



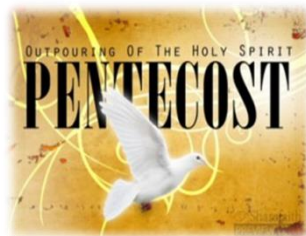
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Sunday 15th May 2016, **Pentecost Sunday**, Year C

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The Roman Catholic English Service Mass in Madeira

Good morning! Welcome to the Chapel of Penha de Franca. We're happy you decided to attend Mass here with us today! Visitors are always welcome! This morning is special because we will be celebrating a love story that has lasted 30 years! You can read all about it on page 3 of this newsletter. Father Bernardino de Andrade is the presiding priest for our English Service Mass on Sundays. He was born in Madeira, but spent many years in Africa and in the USA. Our small Chapel has quite a bit of history... it was founded by Antonio Dantas in 1622, almost 400 years ago, and built on a "penha" or peak, by the sea. It was originally built to minister to the soldiers of the small garrison at the Pontinha Redoubt (stronghold) in the bay of Funchal, but the Chapel soon became so famous a shrine that people came to it on pilgrimage from all parts of the Island. When the Diocese of Funchal took possession of the chapel it was used as the Bishop's Summer Residence for many years. In the meantime, the Franciscans had been coming to Madeira to carry out apostolic duties, and in 1935, they founded the Franciscan Residence of Our Lady of Penha de França, at the request of Bishop D. Antonio Ribeiro. The nave roof of the Chapel has recently been repaired and the ceiling restored through the generosity of a frequent visitor to our English Mass.

Today's Scripture Readings

(Acts 2: 1-11; Psalm 103(104); Romans 8: 8-17; John 14: 15-16, 23-26)

The Jewish feast of Pentecost, 50 days after Passover, was less well known than the other two pilgrimage feasts. Nomadic Hebrews sacrificed lambs in the spring to ensure adequate water through the dry season. After they settled into agriculture the barley harvest was celebrated a few days later. These two feasts became linked and associated with Passover. Tabernacles occurs in autumn when everyone slept in tents on the hillsides to protect and harvest the grapes. It was associated with temporary shelters used while wandering in the wilderness. Pentecost was associated with God giving the Covenant on Sinai. So the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles at Pentecost fits neatly with this Covenant feast: the birth of the Church. Acts lists the regions where the Church was to grow.

Paul urges the Romans to live by the Spirit who, with Christ, has made his home in us. We are now Sons of God. If we are led by the Spirit within us to follow God's laws, we will have confidence that the Father will "give life to our mortal bodies", just as Jesus was raised.

In John's Gospel Jesus repeats his promise that his Father would send another Advocate, through whom he and the Father would be with his church for all time.

- Brought to you by Chris Oliver

Psalm Response:

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Hymns:

Entry: 574 (*This is the day*)

Offertory: 65 (*Bind us together, Lord*)

Exit: 256 (*Immaculate Mary!*)



Music: Larysa Makarova

FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT – A way of Life

Brought to you by Fr. Bernardino Andrade

I strongly believe that life is about relationships. Faith is about relationships. Politics are about relationships. We all belong to God and we belong to one another.

Very often I am invited to bless houses and business places. Some time ago I was invited to bless a Bank. Every time this happens I always read a special passage of the Bible. It is *Galatians 5: 22-23*. I consider it a mini-course on human relationships. It applies to all situations where people are involved. They are, what St. Paul calls, the *Fruits of the Holy Spirit*.

Here they are: LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GENEROSITY, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS AND SELF-CONTROL. There is no law against such things (Gal. 5: 22-23).

I would like to invite you, when you meet or pray as a couple, as a family or as a group to say one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit and complete a sentence. No discussion. Just sharing. In discussion you give your opinion that can be right or wrong. In sharing there are no right or wrong answers. It would be like this:

- 1 - LOVE IS _____
- 2 - JOY IS _____
- 3 - PEACE IS _____
- 4 - PATIENCE IS _____
- 5 - KINDNESS IS _____
- 6 - GENEROSITY IS _____
- 7 - FAITHFULNESS IS _____
- 8 - GENTLENESS IS _____
- 9 - SELF-CONTROL IS _____



Please try. God loves you and so do I.

Fr. Bernardino Andrade

THIS WEEK, 25 YEARS AGO – Pope John Paul II's visit to our Island

Thursday, May 12th, marked the **25th anniversary of the visit of Pope John Paul II to the island of Madeira**. He was only here for a few hours, where he celebrated Mass at the Barreiros soccer stadium, and then stopped at the Sé Cathedral in the centre of Funchal on his way back to the airport. Many years after this historic visit, a statue was erected in the Cathedral's courtyard in remembrance of that day. This week, a wreath of flowers was placed at the foot of this monument by the current Bishop of Funchal, D. António Carrilho. If you take a walk through the centre of town, stop by the Sé Cathedral where you are sure to see the flowers left there by many local residents and visitors to the island this week.



30th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY - A Celebration of Love

Marina Kovalcikova & Stanislav Kovalcik chose to celebrate their 30th Wedding Anniversary today at the English Mass in the Chapel of Penha de França.

Marina, member of the Orthodox Church, was born in Russia when it was forbidden to practice any kind of Religion. Stanislav, member of the Catholic Church, was born in Slovakia. Both met at the Marine University of Saint Petersburg. When she arrived to attend her first class at the University the only chair that was available was the one next to the chair where her future husband was seated.

They were married on May 13, 1986. After 30 years of a deep commitment and 4 children they feel the growth of this love they have for each other and feel the need to thank God in a very special way. They love more each other now than on their Wedding Day.

Happy Anniversary, Marina & Stanislav!



Marina & Stanislav
Happy 30th Wedding
Anniversary

Fr. Bernardino Andrade
May 15, 2016

There is also another couple that is celebrating their Wedding Anniversary in Madeira. They are Monika & Klaus.

"Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary!"



Monika & Klaus
Happy 50th
Wedding Anniversary

99 YEARS AGO IN PORTUGAL – Our Lady of Fatima appears to 3 children

On Friday, exactly 99 years ago, on the 13th of May 1917, the **Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three little shepherd children in the village of Fatima**, Portugal. The



children were tending their sheep in a field called the *Cova da Iria* when they suddenly saw a bright flash of light. A beautiful lady, dressed in white and gold, appeared on a cloud over a small oak tree. A golden cord hung around her neck. Her hands were joined in prayer and she held a pearl rosary. The Lady told the children that she was Mary, the Mother of Jesus and that she had been sent by God with a message for every man, woman and child in our century. A church was built at the spot where Our Lady of Fatima appeared to the children, which to this day receives thousands of visitors from all over the world.

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE



"You should wash each other's feet"
(John 13:14).

People Helping People (PHP) is a small project founded in the Chapel of Penha de França to help those in need. Our Bishop D. António once said, "One must find new ways of helping the poor". A very small group of people attending the English Mass decided to do just that! In a short period of time we have created partnerships with restaurants and supermarket chains, we have paid dozens of medical prescriptions, we have spent gallons and gallons of petrol riding across the island giving lifts, we have prevented families to lose their homes, get their electricity cut off, run out of gas. We have tried to keep them warm, keep them hopeful, keep them dreaming....

DONATIONS - please help:

Moynihans Bar, on the corner up the road from the Chapel, accepts any Donations, and also food, toiletries or clothes for PHP.

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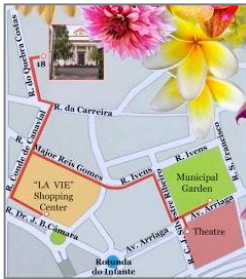
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Bible Group

Joint Anglican - Roman Catholic Bible Group:
THURSDAYS - 2pm in the English Church Library.

Mothers' Prayer Group

Last Thursday of each month
11-12 am at the English Church
Mothers & Grandmothers of all ages welcome.
More information: <http://www.mothersprayers.org/>



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Don't forget to leave your
yellow *Hymn Book* and
Order of the Mass sheets at
the Chapel entrance after
mass 😊



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