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**Thought for the week:** 'To love is to give everything and to give yourself.' "Aimer c'est tout donner et se donner soi-même" St Teresa of Lisieux

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**Weekend Masses:** 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](https://www.facebook.com/stalphonseluxembourg/live)

**Saturday evening Vigil Mass** resumes this Saturday, 7 October, 7.30pm in the garden chapel at St Alphonse.

**Parish office:** The office is closed while our parish secretary, Nicola, is on holiday till 10 October.

**First Holy Communion June 2024:** There will be a meeting on Sunday 22 October in Belair Church after the 11am Mass for parents (and children) who would like their child to join the preparation programme. Children should have reached their 8th birthday by 1 January 2024.

**Our Christian Meditation group** meets on Thursdays at 6.30pm. For further information telephone Marcella at 691435788 or go to: <https://catholic.lu/christian-meditation-group>

**Children's liturgy** has resumed at the 11am Mass. Children of 3 years and above are invited by Fr Michael at the beginning of Mass to leave with the catechists for their own liturgy; the children return for the offertory. Parents are welcome to accompany their children.

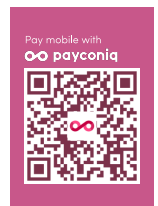
**Christmas shoebox appeal: Christmas in a Shoebox Appeal:** The 2023 Christmas-in-a-shoebox season has started. Information and boxes are available from Michèle and her team after the weekend Masses. The base price for a pre-packed shoebox, including transportation fees, is 35 Euros. You can transfer the money to the parish account: Friends Engl. Cath. Comm. LU10 0019 5155 8196 2000. Mention "Shoebox 2023". Donations can also be made via your mobile using the Shoebox Digicash QR code to the right of this text.



**Tea and coffee after Belair Mass:** Please stay for a cup of tea or coffee after Mass. You are asked to make a small donation for the Ilula Orphanage Program (IOP) which we have been supporting for many years. Thank you to Annette and her team for organising this.

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



## **MASS SETTING : Mass of Joy**

### **OPENING HYMN : Our God reigns**

1. How lovely on the mountains  
are the feet of him  
Who brings good news, good news  
Proclaiming peace,  
announcing news of happiness  
Our God reigns, our God reigns  
*Our God reigns, our God reigns*  
*Our God reigns, our God reigns*
2. You watchmen lift  
your voices joyfully as one  
Shout for your King, your King  
See eye to eye the Lord restoring Zion  
Our God reigns, Our God reigns!
3. Waste places of Jerusalem  
break forth with joy  
We are redeemed, redeemed  
The Lord has saved  
and comforted his people  
Our God reigns, Our God reigns!
4. Ends of the earth,  
see the salvation of your God  
Jesus is Lord, is Lord  
Before the nations  
he has bared his holy arm  
Your God reigns, your God reigns!

## Psalm 24: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel



## PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS : Gift of finest wheat

*You satisfy the hungry heart  
with gift of finest wheat,  
come give to us O saving Lord,  
the bread of life to eat.*

1. As when the shepherd calls his sheep,  
they know and heed his voice;  
so when you call your family Lord,  
we follow and rejoice.
2. With joyful lips we sing to you,  
our praise and gratitude,  
that you should count us worthy Lord,  
to share this heavenly food.
3. You are our Father, Father of the poor,  
our Father, Father of the meek;  
in you we trust, O Father, Father,  
in you we seek.
4. The mystery of your presence Lord,  
no mortal tongue can tell;  
whom all the world cannot contain  
comes in our hearts to dwell.
5. You give yourself to us O Lord,  
then selfless let us be,  
to serve each other in your name  
in truth and charity.

**COMMUNION I : Give thanks with a grateful heart**

1. Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ,  
his Son x2
2. And now let the weak say, "I am strong"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us" x2

**COMMUNION II: You are my all in all**

*Jesus, Lamb of God  
Worthy is your name  
Jesus, Lamb of God  
Worthy is your name*

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| <p>1. You are my strength when I am weak<br/>         You are the treasure that I seek<br/>         You are my all in all<br/>         Seeking you as a precious jewel<br/>         Lord, to give up I'd be a fool<br/>         You are my all in all</p> | <p>When I am dry you fill my cup<br/>         You are my all in all.</p> |
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**RECESSIONAL** : God's spirit is in my heart

1. God's Spirit is in my heart,  
He has called me and set me apart.  
This is what I have to do,  
what I have to do.  
*He sent me to give  
the Good News to the poor,  
Tell prisoners that they  
are prisoners no more,  
Tell blind people that they can see,  
And set the downtrodden free  
And go tell everyone the news  
that the Kingdom of God has come,  
And go tell everyone the news  
that God's kingdom has come.*
2. Just as the Father sent me,  
So I'm sending you out to be  
My witnesses throughout the world,  
The whole of the world.
3. Don't worry what you have to say,  
Don't worry because on that day  
God's Spirit will speak in your heart,  
Will speak in your heart.