gluten-free pasta

with monkfish & squid



All recipes have been reviewed by a diabetes dietician. Original recipes from the book **Zilli Light** by **Aldo Zilli.** I had never experimented with gluten-free pasta until my wife Nikki became wheat intolerant. I had to find a solution because she loves pasta. So this recipe was created – it is now on my menu at Zilli Fish and the customers love both this and a variation we serve using crayfish. The sauce works just as well without the pasta: you can eat it as it is or serve it with some gnocchi. It reminds me of my childhood, when my mother used to cook it all the time.

Serves: 4

Preparation time: 15 minutes

1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil

8 spring onions, finely sliced

1/2 red chilli, deseeded and finely chopped

1 garlic clove, part-crushed

100 g (3¹/₂ oz) squid rings

350 g (11¹/₂ oz) monkfish, cleaned and cut into chunks

175 ml (6 fl oz) dry white wine such as Trebbiano

500 g (1 lb) jar passata

1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil leaves, plus extra basil leaves to garnish

sea salt flakes and freshly ground black pepper

350 g (11½ oz) gluten free linguine or other pasta

Heat the olive oil in a large saucepan and fry the spring onions, chilli and part-crushed garlic clove for 1 minute,



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then discard the garlic clove. Add the squid and cook for 2 minutes, then add the monkfish chunks and fry for another 2 minutes. Pour in the white wine and let it bubble for 2 minutes. Add the passata and chopped basil and leave to cook for 3 minutes. Season with sea salt flakes and freshly ground black pepper.

Bring a large pan of salted water to the boil and add the pasta, gently easing it into the water. Stir and return to a rolling boil. Cook the pasta according to the packet instructions.

When the linguine is cooked, drain, reserving a little of the cooking water, and add to the saucepan with the sauce. Toss to combine. If the sauce is too thick, add some of the reserved pasta water.

Serve immediately, garnish with torn basil leaves.

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