



# Saint Michael's Messenger

April 2013

## ***Merci et au revoir to Father Peter – and George***



At just over two years, while Father Peter's tenure at St Michael's has not been long, it has been full of challenges. On his arrival he inherited a large-scale restoration project which was committed but not yet fully funded. With great support from our community this challenge was triumphantly met and our lovely church now looks even more beautiful thanks to his contribution in revising the layout of the altar and the rest of the church interior.



We can look back on some memorable events for which Father Peter has been the driving force: the Christmas and Easter Services, the proud celebration of the Royal Jubilee, some remarkably successful fund raising suppers and the first Christmas market in recent memory. He has also given some very interesting and knowledgeable presentations on the history of art, in which he has a keen interest.

The pastoral side of our Chaplain's work has also been notably active and our parishioners have good reason to remember Fr Peter's unstinting help and support in times of need.

He is leaving to continue on his journey to find the peace that he deserves. With God watching over him and George in the passenger seat, we know that he will get there.

You will be missed Fr Peter! We pray for you.

### ***The Passion in Art***

*Father Peter delivered an illustrated talk on the Passion in Art on 23rd March. The works which he presented were as varied as Michelangelo, Dali and Sutherland. His extraordinary knowledge of these works of art not only educated the audience but his spiritual interpretation gave great insight and provided a great deal for us to contemplate during this season of Passiontide.*

*About 35 people attended the talk and soup lunch afterwards. 155 euros was raised for the Syrian Christian Church.*



### **Waiting for the tram**



It has been announced that the proposed tramway to Nice Airport from central Nice will not now be completed before 2019. This multi-million euro project will now be broken up into smaller projects in order to limit the burden on the municipality's annual finances.

## Poisson d'Avril

Most of us are aware that April 1<sup>st</sup> is known as 'April Fool's Day', although it is not totally clear where this originated. One possible explanation is; in the 16<sup>th</sup>.Century France celebrated the New Year, as we do today, except that the New Year was at the end of March. Then, in 1562, Pope Gregory changed the calendar to the one we use today. From then on the New Year began on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Because of the era and not know about the change of date. that were aware of the date change and called them April Fools. They then spread to Great Britain by the 18<sup>th</sup> Century. In France the day is now known as **Poisson d'Avril** (April fish).



the lack of communication, many people did They kept celebrating on April 1<sup>st</sup>. The ones made fun of those who celebrated on April 1<sup>st</sup> played tricks on them. This tradition then

Children stick paper fish on a person's back and when the 'fool' finds out, the prankster yells 'Poisson d'Avril!' You will find chocolate fish and special cakes sold in the local Boulangerie around this date.

## 'She sells sea shells'

If you should be in the area of Cap Ferrat, the **SEASHELL MUSEUM** is well worth a visit. It is the only museum of its type in Europe. Over 6000 shells can be seen including more than 400 specimens unique to this museum. This is the most important collection of shells from the Mediterranean Sea to date. The visit begins with a film of 7 minutes, followed by a visit to view some 30 showcases where you are able to observe a selection of micro-shells by means of binocular microscopes. Finally you can stop at the shop where there is a selection of shells to be bought. You will find the museum on the quay of the old harbour. It is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 to 12:00 and 14:00 to 18:00. Weekends and public holidays 14:00 to 18:00. Tel: 04 93 76 17 61 [www.musee-coquillages.com](http://www.musee-coquillages.com)



## Dates to Remember

Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00	Eucharist followed by Refreshments
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00	Eucharist followed by Refreshments
Sunday 21st April	10.00	Eucharist followed by Refreshments
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	19.00	St George's Day dinner. 25 euros per person. This evening will be a special event in honour of Father Peter
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00	Eucharist and Farewell to Father Peter

## Free Wi-Fi

For those living in Beaulieu or just visiting, the **Tourist Office** is now offering free Wi-Fi for 1 hour within a 24 hour period. You do not need to go inside because all around the area of the Office, 24 hours a day, you will - the Directeur assures me - get a connection.

## Ladies - read this!

This is prior notice of a proposed Ladies Club at the excellent restaurant **Le Carpaccio**, in de la Côte'. It will initially be a social it is hoped that it will eventually be formed a guest speaker will invited.



that Christina will be organizing Villefranche, named 'La Côterie gathering at one table. However, into a literary club and that a

Once this group has been formed, anyone becoming a member within the first month has a free subscription. After that, one must pay 10 Euro's annually.

Just to let you know Ladies, you may invite a gentleman to this event!

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