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Thought for the week: 'In the evening of this life you will be judged on life.' "Au soir de cette vie, vous serez jugés sur l'amour." St John of the Cross

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Weekend Masses: Saturdays (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

First Holy Communion June 2024:registration has now closed. Classes start this Sunday in Belair.

Children's liturgy takes place 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.

Appeal for Kerala School, India: Fr Syriac sJ sends his heartfelt thanks for our prayers and all the generous donations. Unfortunately some Luxembourg banks have rejected donations because of confusion over the reference. Please check your bank account and re-send if necessary, changing the reference to **X54520 Kerala School Project**: Account name: Jesuitenweltweit, account number: IBAN DE61 7509 0300 0005 1155 82.

Annual Poppy Appeal: This is the last Sunday for donating - poppies are available at all Masses to support the work of the British Legion with veterans, their rehabilitation and their families.

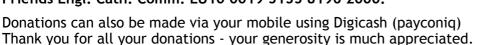
Our Christian Meditation group meets on Thursdays at 6.30pm. For further information telephone Marcella at 691435788 or go to: https://catholic.lu/christian-meditation-group

Christmas shoebox appeal: We have exceeded our target of 400. Thank you for your generosity and to Michèle and her team for organising the appeal, preparing and checking all the boxes.

Tea and coffee after Belair Mass - more helpers needed for the rota. Please think about volunteering on the rota for this important service by emailing Annette: annettepower@gmail.com.

Baptisms and marriages: If you would like your son/daughter baptised, or you are planning to get married (please give at least 4 months notice for weddings), please contact the parish office.

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.





MASS SETTING: Mass of Hope

OPENING HYMN: Awake from your slumber

Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep! A new day is dawning for all those who weep. The people in darkness have seen a great light. The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

Let us build the city of God.
May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our Love,
has turned the night into day!

We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day. The One who has loved us has brightened our way. The Lord of all kindness has called us to be a light for his people to set their hearts free.

God is light; in him there is no darkness. Let us walk in his light, his children one and all. O comfort my people make gentle your words, proclaim to my city the day of her birth.

O city of gladness, now lift up your voice! proclaim the good tidings that all may rejoice!

Psalm 62: For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God



PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS: Into your presence

- 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.
 - 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.
- 2. 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 I: 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.
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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.

COMMUNION II: Wait for the Lord (Taizé)

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

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.
- 2. Should you turn and forsake him, he will gently call your name. Should you wander away from him, he will always take you back.