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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 (except from 22.12.2025-2.1.2026) The office address is 34, rue des Capucins, L-1313 Luxembourg.

Mass times

Wednesdays 18:15 - Garden Chapel (Courtyard of St Alphonse/rue Willy Goergen)

Saturdays 19:30 - Garden Chapel

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: this is for children aged 3 years and above and it takes place at the 11.30 Mass. To register your child please contact the parish office: **parish@catholic.lu**

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

We wish you all a very happy and peaceful New Year!

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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OPENING HYMN: Once in royal David's city

- Once in royal Davids city, stood a lowly cattle shed, where a mother laid her baby, in a manger for his bed: Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.
- 2. He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all, and his shelter was a stable, And his cradle was a stall: with the poor, and mean, and lowly, lived on earth our Saviour holy.

 And through all His wondrous childhood He would honour and obey, Love and watch the lowly maiden whose gentle arms He lay. Christian children all should be Mild, obedient, good as he.

RESPONSORIAL: O little town of Bethlehem

- O little town of Bethlehem,
 How still we see thee lie!
 Above your deep and dreamless sleep,
 The silent stars go by.
 Yet in thy dark streets shineth
 The everlasting Light,
 The hopes and fears of all the years,
 Are met in thee tonight.
- 2. How silently, how silently, The wondrous Gift is giv'n! So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of His heaven.

- No ear may hear His coming, But in this world of sin, Where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.
- 3. O holy Child of Bethlehem,
 Descend to us, we pray;
 Cast out our sins and enter in,
 Be born to us today.
 We hear the Christmas angels
 The great glad tidings tell:
 Oh, come to us, abide with us,
 Our Lord Emmanuel!

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS: The Little Drummer Boy

- 1. Come they told me
 Pa rum pum pum pum
 A new born King to see
 Pa rum pum pum pum
 Our finest gifts we bring
 Pa rum pum pum pum
 To lay before the kIng
 Pa rum pum pum pum,
 rum pum pum pum,
 rum pum pum pum
 So to honour Him
 Pa rum pum pum pum
 When we come
- 2. Little baby
 Pa rum pum pum pum
 I am a poor boy too
 Pa rum pum pum pum
 I have no gift to bring
 Pa rum pum pum pum
 That's fit to give our King
- **COMMUNION I:** In the bleak midwinter
- In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter, long ago.
- 2. Angels and archangels may have gathered there, cherubim and seraphim
- **COMMUNION II: Silent Night**
- Silent night, holy night all is calm, all is bright; round yon Virgin Mother and Child Holy Infant so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace sleep in heavenly peace
- **RECESSIONAL**: Joy to the world, the Lord is come
- Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
- Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns! Let all their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

- Pa rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum Shall I play for you Pa rum pum pum pum On my drum
- 3. Mary nodded
 Pa rum pum pum pum
 The ox and lamb kept time
 Pa rum pum pum pum
 I played my drum for Him
 Pa rum pum pum pum
 I played my best for Him
 Pa rum pum pum pum,
 rum pum pum pum,
 rum pum pum pum
 Then he smiled at me
 Pa rum pum pum pum
 Me and my drum
 - thronged the air; but his mother only, in her maiden bliss, worshiped the beloved with a kiss.
- 3. What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him: give my heart.
- 2. Silent night, holy night! shepherds quake at the sight. Glories stream from heaven afar heavenly hosts sing Alleluia! Christ, the Saviour is born, Christ, the Saviour is born
- 3. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, and wonders of his love.