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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. 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 <a href="https://www.facebook.com/stalphonseluxembourg/live">www.facebook.com/stalphonseluxembourg/live</a>

**Tea/coffee after the 11:00 and 18:30 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.

**Christmas Food Bank Appeal:** Our Confirmation candidates are collecting for the Luxembourg and Bonnevoie food banks. We invite you to donate items from the shopping list below and hand them in at the Sunday Masses. Please do not bring fresh, perishable or open items.

Dried or quick cooked foods, ex. canned fish (tuna, sardines), pasta/noodles, pasta sauce, rice, honey, sweet items - chocolate, biscuits, drinks e.g. soft-drinks, long-life milk etc.etc.All will be gratefully received and we thank you for your generosity and support.

#### **Christmas Mass Times**

Vigil Mass for Christmas: Wednesday 24th of December at St Michel beginning with Carols at 18:00 and continuing with Mass of the nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ at 18:30.

Christmas Day: Thursday 25th December there will be one Mass celebrated at 11:00 at St Pie X, Belair.

The Feast of The Epiphany: Sunday 4th of January 2026.

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.



# **OPENING HYMN: O come, O come Emmanuel**

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

2. O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny; from depths of hell thy people save, And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

3. O come, Thou Day-Spring, come and cheer Our spirits by Thine advent here Disperse the gloomy clouds of night And death's dark shadows put to flight.

4. O come, thou key of David, come and open wide our heavenly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.

### PSALM 71: In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails



### PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS: Father, I have sinned

- 1. Father I have sinned.
  Help me find my way.
  Remember not my sins,
  just let me hear you say:
  I forgive you, I love you
  You are mine, take my hand.
  Go in peace, sin no more,
  Beloved one.
- Father I have turned my back and walked away. Depended on my strength and lived life my own way.

- 3. Father I have closed my heart to those in need. Thought only of myself, a victim of my greed.
- 4. Father I have loved, if love's the word to use. I've played so many games, they've left me so confused.
- 5. Father I've returned, I'm home with you to stay. Standing at your door, knowing that you'll say:

#### COMMUNION: O let the Son of God enfold you

 O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love; let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul; O let him have the things that hold you and his Spirit like a dove, will descend upon your life and make you whole.

> Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs

O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy; lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name;
 O give him all your tears and sadness, give him all your years of pain, and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name

## **COMMUNION II: The Angel Gabriel**

- The angel Gabriel from heaven came, his wings as drifted snow his eyes as flame; 'All hail,' said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary, most highly favoured lady. Gloria!'
- 'For know, a blessed Mother thou shalt be.
   All generations laud and honour thee.
   Thy Son shall be Emmanuel by seers foretold,
   most highly favoured lady.Gloria!'
- 3. Then gently Mary meekly bowed her head, 'To me be as it pleaseth God,' she said. 'My soul shall laud and magnify his Holy name, most highly favoured lady. Gloria!'

### **RECESSIONAL**: Freely, freely

1. God forgave my sin in Jesus' name I've been born again in Jesus' name. And in Jesus' name I come to you to share His love as He told me to

He said: 'Freely, freely you have received; freely, freely give. Go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live.'

- 2. All power is given in Jesus' name, in earth and heaven in Jesus' name. And in Jesus' name I come to you to share his power as He told me to.
- 3. God gives us life in Jesus' name He lives in us in Jesus' name. And in Jesus' name I come to you To share his peace as he told me to.