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**Thought for the week:** 'A good smell emanates from a soul where the Holy Spirit resides, like that of the vine when it is in bloom'. *"Il sort d'une âme où réside le Saint-Esprit une bonne odeur, comme celle de la vigne quand elle est en fleur"*. (St Jean-Marie Vianney)

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

**Thank you** to all who participated in the 'Prayers for Peace' and the Octave Mass at the cathedral this week. Your presence was appreciated.

**Mass for Ascension Day:** Fr Michael will celebrate a Vigil Mass in English on Wednesday 8 May at 19.30 in the Garden Chapel in the courtyard of St Alphonse. (Only one Mass)

**Ilula sponsorship - ING Marathon - Saturday 11 May:** Helen Clarke & Martin and Marko Puc are running the ING Half Marathon for the Ilula Orphanage Program. Please support them by sponsoring or donating - sponsor forms and donation buckets are available after Mass or you can donate through the parish account below, indicating IOP in the reference. Thank you in advance.

**Darkness into Light Luxembourg Charity Walk, 5am Saturday 11 May :** this is the annual 5km walk to raise awareness of suicide and self-harm. It starts at the Hall Omnisport, 39 Montée de Clausen. Further information on how to participate/ support is on [catholic.lu](http://catholic.lu)

**Healing of memories workshop:** 24-26 May 2024 (starting Friday 6 pm and ending Sunday 3 pm) at the Clairefontaine retreat centre (Arlon). The workshop is open to anyone who feels that the experience might do them some good on their personal healing journey. Enrol online [https://healing-memories.lu/?page\\_id=187&lang=en](https://healing-memories.lu/?page_id=187&lang=en) or contact the parish office: [parish@catholic.lu](mailto:parish@catholic.lu)

**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.**

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 a Joyful Heart**

**OPENING HYMN : Abide with me**

1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see;  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.
3. I need Thy presence every passing hour.  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

**PSALM 21:** You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly



**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.*

1. 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 : A new commandment**

*A new commandment I give unto you,  
That you love one another as I have loved you,  
That you love one another as I have loved you.*

1. By this shall all men know that you are my disciples,  
if you have love one for another. x2
2. You are my friends if you do what I command you.  
Without my help you can do nothing. x2
3. I am the true vine, my Father is the gardener  
Abide in me, I will be with you. x2
4. True love is patient, not arrogant nor boastful,  
Love bears all things, love is eternal.



**COMMUNION II : Above all**

Above all powers  
Above all kings  
Above all nature and all created things  
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man  
You were here before the world began  
Above all kingdoms  
Above all thrones  
Above all wonders the world has ever known  
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth  
There's no way to measure what you're worth

Crucified  
Laid behind the stone  
You lived to die  
Rejected and alone  
Like a rose trampled on the ground  
You took the fall  
And thought of me  
Above all

**RECESSIONAL : Bind us together, Lord**

*Bind us together, Lord,  
Bind us together  
With cords that cannot be broken.  
Bind us together, Lord,  
Bind us together,  
Bind us together with love.*

1. There is only one God,  
There is only one King,  
There is only one Body,  
That is why we sing:
2. Made for the glory of God,  
Purchased by his precious Son.  
Born with the right to be free,  
Jesus the victory has won.
3. We are the family of God,  
We are the promise divine,  
We are God's chosen desire,  
We are the glorious new wine.