International English-speaking Catholic Community, Parish of Luxembourg Notre-Dame 34 rue des Capucins, L-1313 Luxembourg tel: (+352) 661 127 962. Em: parish@catholic.lu

Parish Office - Please contact Caroline in the office for all enquiries regarding baptisms, weddings, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and Mass intentions:

Office hours are 08:30-12:30 Mon-Fri. The office is at 34, rue des Capucins.

Mass times

Wednesdays 18:15 - Garden Chapel (Courtyard of St Alphonse/Willy Goergen)
Saturdays 19:30 - resuming on 11th October
Sundays 11:00 - St Pie X, Belair and 18:30, St Michel, Luxembourg-Ville

Livestreaming of Mass: Sunday 11:00 Mass on www.facebook.com/stalphonseluxembourg/live

Tea/coffee after the 11:00 Mass: Refreshments are served and donations are for the Ilula Orphanage Program.

Music group: New members are always welcome to the music group. Please contact anyone of us on Sunday morning. We also need people to help bring all the equipment back to the cellar after Mass. This too is a real ministry in the parish and greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Children's liturgy is cancelled for two weeks due to construction at the venue. Children from the age of 3 can be registered for this group as of now, please contact the parish office: parish@catholic.lu

The Bethany Group: We are trying to set up a group for young mothers and newcomers to Luxembourg. This women's group would be a place of welcome and gathering. If your are interested please forward your name and contact details to Caroline.

Our Christian Meditation group meets on Thursdays at 18:30. For further information telephone Marcella at 691435788 or go to: https://catholic.lu/christian-meditation-group

Enrolment for First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2026

First Holy Communion 2026 - Registration open until 12th October.
Candidates should be 8 years old by 1st January 2026.
There will be a meeting for all parents and children after 11:00 Mass on Sunday, 5th October and classes will start Sunday, 19th October at 10:00.

Adult Confirmation programme - This programme starts Wednesday, 5th November 2025. registration open until 29th October 2025.

Please find more details on both programmes and forms to register on the website <u>catholic.lu</u> or email the parish office: <u>parish@catholic.lu</u>

Confirmation programme for young people - Registration is closed.

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 (payconig)

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



Christmas shoebox appeal: We are once again launching our annual Shoebox Appeal. The shoebox campaign delivers gifts to children affected by poverty in Eastern Europe and Africa. Often these shoebox gifts are the only gift that a child will receive at Christmas. Over the past 10 years our parish has packed over 6.000 Shoeboxes that were delivered to vulnerable Children.

This year are we will be working with TEAM HOPE. TEAM HOPE is an Irish, Christian development aid charity, working with children, their families and communities across Africa and Eastern Europe (www.teamhope.ie). They will ensure that our boxes delivered straight into the hands of a child in need, irrespective of their race, religion, ethnicity or background. The only criteria for receiving a shoebox is the need of the child.

You can contribute to the good cause by either packing your own box (empty boxes and instructions are available at the back of the church during the month of October) or by by making a donation to sponsor a box that has been pre-packed by our team. The cost per box is $30 ext{ } €$. You can transfer the money to the parish account: Friends Engl. Cath. Comm. LU10 0019 5155 8196 2000 or via your mobile using Digicash (payconiq). Please mention 'Shoebox 2025'. Thank you for your support.

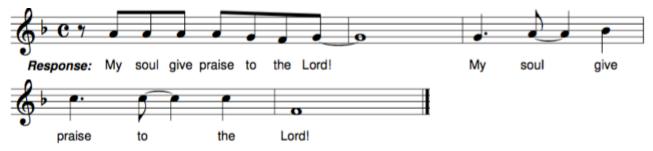
OPENING HYMN: Table of Plenty

Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty! God will provide for all that we need Here at the table of plenty.

- O come and sit at my table where saints and sinners are friends. I wait to welcome the lost and lonely to share the cup of my love.
- 2. O come and eat without money; come to drink without price.

- My feast of gladness will feed your spirit with faith and fullness of life.
- My bread will ever sustain you through days of sorrow and woe.
 My wine will flow like a sea of gladness to flood the depths of your soul.
- 4. Your fields will flower in fullness; your homes will flourish in peace. For I, the giver of home and harvest, will send my rain on the soil.

PSALM 145: My soul give praise to the Lord!



PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS: One bread, one body

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.
Songs of rejoicing for your gift of love.

COMMUNION: 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

COMMUNION II: As I kneel before you

1. As I kneel before you, as I bow my head in prayer, take this day, make it yours and fill me with your love.

Ave Maria, Gratia plena, Dominus tecum, Benedicta tu.

RECESSIONAL: Seek ye first

- Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God And His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you Allelu Alleluia
- You shall not live by bread alone but by every word That proceeds from the mouth of God Allelu Alleluia

- 1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.
- 2. Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.
- 3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all.
- 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.
- All I have I give you, every dream and wish are yours, Mother of Christ, Mother of mine, present them to my Lord.
- 3. As I kneel before you, and I see your smiling face, ev'ry thought, ev'ry word is lost in your embrace.
- Ask and it shall be given unto you Seek and ye shall find Knock and the door shall be opened unto you Allelu Alleluia