




12th of March 2017 – 10h00 Sunday Mass

2nd Sunday of Lent, **Year A**

Rua da Penha de França nr.3 – Funchal, Madeira.

 Website and Blog: <http://rcmassmadeira.org/>

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THE CATHOLIC ENGLISH MASS IN MADEIRA:

Welcome to the Chapel of Penha de França, founded by Antonio Dantas in 1622. The Chapel 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. 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. In 2015 the Franciscans moved to the former convent of São Bernardino in the town of Câmara de Lobos, and the Chapel 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. **We similarly are blessed by the presence of two dedicated priests at Penha de França: Father Bernardino**, who celebrates the English Mass every Sunday morning at 10am, and **Father Vitor**, who celebrates Mass in Portuguese at 11am.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 32; 2 Timothy 1:8-10; Matthew 17:1-9)

After hearing last week about the Fall, **Genesis** moves past the Flood and the Tower of Babel to the times of the patriarchs, probably before 1500 BC. God tells Abram to travel from Haran near the Euphrates to "a land that I will show you". God promises that Abram's descendants will become a great nation which will be blessed, and will take God's blessings to other peoples. Abram trusts in God and obeys, following the age-old migration route through Palestine to Egypt.

In one of his last letters Paul instructs **Timothy** to continue proclaiming the true gospel he received from Paul, and to correct the errors that will arise from false teachers. God's plan, made before time began, was revealed by the appearing of Jesus Christ, who has saved all humanity and abolished death. We cannot merit the grace to be holy, it is a free gift.

In **Matthew's gospel**, Jesus for the first time tells his disciples of his coming passion. They are then given a preview of Jesus' glory as the Son of God. Moses and Elijah appear with Jesus, who is the correct interpreter of the Law and the Prophets. Then Jesus predicts his resurrection, after which they will understand what they have seen.

- Brought to you by: Chris Oliver (<http://www.bible-groups.info/>)

PSALM RESPONSE: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

TODAY'S HYMNS:

Prof. Cátia Marques & Prof. Helena Marques



- [1] **Entry Hymn:** *Father, we adore you* – No. 136
- [2] **Penitential Act:** *Kyrie*
- [3] **Gospel Acclamation:** *Glory and praise to you* – No. 690
- [4] **Offertory Hymn:** *Portuguese Hymn*
- [5] **Sanctus:** *Sanctus*
- [6] **Agnus Dei:** *Agnus Dei*
- [7] **Communion Hymn:** *Ag Críost an síol" (Irish Communion Hymn)*
- [8] **Thanksgiving:** *Instrumental*
- [9] **Final Hymn:** *Our God loves us* – No. 454

FROM MY HEART TO YOUR HEART – What Am I Giving Up For Lent?

- Brought to you by Fr. Bernardino Andrade

1.

A Catholic priest working in an inner city was walking down an alley one evening on his way home when a young man came down the alley behind him and poked a knife against his back. "Give me your money," the young man said. The priest opened his jacket and reached into an inner pocket to remove his wallet, exposing his clerical collar. "Oh, I'm sorry, Father," said the young man, "I didn't see your collar. I don't want your money." Trembling from the scare, the priest removed a cigar from his shirt pocket and offered it to the young man. "Here," he said. "Have a cigar." "Oh, no, I can't do that," the young man replied, "I gave them up for Lent."

2.



What am I going to give up for lent?

It can be a cigar, it can be sugar, it can be meat, it can be fish, it can be alcohol, it can be drugs. The list is endless. But the most important thing is to change my way of thinking and my way of life. The most important thing is to fall in love with Jesus and his project of bringing good news to the poor.

Love and Peace,
Fr. Bernardino Andrade
March 12th, 2017

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LENT



"Repent and believe in the Good News"

“Friar Carmelo” – the newest member of a Franciscan monastery in Bolivia

Source: www.ncregister.com/daily-news/four-legged-friar-finds-home-in-franciscan-monastery

The newest member of **St. Francis Monastery** in Cochabamba, Bolivia, is furry and has four legs. His name is *Friar Carmelo*, but they’ve nicknamed him *Friar Bigotón* (Spanish for “mustache”). **The friars found the stray schnauzer on the streets and decided to adopt him** as one of their own, even going so far as to outfit the pup with his own Franciscan habit. “His life is all about playing and running,” says Friar Jorge Fernandez. “Here, all of the brothers love him very much. He is a creature of God.”



In Facebook photos posted by Franciscan Friar Kasper Mariusz Kapron, which have been shared hundreds of times, *Friar Carmelo* can be seen running and playing throughout the monastery grounds, and even “preaching to the fish” in the monastery pond.

The friars told local media that the dog has a bit of a naughty side and has been known to chew things or hide them in the monastery garden! Still, he remains a beloved part of monastery life...



Sunday Mass for People Helping People contributors

Thanks to the **generous donations** that "People Helping People" (PHP) has been receiving from members of the community and visitors to the Chapel. The Association has been able to help many poor families in Madeira. PHP lives on the basis of donations, which make it possible to help the poorest of the poor. From this month onwards, **on the 2nd Sunday of each month, the 10am Mass in English will be offered** for those who donated the previous month, and also for their families, and for the poor that they are helping. The names of the donors on the list below will be on the altar during this morning’s Mass:

- Alan O'Brien
- Anne Vallat (donated a bed)
- Arlinda Catanho
- Chris Oliver
- Dos Ramos Family (Marcelino, Rita, Lúcia, Carmelita, Lourenço & Cristiano).
- Froydis Gustavsen
- Ida Goldsmith
- Jaquine Dearden
- Jane & Peter Caldwell
- Manuel Adolfo Borrero
- Maureen McKellar
- Philip & Kathleen Francomb & friends
- Ron & Jane Alves



Sincere apologies if, by mistake, we have forgotten to mention any names. We would like to be able to thank everyone who contributes with a donation towards PHP, unfortunately bank donations often appear with no identification. Please send us a short e-mail letting us know if you make any bank donation so that we are able to acknowledge your gift, and so that your name can be added to the Mass list on the 2nd Sunday of the following month.

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE (PHP)

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 after the floods in 2010! In a short period of time we have created partnerships with supermarket chains and restaurants, 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 from going hungry, getting their electricity cut off, running out of gas, losing their homes. **We have tried to keep them warm, keep them hopeful, and keep them dreaming...**

A sincere thank you to the owners and staff of Moynihans Irish Bar (located up the road from the Chapel), who have always been a great support towards the *People Helping People Project*. They willingly accept any clothes, toiletries, or tinned food on behalf of PHP, that you may wish to donate. Thank you to all who have been leaving clothes and donations there in the last weeks. It has been greatly appreciated!

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If you wish to **DONATE**, please find below the details for PHP bank account:

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We would like to be able to thank everyone who contributes with a donation towards *People Helping People*, unfortunately bank donations often appear with no identification. Please send us a short e-mail letting us know if you make any bank transfer / deposit, so that we are able to acknowledge your gift and can thank you in writing.



BOOK SALE TO SUPPORT PHP:

Mrs. Jane Caldwell, a frequent visitor to our Chapel, has written a novel and will be donating all proceeds from sales towards PHP. If you'd like to support PHP in this way, there are a few paper copies still available at Moynihans Irish Bar, or you can buy the Kindle e-book version. Look for “*Frozen Stiff*” by *Agatha Frisky* on the website: www.amazon.co.uk where you can get a copy of this light-hearted, slightly romantic detective story.



Please sign our Visitor's book
in the Social Hall... leave us your
comments, or suggestions,
and let us know where you're from!



**Please join us for some tea/coffee
and cake**
in the Social Hall across the garden
– after Mass

» Bible Group:

Directions to English Church
(for Bible Group) →

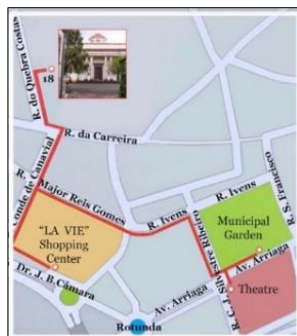
Joint Anglican - Roman Catholic
Bible Group:

Introducing the Old Testament.

THURSDAYS | 2:00 – 3:30pm

Where: English Church Library,
Rua do Quebra Costas nr.18,
Funchal.

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