



30th of April 2017 – 10h00 Sunday Mass 3rd Sunday of Easter - Year A

Capela de Nossa Senhora da Penha de França
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THE CATHOLIC ENGLISH MASS IN MADEIRA:

Welcome to the Chapel of Penha de França, which was founded by Antonio Dantas in 1622. Originally built to minister to the soldiers of the small garrison at the Pontinha Redoubt (stronghold) in the bay of Funchal, the Chapel soon became so famous a shrine that people came to it on pilgrimage from all parts of the Island. In 1935 the Franciscans 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 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 here at Penha de França: Father Bernardino** celebrates the English Mass every Sunday morning at 10h00, and **Father Vítor** celebrates Mass in Portuguese at 11h30.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(*Acts 2:14,22-28 ; Psalm 15 ; 1 Peter 1:17-21 ; Luke 24:13-35*)

Today and next Sunday we hear parts of Peter's speech at Pentecost. Peter emphasises that Jesus' death was part of God's plan, quoting the prophet Joel's words about the wonders expected in the last days, when God's Spirit will be poured out on all peoples. He then quotes from today's **Psalm** (15/16) to show how King David expected a "holy one" who would not suffer corruption. The resurrection shows that Jesus, a descendant of David who worked many signs, is this expected "Anointed One", "Messiah" in Hebrew, "Christ" in Greek. He now rightfully succeeds David as king of Israel. **Peter's first letter** reminds us of the price Jesus paid for our salvation in his suffering and death, so that through his resurrection we might "have faith and hope in God". We will be judged impartially by our just God. So we should persevere in hope, not relaxing our Christian standards in face of persistent attacks and attractions of secular society. **In the Gospel**, Jesus appeared to the women. Then, without being recognised, he joins two disciples walking despondently to Emmaus, and explains the scriptures to them, before they recognise him "at the breaking of bread". The appearances of Jesus after the resurrection invite us to listen carefully: he was clearly bodily present, not just a spirit. Yet he was different, and could only be recognised with faith.

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PSALM RESPONSE: Show us, Lord, the path of life.

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

- [1] **Entry Hymn:** *How lovely on the mountains* - N.º 235
- [2] **Penitential Act:** *Lord, have mercy* - N.º 663
- [3] **Gospel Acclamation:** *Aleluia* - N.º 679
- [4] **Offertory Hymn:** Portuguese Hymn
- [5] **Sanctus:** *Holy* - N.º 704

- [6] **Agnus Dei:** *Lamb of God* - N.º 737
- [7] **Communion Hymn:** Portuguese Hymn
- [8] **Thanksgiving:** Instrumental
- [9] **Final Hymn:** *Go, the Mass is ended* - N.º 175

- Brought to you by Fr. Bernardino Andrade

Slow down for three minutes to read this.

What does love mean to you?



A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4 to 8-year-olds: « What does love mean? »; the answers they got were broader, deeper, and more profound than anyone could have ever imagined! See what you think:

* « When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love. » - **Rebecca** (age 8)

* « Love is what makes you smile when you're tired. » - **Terri** (age 4)

* « Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK. » - **Danny** (age 8)

* « Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and just listen. » - **Bobby** (age 7)

* « If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate. » - **Nikka** (age 6)
[We need a few million more Nikka's on this planet!]

* « Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well. » - **Tommy** (age 6)

* « During my piano recital, I was on a stage and I was scared. I looked at all the people watching me and saw my daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that. I wasn't scared anymore. » - **Cindy** (age 8)



* « My mommy loves me more than anybody. You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night. » - **Clare** (age 6)

* « Love is when Mommy gives Daddy the best piece of chicken. » - **Elaine** (age 5)

* « Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day. » - **Mary Ann** (age 4)

* « When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you. » - **Karen** (age 7) [What an image!]

* « You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget. » - **Jessica** (age 8)



And the final one:

The winner was a four-year-old child whose next door neighbour was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. When his Mother asked what he had said to the neighbour, the little boy said, 'Nothing, I just helped him cry'.

Love and Peace,
Fr. Bernardino Andrade

Five Saints Who Consecrated Themselves To Mary

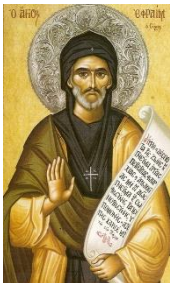
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Consecration to the Blessed Mother is an ancient practice, having roots that go back all the way to the very beginning of Christianity. However, it wasn't until St Louis de Montfort in the 18th century that the practice became formalized and more popular. Over the centuries **numerous saints have consecrated themselves to Mary in different ways** and sought to give everything they had to the Blessed Mother.

Here are just five saints who lived out a particular Marian consecration and dedicated their entire lives to Jesus through Mary:

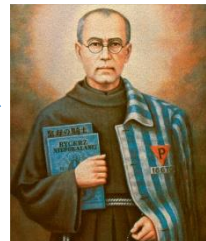
← Saint Ephrem the Syrian

Known as one of the Doctors of the Church, Ephrem was a deacon in the early Church who composed more than 400 hymns (*one of his favorite topics was the Blessed Virgin Mary*).



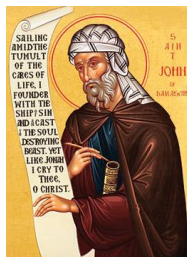
Saint Maximilian Kolbe

He followed the example of St Louis de Montfort by binding himself to Mary, freely becoming her “slave” and he composed his own consecration prayer.



→ Saint John Damascene

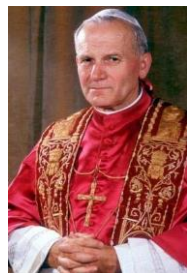
Another Doctor of the Church; he was a great defender of the faith in the early centuries of Christianity. He created the first known consecration prayer to Mary.



→ Saint John Paul II

He took for his own the motto: «Totus tuus» (“All yours,” or “I belong entirely to you, O Mary”).

He related to the Montfort Religious Family how the writings of Saint Louis de Montfort reassured him that devotion to Mary can never be too much.



↙ Saint Ildephonsus of Toledo

He was one of the first to write about being a “slave” or “servant” to Mary. He wrote frequently in defense of the Blessed Virgin and of his desire to be her slave.

Free Little Library – see our social room

After Mass please join us for some coffee or tea in our Social room (*straight across the garden from the Chapel*).

There, **against one of the walls you will see a cabinet full of books.** You're welcome to **take a book, leave one in exchange, or contribute with a small donation for the book you take** – all proceeds go to our **People Helping People** fund.

We are in partnership with Sinead (*from Moynihan's Irish Bar, on the corner up the road from the Chapel*) who collects any unwanted books, so feel free to pop in there and borrow or swap a book, or leave a donation.... Happy Reading! ☺



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.

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, you can buy the Kindle e-book version from:

www.amazon.co.uk

The book is a light-hearted, slightly romantic detective story.



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



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



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