



St Michael's Messenger

JUNE 2026

A prayer for the month of June

Prayer of St Ignatius Loyola

Dearest Lord,
teach me to be generous;
teach me to serve You as You deserve;
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labour and not to ask for reward
save that of knowing I am doing Your Will.



St Ignatius Loyola (1491–1556)



Diary Dates May-June 2026

Sunday 31 May 10h00 – Eucharist – Trinity Sunday

Readings: 1. Isaiah 40 12-17, 27-end <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah%2040%3A%2012-17&version=NRSVA> ...
<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah%2040%3A%2027-31%20&version=NRSVA>
2. 2 Corinthians 13 11-end <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2%20Corinthians%2013%3A%2011-13&version=NRSVA>

Celebrant priest: Fr Ed Hanson

Sunday 7 June 10h00 – Eucharist – Trinity 1

Readings: 1. Hosea 5 15-6.6 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hosea%205%3A%2015-6.6&version=NRSVA>
2. Romans 4 13-end <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans%204%3A%2013-25&version=NRSVA>

Celebrant priest: Fr Ed Hanson

Sunday 14 June 10h00 – Eucharist – Trinity 2

Readings: 1. Exodus 19 2-8a <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Exodus%2019%3A%202-8a&version=NRSVA>
2. Romans 5 1-8 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans%205%3A%201-8%20&version=NRSVA>

Celebrant priest: Fr Ed Hanson

Sunday 21 June 10h00 – Eucharist – Trinity 3

Readings: 1. Jeremiah 20 7-13 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jeremiah%2020%3A%207-13%20&version=NRSVA>
2. Romans 6 1b-11 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans%206%3A%201b-11&version=NRSVA>

Celebrant priest: Fr Ed Hanson

Sunday 28 June 10h00 – Eucharist – Trinity 4

Readings: 1. Jeremiah 28 5-9 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jeremiah%2028%3A%205-9&version=NRSVA>
2. Romans 6 12-end <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans%206%3A%2012-23&version=NRSVA>

Celebrant priest: Fr Ed Hanson

Thursdays at 12h15 Bien-Être Exercise and Relaxation

Fridays at 19h00 Pentecostal Service in French



From the Churchwardens

To update everyone on the status of our new permanent priest: Father Andrew and partner John are ready to come to Beaulieu and St Michael's and are waiting for their visas. There is a final meeting regarding this at the French Consulate in Wellington NZ on the 4th of June. We look forward to welcoming them as soon as possible. As more information becomes available, we will share it with you in the announcements at the end of the Sunday Eucharist and in The Messenger. Locum Fr Ed Hanson will be celebrating the Eucharist with us over the next few Sundays, and welcome back Fr Ed!

Please remember to sign up for refreshments and readings. The sign-up sheets for upcoming Sundays are located at the back of the church. Thank you in advance for volunteering.

If you or someone you know would like to subscribe to The Messenger and are not doing so already, just fill out the form found at the back of the church and return it to either one of the churchwardens.

- Egill and Bob

8 May 2026: VE Day in Beaulieu

Members of the Armed Forces past and present, representatives of the police, rescue and fire services, special guests, school children, elected officials, members of the local administration and the Mairie including Mayor Roger Roux gathered at 11am at the Monument aux Morts in Beaulieu. All were there to honour and pay tribute to those who served the cause of freedom in World War II, on the 81st anniversary of Victory in Europe Day. As every year, the St Michael's congregation was well represented. David Knight and Churchwarden Egill Karlsen had the honour of laying the memorial poppy wreath on behalf of the St Michael's community.



Photos: Simon Tripnaux/Ville de Beaulieu-sur-Mer

Celebrating Pentecost at St Michael's

The Day of Pentecost, celebrated in 2026 on Sunday 24 May, is one of the highest feast days in the liturgical year. It is the day that we remember and celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church. This pivotal moment in Christian history is the fulfillment of Christ's promise to send a helper, a comforter, who would empower and guide his followers after his Ascension into heaven. The descent of the Holy Spirit transformed the lives of the followers of Jesus, emboldened them to preach the Gospel, and marked the beginning of the Christian mission in the world.



The term Pentecost comes from Greek and means "fiftieth" since it fell fifty days after Passover. Although the Christian Pentecost no longer aligns with the Jewish festival, we still call it Pentecost in commemoration of the event and because we celebrate it on the fiftieth day of Easter. Long a favorite day for baptisms, it is common for those who receive baptism on Pentecost to wear white baptismal robes, symbolizing the washing away of sins and their new life in Christ.

Pentecost not only concludes the Easter season but also marks the beginning of the season after Pentecost, or ***Ordinary Time***.

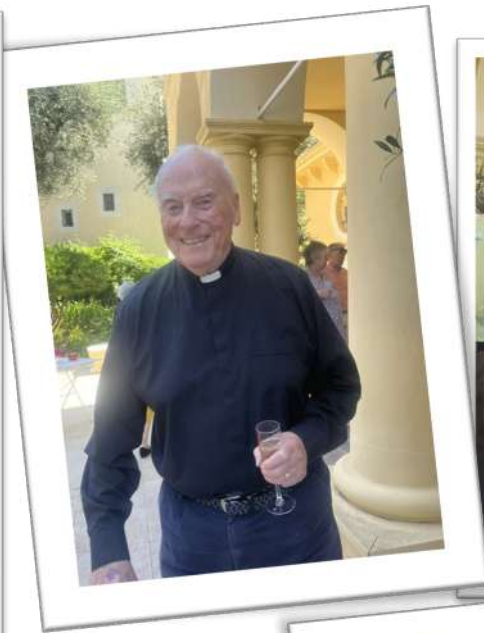
The Church sees Pentecost as the birth of the Church. Before this event, the followers of Jesus were a disparate group of disciples. The coming of the Holy Spirit empowered them. It united them into a single body with a shared mission, marking the beginning of the Church as a distinct entity committed to following Jesus. The Holy Spirit united the followers of Jesus and called them to fulfill Jesus' Great Commission - to spread the Gospel through all the earth. For individuals, the Holy Spirit's arrival at Pentecost also leads to spiritual transformation, renewing hearts and minds to reflect Christ more closely.

- from Anglican Compass

Pentecost Sunday was celebrated '*en famille*' this year at St Michael's. As our locum priest was delayed, we used the form of service 'Communion by Extension' led by Father Philip and assisted by our eucharistic ministers. We reflected on the similarities between the earliest church, when the disciples, bereft at the loss of Jesus, were strengthened and comforted by the Holy Spirit, and our little church, having lost our priest, being strengthened and guided through our interregnum by the Holy Spirit.

The family ambiance continued in the church garden with an 'enhanced apero'... wine and delicious canapés were served on flower decorated tables. Thank you to all who helped to make this a very special day!

- Nicola



Thanks to Kimberlee for the photos!

Foreign Bank Notes Appeal - first results are in!

As you know, St Michael's Church is entirely self-sufficient, so it is only with thanks to our congregation that we continue to strive upwards and forwards.

Brainstorming at a recent CCC meeting (and inspired by spring-cleaning season), the team came up with the idea of asking members of our congregation if they might have any forgotten foreign bank notes tucked away in pockets, drawers, envelopes, etc...



Several people came forward with what they found, which we in turn took to the local *bureau de change* in Beaulieu. The agent, who knows our church, took on the job and after forty minutes studying all the various foreign bank notes, turned over the **total exchange sum of 775 €** - a fantastic result, and all due to the generosity of members of our own congregation!

If you have foreign bank notes just lying around at home (**major currencies only, please and no coins**), would you kindly think to donate them? Give them to either Egill, Bob, Monica or Jackie and we will happily group them all together to exchange for our church.

Thank you to those who already gave. And thank you in advance to those about to start their spring-cleaning sessions to look for those foreign bank notes!

- Jacqueline

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