



Saint Michael's Messenger, Newsletter, June 2019

The Eucharist is celebrated every Sunday at 10.00 am* followed by refreshments

**but see special notice below*

Dates for Your Diary:

Sunday	2 nd June	10h00	Eucharist - Ascension
Saturday	8 th June		Wedding Blessing
Sunday	9 th June	10h00	Eucharist – Pentecost Followed by Church Lunch
Sunday	16 th June	09h00	Eucharist – Trinity Sunday
Thursday	20 th June	10h00	Eucharist – Corpus Christi
Sunday	23 rd June	10h00	Eucharist – St John the Baptist
		11h45	Danish Lutheran Service
Thursday	27 th June		Wedding Blessing
Saturday	29 th June		Wedding Blessing
Sunday	30 th June	10h00	Eucharist – St Peter and St Paul
Sunday	7 th July	10h00	Eucharist – Trinity 2
Tuesday	9 th July	10h00	CCC Meeting
Sunday	14 th July	10h00	Eucharist – Trinity 3
Sunday	21 st July	10h00	Eucharist – Trinity 4
Sunday	28 th July	10h00	Eucharist – Trinity 5

Also every Friday at 19h00 – Pentecostal Service (in French)

Special Notice

Due to Fr Philip and Fr Tony both being absent on Trinity Sunday (16th June)
 Fr Lawrence from St Paul's Monaco will celebrate a said Eucharist at St Michael's at 9.00 a.m.
 There will be no 10 a.m. service that Sunday.

Father's Notes



Last month I attended the Archdeaconry Synod, which is always a good opportunity to meet other people from chaplaincies across France and to discuss our various situations. Compared with some chaplaincies, St Michael's is managing quite well at the moment – we have our own church whereas some chaplaincy communities don't; we have a resident priest and most of the time don't have to rely upon locums to provide services; we have a weekly Eucharist but in some chaplaincies they have Holy Communion only once or twice a month.

We are fortunate to be able to make worship our priority and, on each Sunday, to provide the Word of God and the Sacraments for residents and visitors alike. But to do that we sometimes have to be flexible. The Church has several options for when a priest might not be available to preside at worship – licensed lay ministers or authorised worship leaders may take a non-eucharistic service, or the churchwarden steps in to officiate at a prayer service if a priest or licensed layperson is unavailable. Locums may be employed, or other local clergy can volunteer to take services if they have the Bishop's Permission To Officiate. If a service cannot be held on a Sunday some

traditions allow for a vigil or anticipatory service on the Saturday, or some churches simply adjust their service timing to meet particular circumstances. The point is that we make every effort to provide some form of worship to celebrate the day of the Resurrection.

Would it matter if we just didn't have a service on Sunday? Could we not just say our prayers and read the Bible on our own? Worship, though, is not the same as personal devotion. Worship is a communal act of faith – the gathering of two or more in Christ's name – sharing faith as a community of believers united by the Holy Spirit through baptism and sharing the same Holy Scriptures and the same Body and Blood of Christ which can then sustain our faith and encourage spiritual growth. It is never the day or time itself, but the worship we offer that makes the day and time special and helps us fulfil the first and greatest Commandment, *love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength*, and to carry out the desire of Jesus, *Do this in remembrance of me...*

Fr Tony



This is a reminder that you are warmly invited to join us in the church garden for a parish lunch on **Sunday, 9th June** immediately after the Eucharist. The suggested donation is €25 per person and you are welcome to bring a bottle.

To help us cater, please add your name to the list at the back of church if you wish to attend, or you can email Fiona (fiona_ingham@hotmail.com)

Gardening Corner

A big thank-you is due to David and Barbara and to all others who are helping make the gardens of St Michael's more beautiful than ever. You can see their collage of recent pictures on the next page. First, we have a couple of notices to post

We are grateful for the donation of a power washer to clean the paving. This, along with the recent roof repair which has solved the pigeon fouling problem, should make keeping the paving clean much easier.

A compost bin has been added to the garden (behind the shed) to compost suitable garden waste and also vegetable peelings etc. The compost made will be used to feed the plants in the Church garden. Church members who are keen on recycling are welcome use the compost bin for their vegetable peelings etc.



Our Church Garden – May 2019



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