



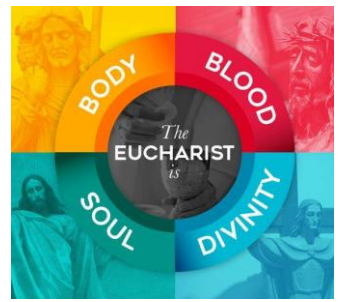
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The Roman Catholic English Service Mass in Madeira

Welcome to the Chapel of Penha de Franca. Our priest for the English Service Mass on Sundays is Father Bernardino de Andrade. He was born in Madeira, but spent many years as a priest in the USA. The Chapel of Penha de França 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 here, at the request of Bishop D. Antonio Ribeiro. As of last year the Franciscans have moved to the former convent of *São Bernardino* in Câmara de Lobos and the Chapel has reverted back to the Diocese of Funchal. 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

(Genesis 14:18-20 Psalm 109(110):1-4 1 Cor 11:23-26 Luke 9:11-17)

In Eucharistic Prayer I, the Roman canon, just after the Consecration we hear: "the bread and wine offered by your priest Melchizedek". Melchizedek, the Canaanite priest-king of Salem, later named Jerusalem, offered food and drink to Abram and his 318 retainers as they returned from a victory, and blessed Abram in the name of the one God they both believed in. Abram accepted Melchizedek's blessing and gave him a tithe. Their shared meal confirmed them both as God's people.

When David captured Jerusalem he took over this priest-kingship, hence today's psalm praising David, appointed by God as a "priest for ever of the order of Melchizedek". The author of Hebrews saw Melchizedek's priesthood as superior to the Levitical priesthood and saw Jesus, descendent of David, with his gift of bread and wine to his disciples, as succeeding to this ancient priesthood.

Paul had told the Corinthians to stop misbehaving during the Eucharist. He then gave this earliest description we have of its institution during the last meal Christ shared with his disciples before Calvary.

Melchizedek's offering of food to Abram is echoed in the feeding of the 5,000 in the Gospel, anticipating Christ giving himself to us as heavenly food in the Eucharist.

- Brought to you by Chris Oliver

Psalm Response:

You are a priest forever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.



Hymns: Entry: 248 (*I watch the sunrise lighting the sky*)

Mass: Lord, have Mercy: 652

Offertory: 307 (*Lay your hands gently upon us*)

Final: 255 (*I'll sing a hymn to Mary*)

Music: Larysa Makarova

FROM MY HEART TO YOUR HEART – How Poor We Are?



Brought to you by Fr. Bernardino Andrade

One day a father of a very wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the firm purpose of showing his son how poor people can be. They spent a couple of days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family.

On their return from their trip, the father asked his son:

- "How was the trip?"
- "It was great, Dad."

- "Did you see how poor people can be?" the father asked.

- "Oh Yeah, " said the son.

- "So what did you learn from the trip?" asked the father.

- "We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden and they have a creek that has no end."

"We have imported lanterns in our garden and they have the stars at night."

"Our patio reaches to the front yard and they have the whole horizon."

"We have a small piece of land to live on and they have fields that go beyond our sight."

"We have servants who serve us, but they serve others."

"We buy our food, but they grow theirs."

"We have walls around our property to protect us, they have friends to protect them."

With this the boy's father was speechless.

Then his son added,

- "Thanks, dad, for showing me how poor we are." (Anonymous)

God Loves you and so do I,
Fr. Bernardino Andrade

CORPUS CHRISTI – Celebrated in the Catholic Church this week

The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ is also known as "Corpus Christi", which translates from the Latin to "Body of Christ". It celebrates the tradition and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. The feast is liturgically celebrated on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday. Traditionally, at the end of Holy Mass on the Thursday, there is often a procession through the streets surrounding the church where the Holy Mass took place.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

«The Eucharist... is not a prize for the perfect,
but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak. »

- POPE FRANCIS, *EVANGELII GAUDIUM*



CORPUS CHRISTI – The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ in Funchal

Photos : <http://www.diocesedofunchal.com>



Praça do Municipio town hall square during the Mass on Thursday

On Thursday 26th May, for the first time in many years in Funchal, thousands of Madeirans celebrated the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, also known as *Corpus Christi*. In Portuguese it's known as "*Corpo de Deus*". This year the Portuguese government made this day a religious public holiday, and thousands gathered in "*Praça do Municipio*" (the Town Hall Square) in front of the *Colégio* Church in Funchal to attend a special Mass. Following the Mass, there was a procession through the streets surrounding

the church. The Mass was celebrated by D. António Carrilho, the Bishop of Funchal. According to the custom in the Catholic Church, a consecrated Host was placed inside a *monstrance** and held up by the Bishop throughout the procession, which followed a route through the streets of Funchal and ended in the churchyard of the Sé Cathedral. Along the way there were thousands of faithful and also many tourists.

**monstrance* (an open or transparent receptacle in which the consecrated Host is exposed for veneration).



The beginning of the procession with a carpet of flowers laid out on the street



D. António Carrilho, Bishop of Funchal with the consecrated Host in the *monstrance*.



The crowd of people in the churchyard of the Sé Cathedral at the end of the procession

DID YOU KNOW?



Back in the day in Slovakia when the priest would walk by with the Eucharist through town, people would drop instantly to the ground. Be it mud, water, snow, thorns, whatever, they would drop in reverence and awe.

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

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....



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

DONATIONS - please help:

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

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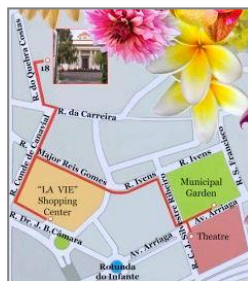
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Joint Anglican - Roman Catholic

Bible Group:

THURSDAYS - 2pm

in the English Church Library.



Please remember to leave
your yellow *Hymn Book* and
Order of the Mass sheet at
the Chapel entrance after
mass. Thank you ☺



Tea and Coffee
After Mass in the
meeting room across
the garden - please
join us!



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