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Thought for the week: I ask God for perseverance, to grant that I remain a faithful witness to him for his own sake until my passing from this life. (verse 58 from the Confessions of Saint Patrick)

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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

Feast of St Patrick: Happy St. Patrick's Day to every one of you. We extend a warm welcome to the Irish Ambassador to Luxembourg H.E. Jean Mc Donald and the deputy head of mission Liz O Malley., and to the American Ambassador to Luxembourg H. E. Tom Barrett and his wife Kristine.

Safeguarding workshop for volunteers Saturday 23 March 2024: If you volunteer regularly with parish activities you will receive an invitation to attend the safeguarding workshop on Saturday 23 March. It is really important that you try to attend one of the sessions. If you are not currently a volunteer but you would like to start volunteering in the future, please contact the parish office for further information: parish@catholic.lu

Christian Meditation group: Our weekly online Christian Meditation group will have their next inperson meeting at the Centre Paroissial of the Steinsel- Walferdange parish at 8-10 rue de l'Eglise, Walferdange, on Thursday March 14th at 7.30 pm. All are welcome - especially newcomers. Please arrive early - doors close at 7.30. Contact Marcella at 691435788 for further information

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.

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.

Donations can also be made via your mobile using Digicash (payconiq) Thank you for all your donations - your generosity is much appreciated.



MASS SETTING: Mass of St Alphonse

OPENING HYMN: Christ be beside me (St Patrick's Breastplate)

- Christ be beside me, Christ be before me, Christ be behind me, King of my heart. Christ be within me, Christ be below me, Christ be above me, never to part.
- 2. Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my rising, light of my life.
- 3. Christ be in all hearts thinking about me, Christ be in all tongues telling of me. Christ be the vision in eyes that see me, in ears that hear me. Christ ever be.

PSALM 34: THE LORD HEARS THE CRY OF THE POOR



PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS: Fill My House unto the Fullest

Fill my house unto the fullest, Eat my bread and drink my wine. The love I bear is held from no-one All I own and all I do, I give to you.

Take my time unto the fullest, find in me the trust you seek and take my hands to you outreaching All I own and all I do, I give to you.

Christ the Lord with love enormous from the cross his lesson taught: "Show love to all, as I have loved you" All I own and all I do I give to you.

Join with me as one in Christ's love, may our hearts all beat as one, and may we give ourselves completely All I own and all I do, I give to you.

COMMUNION I: As the deer pants for the water (Psalm 41:1-2)

As the deer pants for the water so my soul longs after you. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.

Refrain:

You alone are my strength, my shield, to you alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.

I want you more than gold or silver, only you can satisfy. You alone are the real joy-giver and the apple of my eye. (Refrain) You're my friend and you are my brother, even though you are a king. I love you more than any other, so much more than anything. (Refrain)

COMMUNION II: Glorify your name (Donna Adkins)

Father, we love you, we worship and adore you, glorify your name through all the earth. Glorify your name, glorify your name, glorify your name through all the earth.

- 2. Jesus, we love you...
- 3. Spirit, we love you ...

RECESSIONAL: Hail Glorious St. Patrick

 Hail glorious Saint Patrick, dear saint of our isle, On us thy poor children bestow a sweet smile; And now thou art high in the mansions above, On Erin's green valleys look down in thy love.

On Erin's green valleys, on Erin's green valleys, On Erin's green valleys look down in thy love.

- 2. Thy people now exiles on many a shore, Shall love and revere thee till time be no more; And the fire thou hast kindled shall ever burn bright, It's warmth undiminished, undying its light.
- 3. Ever bless and defend the sweet land of our birth Where the shamrock still blooms as when thou wert on earth, And our hearts shall yet burn wheresoever we roam, For God and Saint Patrick, and our native home.