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Thought for the week: 'Take advantage of your time alone to meditate. While your body is resting, keep in mind that your soul's rest is in Him.' "Profite de ta solitude pour te recueillir. Tandis que ton corps se repose, pense que le repos de ton âme, c'est Lui". St Elizabeth of the Trinity.

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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

Confirmation programme: the first meeting for candidates and their parents is after the 11am Mass in Belair Church today, <u>Sunday 25 February</u>. Candidates should be at school and <u>at least 16 years old by 30 June 2025</u>. Subsequent meetings will be Sunday mornings in term time at 10am in Belair. Further information on how to register is available at <u>catholic.lu/rota/parish-bulletins/activities/confirmation/</u> or by emailing the parish office: <u>parish@catholic.lu</u>

Children's liturgy: this is for children from 3 years upwards till they join the First Holy Communion programme. It meets during the 11am Mass at Belair. Fr Michael invites the children to leave with the catechists at the beginning of Mass and they return for the offertory. Parents are welcome to accompany their children. For more information, go to: <u>catholic.lu/childrens-liturgy-online/</u>

Welcome to Trevor Clarke and his family from Dundalk: Trevor is the Director of Music at St Joseph's, Dundalk, Ireland and he led a one day workshop for the members of our music group on Saturday. We thank Trevor for his time and inspiration and members of the music group for giving up their Saturday to participate. We look forward to hearing the outcomes at Mass in coming months.

Tea and coffee after Belair Mass: Please join us for refreshments after Mass: all donations received go to the Ilula Orphanage Program.

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.

Mass sheet - Please take home your copy of the Sunday Message.

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: Be thou my vision

- Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
 Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 Thou my best thought in the day
 and the night,
 Waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word; I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, and I thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
- 3. Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
 Be thou my whole armour, be thou my might;
 Be thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower:
 Raise thou me heavenward,
 O power of my power.
- 4. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise; Be thou mine inheritance, through all my days:

 Thou and thou only, the first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.
- High King of heaven, when battle is done, Grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heaven's sun; Christ of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

PSALM 115: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living



PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS: Take our bread

Take our bread, we ask you, Take our hearts, we love you, Take our lives, oh Father, We are yours, we are yours.

- Yours as we stand at the table you set, Yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget.
 We are the signs of your life with us yet; We are yours, we are yours.
- 2. Your holy people stand washed in your blood, Spirit-filled, yet hungry, we await your food. Poor though we are, we have brought ourselves to you: We are yours, we are yours.

COMMUNION I: Amazing Grace

- Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind, but now I see
- 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.
- 3. Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home
- 4. The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures; He will my Shield and Portion be, As long as life endures

COMMUNION II: Jesus I love you

Jesus I love you, Jesus I love you, Jesus I love you, You are my Lord. Jesus I need you, Jesus I need you, Jesus I need you, You are my Lord. Jesus I thank you, Jesus I thank you, Jesus I thank you, You are my Lord. Jesus I praise you, Jesus I praise you Jesus I praise you, You are my Lord Sing Alleluia, Sing Alleluia Sing Alleluia, You are my Lord

COMMUNION REFLECTION: Ave Maria (solo sung by Julija)

RECESSIONAL: How great thou art

- 1. O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds thy hand has made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed. Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee: How great thou art, how great thou art. Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
- 2. When through the wood and forest glades I wander And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.
- 3. And when I think of God, his Son not sparing, Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.
- 4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart; When I shall bow in humble adoration, And there proclaim: my God, how great thou art.