



2nd of April 2017 – 10h00 Sunday Mass

5th Sunday of Lent, **Year A**

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

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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. The Diocese has also recently made repairs to the social hall, in the garden of the Chapel. **We are blessed by the presence of two dedicated priests at Penha de França. Father Bernardino** celebrates the English Mass every Sunday morning at 10h00, and **Father Vitor** celebrates Mass in Portuguese at 11h30.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ezekiel 37:12-14; Psalm 129; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45

Ezekiel was a priest exiled with the Jews to Babylon in 597 BC. The Jews had lost their king, land, and Temple, and all seemed lost for them as a nation. Ezekiel's messages during the exile were encouraging, giving hope that the nation would rise and live again, like a field full of dry bones coming to life. But this will be the Lord's doing, for the sake of his name, which they have profaned by their idolatry.

Writing to the Jewish Christians in Rome, Paul has been puzzling over our human condition: "I do not do the good that I want, but I do the evil that I hate". Mortal flesh is weak. "But God sent his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh" so that the Son's Spirit might give us the strength to live according to His Spirit. Paul's conclusion: with Christ's Spirit in us we are given life reconciled with God both now and in bodily resurrection after death.

These foretastes of resurrection prepare us for John's description of the Raising of Lazarus, the third of the three beautiful dramatic Lenten readings from John, which need to be read in full. Perhaps we should sit and ponder how difficult it is to believe, and how difficult it was for Martha to open the tomb?

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PSALM RESPONSE: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

TODAY'S HYMNS Brought to you by: **Prof. Cátia Marques & Prof. Helena Marques**

[1] **Entry Hymn:** *Father, we adore you* - N.º 136

[2] **Penitential Act:** *Lord, have mercy* - N.º 663

[3] **Gospel Acclamation:** *Glory and praise to you* - N.º 690

[4] **Offertory Hymn:** *Take our bread* - N.º 528

[5] **Sanctus:** *Holy* - N.º 704

[6] **Agnus Dei:** *Lamb of God* - N.º 737

[7] **Communion Hymn:** *Amazing Grace* - N.º 32

[8] **Thanksgiving:** Instrumental

[9] **Final Hymn:** *Go, the Mass is ended* - N.º 175

Having been a pastor in California for 12 years made me learn a lot from my parishioners. And many of my columns written for my Sunday newsletter were made of stories from them, stories which had the biggest impact on me. Today I share with you one which was published in January 2000, called “If you can learn from your children, you are smart”.



A few weeks ago I was introducing a parishioner to Clyde Hawkins. During the short conversation it was revealed that this wonderful man had stopped drinking because his little daughter had asked him to. And I believe the best reason to do or not to do something is when we do it for love and not just because it is right.

Clyde in all his wisdom commented, “If you can learn from your children it is because you are a smart man.”

Days later I received from Carl Ross the following message.

Good morning, Father,

The other night my daughter and I were making fun of my son Eric. You know, harmless stuff, just having fun with him.

Well, Eric did not think it was funny and he said to us, “You know, you are making the Devil happy. He’s smiling right now because you are saying bad things about me. Why don’t you say good things about me so God will smile?”

My daughter Angelica said, “You can’t see God, you don’t know if He is smiling or not.”

Then Eric replied, “I know I can’t see God, but I can feel Him in my heart.”

Wow! What I beautiful and powerful message my son just made and he’s only six years old, I thought to myself. I kept staring at him like he was an angel.

I thought this would put a smile on your face. Children are truly a gift from God. Peace be with you.

Carl

Dear Carl

Surely it put a smile on my face. Thank you and I agree with you and Clyde, “When you can learn from your children, you are a smart man”.

Love and Peace,
Fr. Bernardino Andrade



Saint Bernadette was born the eldest daughter of a miller in Lourdes, France. She contracted cholera whilst young, as a result of which she suffered ill-health for the rest of her life.

One day, whilst collecting firewood for her family, a beautiful woman appeared above a rose bush in a grotto named Massabielle. The lady was dressed in blue and white and made the sign of the cross with a rosary of ivory and gold.

Bernadette returned to the grotto each day for a fortnight and where muddy waters had once flowed a fresh clear spring now appeared. Eventually, **a Chapel was built on the site where Bernadette had experienced her visions.** The Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes is now one of the major Catholic pilgrimage sites in the world.

She received canonisation in 1933, not for the content of her visions, but rather for the simplicity and holiness of her life. She is the Patron Saint of sick persons and also of the family and poverty.

BLESSED KARL OF AUSTRIA – The exiled Emperor buried in Madeira

Did you know? Yesterday, the **1st of April**, was the **95th anniversary of the death of Blessed Karl of Austria.**

His body is buried here on the island of Madeira, in the church of *Nossa Senhora do Monte*. Karl of the House of Austria was born on August 17, 1887. On October 21, 1911, he married Zita of Bourbon-Parma. With his wife and children, he led an exemplary family life - a true domestic church, shaped by his intimate love for the Blessed Sacrament and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. In 1916, in the midst of the First World War he became Emperor of Austria and was crowned King of Hungary. **After the revolution of the Provisional National Assembly in 1919, he was banished into exile, lived in poverty and bore his illness with a profound trust in God.** He died on April 1, 1922, in Funchal on the island of Madeira, while calling upon the name of Jesus.



Blessed Karl and his wife, Zita

TO READ MORE ON BLESSED KARL OF AUSTRIA & THE MIRACLES ATTRIBUTED TO HIM,
SEE: <http://www.emperorcharles.org/>

A SPECIAL “THANK YOU” – “People Helping People”



The “People Helping People” association (a charity started at the Chapel in 2010, to help those in need) would like to thank **Gregory and Ana João** from Estreito da Calheta for the furniture that they so generously donated. Because of this, “People Helping People” was able to help a family who desperately needed furniture. They were so grateful for all that they received. Thank you!

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.

>> PHP BANK INFO:

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

BANK: Banco Santander Totta
SWIFT: TOTAPTPL

NIB: 0018 0008 01301547020 17
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PT50 0018 0008 01301547020 17
ACCOUNT NUMBER:

0008 0130 1547020

Bank Address:

Caminho de Santa Quiteria 46A,
9020-119, Funchal, Madeira, Portugal

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.



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

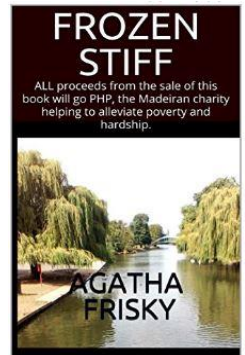
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BOOK SALE TO SUPPORT PHP:

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



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

Bible Group

Joint Anglican - Roman Catholic Bible Group: postponed until after Easter. For more info: chris@chris-oliver.net

Newsletter from Madeira. Keep in touch! This newsletter is brought to you every week by a team of volunteers:

Father Bernardino (who writes our Weekly Column: *From my Heart to your Heart*); Chris (*Scripture Readings*); Prof. Cátia and Prof. Helena (Hymns); Tracy and Jennifer (*Stories of interest, newsletter layout*). Every now and again we also have contributions/stories sent in by visitors and local members in the community. If you enjoyed this newsletter and would like to receive a copy every Sunday, please send an email to: penhafranca.newsletter@gmail.com to have your name added to the distribution list; or download it from the Chapel's website and blog: www.rcmassmadeira.org