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Church closure: St Alphonse Church is closed for long term repair and renovation. The parish office at 34 rue des Capucins <u>remains open</u> as usual. There is no longer access for parking in the grounds of the Couvent. All updates will be posted on catholic.lu

**Location for English-speaking Masses** 

Saturday Vigil Mass19.30: Garden chapel, St Alphonse, (couvent garden, rue Willy Goergen)

Sunday 11.00 Mass: Eglise St Pië X, 112 avenue Gaston Diderich.

Sunday evening Mass 18.30: Eglise de St Michel, Rue Sigefroi, Luxembourg-Ville L-2536.

Thought for the week: "Bloom wherever you are and the world will be beautiful." 'Fleuris là où tu es et le monde sera beau.' (St Francis de Sales)

**UPDATES:** <u>www.catholic.lu</u> - **Parish Office** - Please contact the office for all enquiries: (+352) 661 127 962 / <u>parish@catholic.lu</u> Office hours are 08:30 - 12:30 Mon - Fri.

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil Mass 7.30pm, Sundays 11.00am and 6.30pm.

Livestreaming of Mass: The Sunday 11.00 Mass is live-streamed via our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/stalphonseluxembourg/live

Feast of St Patrick: this will be celebrated at the 11am Mass on Sunday 19 March in Belair Church.

**First Holy Communion Classes:** Robert has contacted the parents with detail of the location of the classes at Belair. Please check your emails.

Confirmation classes resume next Wednesday,1st March, in the Couvent.

Children's liturgy: during 11am Mass in Belair.

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 St Alphonse

#### **OPENING HYMN: Give us faith Lord**

Give us faith Lord, when the mountain's too high. Be our hope, Lord, when the road is too long. Teach us love, Lord; let it blaze in our hearts And shine to your glory, O God

- When the shadows of night surround us, And the darkness has stilled our song, May the light of morning bring joy to our hearts, Your grace and love keep us strong.
- 2. When the winters have chilled our spirits, And we battle our heart's despair, May the words of your promise re-kindle our hope, Renew our trust in your care.
- 3. When you bid us to stand before you, And we tremble before your might, May we find in your presence the home that we seek, And live our days in your sight.
- 4. When you send us to speak as prophets, And we waver in doubt and fear, May the staff of your courage be there at our side, Your song of hope in our ear.
- When the desert becomes a prison, And our spirits are parched and worn, May our thirst be the hunger that lures us to you, To drink where futures are born.

**PSALM 50:** Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.



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

- 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**: Oh, the love of my Lord is the essence

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

### **COMMUNION II: On Eagle's wings**

 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, Who abide in his shadow for life, Say to the Lord, "My refuge, My rock in whom I trust."

> And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the sun, And hold you in the palm of his Hand.

 The snare of the fowler will never capture you, And famine will bring you no fear; Under his wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield.

- You need not fear the terror of the night, Nor the arrow that flies by day, Though thousands fall about you, Near you it shall not come.
- 4. For to his angels he's given a command, To guard you in all of your ways, Upon their hands they will bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

### **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.
- 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
- 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.