



16th of April 2017 – 10h00 Sunday Mass

Easter Sunday - 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:

Happy Easter! Welcome to the Chapel of Penha de França, founded by Antonio Dantas in 1622. **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. 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.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

*(Acts 10:34,37-43; Psalm 117; Romans 6:3-11 / Colossians 3:1-4/ 1 Corinthians 5:6-8;
Matthew 28:1-10 / John 20:1-9)*

Continuing his gospel about Jesus' ministry before he died, Luke's Book of Acts describes Jesus' activity on earth through his Holy Spirit. In a vision, Peter was told that all animals and birds are suitable for eating, indicating that the restrictions of the Jewish Law were coming to an end. He is then able to enter the house of Cornelius, a Gentile. Peter's speech about what God has done in Jesus, is interrupted by the Holy Spirit welcoming the Gentile community into the church. Peter then realises that forgiveness of sins is offered to "everyone who believes" in Jesus' name.

The short reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians also draws attention away from earthly marks of religion: they should focus on the life to come when they "will appear with Christ in glory". The alternative reading is an early Easter homily. In the Jewish calendar, Passover was followed by the feast of Unleavened Bread. In the three synoptic gospels, three women discover the tomb empty and run to tell the apostles. But in John's gospel, Mary of Magdala is alone. She finds the stone removed from the tomb. Without going inside, she runs to tell Peter. Peter goes in first and sees the empty burial cloths. When the other disciple goes in, he believes.

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PSALM RESPONSE

- **Vigil:** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
- **Sunday:** This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.

TODAY'S HYMNS

Brought to you by: **Prof. Cátia Marques & Prof. Helena Marques**

[1] **Entry Hymn:** *Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord* - N.º 27

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

[3] **Pascal sequence sung in Latin**

[4] **Gospel Acclamation:** *Aleluia* - N.º 679

[5] **Offertory Hymn:** Portuguese Hymn

[6] **Sanctus:** *Holy* - N.º 704

[7] **Agnus Dei:** *Dona nobis pacem* - N.º 59

[8] **Communion Hymn:** *Our God loves us* - N.º 454

[9] **Thanksgiving:** Instrumental

[10] **Final Hymn:** Portuguese Hymn

FROM MY HEART TO YOUR HEART – He Is Risen Indeed

- Brought to you by Fr. Bernardino Andrade



Nikolai Ivanovich
Bukharin

You probably do not remember the name Nikolai Ivanovich Bukharin. Many years ago he was one of the most powerful men on earth. A Russian Communist leader, he took part in the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917. He was the editor of the Soviet newspaper "Pravda" and was a full member of the Politburo. His works on economics and political science are still read today.

There is a story told about a journey he took from Moscow to Kiev in 1930 to address a huge assembly of Communists. The

subject was atheism. Addressing the crowd, he attacked Christianity, hurling insults and arguments against it. When he had finished, he looked out at the audience: « *Are there any questions?* » he demanded. Deafening silence filled the auditorium, but then one man approached the platform and mounted the lectern. After surveying the crowd, he shouted the ancient greeting of the Russian Orthodox Church: « *CHRIST IS RISEN!* ». The crowd stood up and shouted in a thundering voice: « *HE IS RISEN INDEED!* »

Amazed and dejected, Bukharin left the stage in silence. Perhaps he had learned the lesson that Faith in Christ's Resurrection was deeply rooted in his Russian Orthodox Communist followers!



HAPPY EASTER!

Fr. Bernardino Andrade

EASTER TRADITIONS IN MADEIRA

❖ RELIGIOUS

Easter is one of the most important religious events in Madeira. This is a time full of traditions and customs that are lived with great intensity by the devoutly Catholic Madeiran population. Here are some of the events that took place in Holy Week this year:

ON HOLY THURSDAY:

During the Mass of the Lord's Supper that took place at the Sé Cathedral, the Bishop of Funchal, D. António Carrilho, celebrated the traditional "washing of feet", this year in collaboration with 3 members of the confraternity "*Confraria do Santíssimo*" from the Sé parish, 3 seminarians, and 6 patients from the health institution: "*Casa de Saúde de São João de Deus*".



ON GOOD FRIDAY:

A group of locals from the Santa Cecilia parish acted out the Stations of the Cross in Pico da Torre (Câmara de Lobos). Among the local "actors" there is always someone who carries the Cross, and enacts the crucifixion.

At 7pm, thousands of Madeiran Catholics gathered at the Sé Cathedral in Funchal for the **Good Friday procession known as "O Enterro do Senhor"** (The Funeral of Our Lord).



❖ FOOD

Some of the traditional pastries and sweets popular amongst locals during Easter are:



Pic. 1



Pic. 2



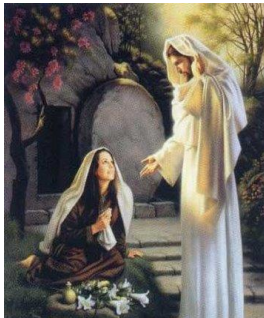
Pic. 3

[Pic. 1] **FOLAR DA PÁSCOA**: A sweet bread, scented with cinnamon and Fennel seeds, often with one or more cooked eggs nestled in the center.

[Pic. 2] **AMÊNDOAS**: Sweet candy-covered almonds of different colours.

[Pic. 3] **TORRÕES DE AÇÚCAR**: These are very popular. The main ingredient is sugar, and there are different flavours, eg. Cocoa, almond, walnut, strawberry, orange, coconut, etc.

All About Easter Sunday



» **WHAT IS EASTER?** - Easter or Easter Sunday, is the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead.

» **WHEN DOES IT OCCUR?** - Easter is always celebrated on the Sunday after Good Friday. It marks the end of Holy Week, the end of Lent, the last day of the Easter Triduum (ie. Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday); and is the beginning of the Easter season of the liturgical year.

» **WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?** - In the Gospels, Jesus came back to life, or was raised from the dead, three days after his death on the cross.

The Pope wants you to do this simple task this Triduum ...

- Source: Catholic News Agency (<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/>)

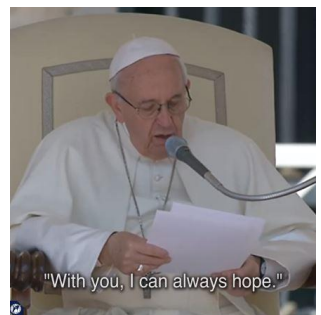
On Good Friday, addressing the large crowd who were attending Mass, Pope Francis said some inspiring words for Easter: « Let me now give you a job to do at home. It will be good for all of us to stop before the crucifix; all of you have one at home... look at Him and tell Him:

“With you, nothing is lost”.

“With you, I can always hope”.

“You are my hope”

The Pope added: « Now imagine the crucifix and all together say to Jesus Crucified three times: “You are my hope.” All of us! “You are my hope.” Stronger. “You are my hope!” Thank you! ».



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.

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

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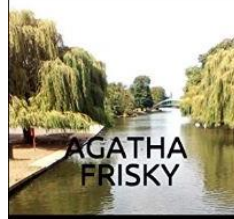
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BOOK SALE TO SUPPORT PHP:

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.

FROZEN STIFF

ALL proceeds from the sale of this book will go PHP, the Madeiran charity helping to alleviate poverty and hardship.



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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



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