

## Crab Soup With rice & fish sauce

225g (8oz) crabmeat, white and brown, fresh or defrosted
25g (3/4 oz) butter
1 onion, chopped
1 carrot, chopped
1 stick celery
55g (2oz) rice
300ml (10fl oz) fish or chicken stock
600ml (1 pint) milk
30ml (2tbls) Thai fish sauce
salt and black pepper
15ml (1tbls) fresh chopped parsley

- Melt the butter in a large saucepan. Add the onion, carrot and celery and cook for 3-4 minutes, stirring occasionally. Do not allow to burn.
- · Stir in the rice and cook for 1-2 minutes.
- Add the fish stock and milk and bring to the boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 15-20 minutes or until the rice and vegetables are cooked.
- Puree the soup in a liquidiser or blender. Return to the pan and stir in the crabmeat and fish sauce. Heat gently for about 5 minutes, taste and adjust seasoning.
- Serve sprinkled with chopped parsley.