



# Saint Michael's Messenger

June 2013

## June

June is named after Juno the goddess of marriage, so some consider it good luck to be married during this month. It is the month with the longest daylight hours of the year in the Northern Hemisphere and the shortest daylight hours of the year in the Southern Hemisphere.

In both common and leap years, no other month begins on the same day of the week as June. This month and May are the only two months that have this property. June ends on the same day of the week as March every year. June of the current year always begins on the same day of the week as February of the following year. In common years, June begins on the same day of the week as September and December of the previous year. Complicated, check it out if you wish, but details are correct.

## Nice - Milan by SNCF bus

After Lyon and Paris, SNCF is extending its iDBUS European bus services to link Aix-en-Provence, Marseille and Nice with Genoa, Turin and Milan. The new service, which began on May 27, will make two return trips a day with fixed one-way prices set at €69 for Marseille-Milan if booked in advance, or €79 if taken on the day. Normal 55-seater buses have been reconfigured to give more space for passengers and will have just 48 seats. Each seat will be reclinable and the buses have free Wifi and electrical points for the passengers to use en route. Journey times will be around 10 hours for Marseille-Milan and six hours 30 minutes from Nice to Milan. Marseille to Genoa takes seven hours, and just four hours from Nice to Genoa. Further details from [www.idbus.com](http://www.idbus.com)



From Nice the fixed price is between €45 & €69 according to timings and destinations. It is so simple to travel by iDBUS; the fixed prices apply no matter when you purchase your ticket. The price depends on when you travel - not when you reserve.

## The Royal Ballet

As part of the Monaco Dance Forum season, 'Manon' by Jules Massenet will be performed by the Royal Ballet, accompanied by The Orchestre Philharmonique de Monte Carlo under the direction of Martin Yates, on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 20.30, and on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> at 16.00 in the 'Salle des Princes' Grimaldi Forum, Monaco.

## Gary Smith

We are saddened to hear of the death in Canada on 6<sup>th</sup> of May of Gary Smith. He was a regular member of the congregation during the 1980s and '90s and taught history at the Lycee Canadien at St Jean Cap Ferrat. There is a link to his obituary in the Toronto Star on the home page of St Michael's website.

## Please remember:

*The Messenger has been re-introduced for the use and information of the congregation of Saint Michael's, not only so that we are able to keep you in contact with events and details of our Church Services but also so that we can share ideas and news etc. For that we need your assistance; be it a recommendation to a museum or restaurant or maybe you have an item to sell, or indeed one that you may want. A place to visit perhaps, or news about someone we know. Please mail details to us at the address at the end of this Newsletter, or have a word when we meet at a Service.*

## How many days old are you?



This web site will tell you immediately, and will also tell you the name of the day that you were born. [www.korn19.ch/coding/days.phpnformed](http://www.korn19.ch/coding/days.phpnformed).

## Congratulations

Congratulations are due to Justin who received the PRS award for outstanding achievement at the Ivor Novello awards on 16<sup>th</sup> May. He was previously honoured at the same awards ceremony in 1985 (with the Moody Blues) and in 1988.



## The 'Staff' of life



Some facts about the crispy, golden, traditional baguette that we all enjoy to eat here in France. It should be between 50 to 55cm. in length,

and weigh 250 to 300 gr., be approximately 6 cm. in width, and have 5 scores along the loaf, which are known as *grignes* in French. It is good value, from 70 centimes to 1€ 10, according to where you buy it. Apart from being eaten fresh on the day, the following day it can be split down the middle and toasted or it can be frozen for later use. Sliced and toasted it can be used as croutons for soup or salad. It was recently estimated that about 25 million baguettes are consumed each day in France.

## Auto Bleue

Three electric cars are now available for use in Beaulieu. Situated in Blvd. Marinoni, they can be rented from just an hour to a whole day. You can sign up by telephone - 0977 406 406 - or check out the web site; [www.autobleue.org](http://www.autobleue.org). The telephone support and website are both available in either English or French. Hire costs 26€ to join and you can opt to 'pay as you go'. This works out at about 8.50€ an hour, 21€ for a half day, or 45€ for a whole day. You do not need to have a French bank account or driving license. Payment is by credit card. You will then be mailed a 'badge and joining pack'. The cars are made by Peugeot and have four seats and four doors.

## Movietime

The refurbished cinema in the Casino building here in Beaulieu has now reopened and is offering a good selection of films. Some screenings each week are in 'VO' (original version). A ticket costs 7€ with discounts for 'concessions' There are posters around town advertising the current film, or you can check for details to see what is showing by going on the internet at: [www.cinemadebeaulieu.fr](http://www.cinemadebeaulieu.fr).

## Tranquility

The editor of this Newsletter has to admit to listening to the UK radio serial drama, 'The Archers' on a regular basis on her iPod. Recently in one episode, attending Church was mentioned. I find the following words spoken by one of the family so full of meaning, 'The hour of tranquility in my week'.

## More congratulations

This time congratulations are due to our editor, Laura Newman, who was confirmed at Monaco on 25<sup>th</sup> May, taking advantage of a flying visit by Bishop David. Many thanks go to him and also to Fr. Walter and Fr. Philip for their help and for their part in the service. HM

## Dates to Remember

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	10.00	Eucharist followed by refreshments
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00	Eucharist followed by refreshments
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00	Eucharist followed by refreshments <b>and a book sale*</b>
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	10.00	Eucharist followed by a buffet lunch (20 Euros)
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00	Eucharist followed by refreshments
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	10.00	Eucharist plus dedication and blessing of new chairs donated in memory of Canon Roger Greenacre

\***Book Sale:** Contributions of books can be left at the church any Sunday before 16<sup>th</sup> June, or have a word with Nicola or Laura

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