



Saint Michael's Messenger

February 2013

Wherever you may be reading this, we hope that the New Year has already had a good beginning for you all.

Feast of the Month

The traditional feast of Candlemass takes place, on the 40th day after Epiphany. In western churches it is celebrated on the 2nd February each year. It may not be the best-known feast in the church calendar but you can read the history of Candlemass by Father Peter and an accompanying picture in a sheet linked to our website home page. You may also be interested in the traditional English song which forecasts the end (or not!) of winter weather.

*If Candlemass be fair and bright,
Come winter, have another flight;
If Candlemass bring clouds and rain,
Go winter, and come not again*

Upcoming events

Below are some dates on St. Michael's calendar which can be noted down, and we hope you may be able to attend. Please note that for Shrove Tuesday and 'A Passion in Art' reservations must be made in advance to Barry or Nicola or by e-mail to news@stmichaelsbeaulieusurmer.org. Remember that the catering has to be prepared in advance so reservations cannot be accepted on the day.



Tuesday 12 th February	18.30	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 10 euros per person. (A home prepared main course, followed by Nicola's very special pancakes.)
Sunday 10 th March	10.00	Eucharist followed by Refreshments and by a Home Produce Sale
Sunday 17 th March		Annual General Meeting will be held after the 10.00 Eucharist
Saturday 23 rd March	11.00	'The Passion in Art' A meditation on the Passion in art and music, led by Father Peter, and followed by a soup and bread lunch
Sunday 24 th March	10.00	Palm Sunday, blessing of palms and Eucharist
25, 26 and 27 March	10.00	Holy Week Eucharist
Thursday 28 th March	18.00	Maundy Thursday Eucharist
Friday 29 th March	10.00	Good Friday Service
Sunday 31 st March	10.00	Easter Sunday Eucharist , followed by drinks and canapés

Other dates, through to June, are displayed on our website

Congratulation so **Catherine Ross**, who has written to us from Florida to say that she has had a poem published in the prestigious 'Californian Quarterly Magazine' entitled **Spirit Speaks**. There is a link to the poem 'Inquisitive Eyes' it is on the home page of the website.

Poppy Appeal. The Royal British Legion Nice-Monaco reports that their Poppy Appeal collection just sent to Poppy HQ in Kent raised €12,251, which converted to £10,100. Many thanks from the Legion to all who contributed, donations ranging from €2,000 down to 1 centime! (There were 1,824 of these little coins in the Poppy Tins).



The following message has been received from Her Majesty the Queen, addressed to The People of the Diocese of Europe

"The Queen was touched by the words of support and good wishes sent to her by the people of the Diocese of Europe on the occasion of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee.



Electoral roll

Every six years, we are required to carry out a complete revision of the electoral roll and for us that means before the AGM in March 2013

This means that we start the list again from scratch and everyone has to apply as though a new member.

You are entitled to apply for membership of the roll, which gives you voting rights at the AGM if you have a regular association with St Michael's.

Answers to some questions which are often asked

You do not have to be a permanent resident in the area. As long as you attend St Michael's when you are here

You do not have to be a member of an Anglican church, but a baptised member of any church which professes the doctrine of the Holy Trinity

You can be on two electoral rolls of different churches at the same time, if you have associations with both.

The process:

If you have not already received this notice by e-mail or collected a copy from St. Michael's, please contact Nicola at ekarsen@wanadoo.fr

And then complete the form, sign it and get it to us BEFORE 17 FEB 2013.

You can either send by post to Electoral Roll Officer Eglise Anglican St Michaels, Chemin des Myrtes ,06310 Beaulieu-sur-Mer OR e-mail it to ekarsen@wanadoo.fr.

Good news for our meat-eating members who live in this area. The Butchers shop at the corner of the Market Square, 2, avenue des Anglais, here in Beaulieu, has a new proprietor. Chez Charles is offering a far more interesting range, and cuts of meats. He is open to suggestions and one's wishes. Weekends in particular, if ordered in advance, from one portion upwards, he will prepare on the rotisserie mouth watering morsels. A choice of vegetables too is warming below the meats to add to the colour and your taste buds. You can call in and look around, and see what you might fancy. He sells wine too !



Some more useful websites

Another couple of websites that will keep you in contact with this area are www.rivieratimes.com and also www.connexionfrance.com. Both very useful and each also produces a monthly newspaper, Riviera Times is distributed free of charge (copies normally available at St Michael's), Connexion newspaper requires a subscription.



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