. If you are interested (you should be a clear English speaker), please contact the parish office: parish@catholic.lu

Would your daughter or son like to be an altar server? If your child has made her/ his First Holy Communion and would like to serve at Mass, please contact the parish office or speak to Nicola Giammarioli after Mass. Training is provided.

Meditation group: This group resumes Thursday 22 September. If you would like to join or find out more, please contact Marcella: 691 435 788.

Tea/coffee after the 11:30 Mass: Refreshments are served after the 11.30 Mass; donations for the Ilula Orphanage Program.

Young adults Sunday get together: The young adults of our community (approx 20 -40 years) continue to meet informally after the 11.30 Mass -all welcome. Please meet outside the church after Mass and the group will then go down to Fischer's for coffee.

Thought for the week: "It is often our moral passivity which causes injustice." "C'est souvent notre passivité morale qui est à l'origine de l'injustice." (Blessed Jerzy Popieluszko.)

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.

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MASS SETTING: Mass of Joy

OPENING HYMN: Christ be our light

 Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, Light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today

- 2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has pow'r to save us, Make us your living voice.
- 3. Longing for food, many are hungry, Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread, broken for others, Shared until all are fed.

PSALM 112: Praise the Lord who raises the poor!



PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS: Gifts of bread and wine

 Gifts of bread and wine, gifts we've offered, fruits of labour, fruits of love: taken, offered, sanctified, blessed and broken; words of one who died:

'Take my body, take my saving blood.'
Gifts of bread and wine: Christ our Lord.

Christ our Saviour, living presence here, as he promised while on earth:
 'I am with you for all time, I am with you in this bread and wine.'

3. To the Father, with the Spirit, one in union with the Son, for God's people, joined in prayer, faith is strengthened by the food we share.



COMMUNION: Make me a channel of your peace

- Make me a channel of your peace, Where there is hatred, let me bring your love, Where there is injury, your pardon Lord, And where there's doubt, true faith in you.
- Make me a channel of your peace, Where there's despair in life let me bring hope, Where there is darkness, only light, And where there's sadness, ever joy

Oh Master, grant that I may never seek, So much to be consoled as to console, To be understood, as to understand, To be loved, as to love with all my soul

3. Make me a channel of your peace, It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, In giving to all men that we receive, And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

RECESSIONAL: Though the mountains may fall

Though the mountains may fall and the hills turn to dust, yet the love of the Lord will stand as a shelter to all who will call on his name. Sing the praise and the glory of God.

- Could the Lord ever leave you? Could the Lord forget his love? Though the mother forsake her child, he will not abandon you.
- Should you turn and forsake him, he will gently call your name.
 Should you wander away from him, he will always take you back.
- 3. Go to him when you're weary; he will give you eagle's wings. You will run, you will never tire, for your God will be your strength.