



4th of June 2017 – 10h00 Sunday Mass Pentecost- Year A

Capela de Nossa Senhora da Penha de França
Rua da Penha de França nr.3 – Funchal,
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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**, who celebrates the English Mass every Sunday morning at 10h00, and **Father Vitor**, who celebrates Mass in Portuguese at 11h30.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 103; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13; John 20:19-23)

Until recently, Pentecost was less understood by Christians than the other two Jewish pilgrimage feasts of Passover and Tabernacles. Then the Dead Sea Scrolls showed that Pentecost was associated with God giving the Covenant on Sinai, and it was at Pentecost that new community members were enrolled. So the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles at Pentecost fits neatly with this Covenant feast.

Acts tells us that they “had all met”, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. God often made himself known with wind and fire. The list of peoples who hear and understand the Apostles extends from the east to west of the empire: effectively this is the programme for the mission now starting.

After rebuking the **Corinthians** for their factions and giving us the earliest description of the Eucharist, Paul shows how Christians together make up the one body of Christ on earth. It is the one Spirit who gives the gifts each individual needs for the particular task God has given him or her.

In the first ending of **John's Gospel**, Jesus appears to Mary Magdalen after his resurrection, and then to the disciples huddled together in a closed room “for fear of the Jews”. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on them, giving them power to forgive sins. *(Brought to you by: Chris Oliver) www.bible-groups.info/*

PSALM RESPONSE: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

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

- [1] **Entry:** *Bind us together* - N.º 65
- [2] **Penitential Act:** *Lord, have mercy* - N.º 663
- [3] **Gospel Acclamation:** *Aleluia* - N.º 679
- [4] **Offertory:** *Take our bread* - N.º 528
- [5] **Sanctus:** *Holy* - N.º 704

- [6] **Agnus Dei:** *Lamb of god* - N.º 737
- [7] **Communion:** *Our God loves us* - N.º 454
- [8] **Thanksgiving:** Instrumental
- [9] **Final:** *Go, the Mass is ended* - N.º 175

FROM MY HEART TO YOUR HEART – The Unfinished Project

- Brought to you by Fr. Bernardino Andrade

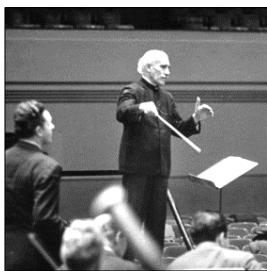
The Italian composer Giacomo Puccini wrote, among other operas, *La Boheme*, *Madama Butterfly* and *Tosca*. It was during his battle with terminal cancer in 1922 that he began to write *Turandot*, which many now consider his best work. He worked on the score day and night, despite his friends' advice to rest, and to save his energy.

When his sickness worsened, Puccini said to his disciples, "If I don't finish *Turandot*, I want you to finish it."

He died in 1924, leaving the work unfinished. His disciples gathered all that was written of *Turandot*, studied it in great detail, and then proceeded to write the remainder of the opera. The world premier was performed in La Scala Opera House in Milan in 1926, and Toscanini, Puccini's favorite student, conducted it.



Giacomo Puccini



Arturo Toscanini

The opera went beautifully, until Toscanini came to the end of the part written by Puccini. He stopped the music, put down the baton, turned to the audience, and announced, "*Thus far the master wrote, but he died.*" There was a long pause; no one moved. Then Toscanini picked up the baton, looked at the audience and, with tears in his eyes, announced, "*But his disciples finished his work...*"

The opera closed to thunderous applause and to a permanent place in the annals of great works.

Jesus instructs us in His Ascension message to finish His work of saving mankind by proclaiming His Good News by words and deeds.

Jesus brought to the world an enormous project. The project of Jesus sent by his Father was to build the Kingdom of God.

The Father didn't send His Son to the world to build the Catholic Church. The Catholic Church is just an instrument to build the Kingdom of God.

But He didn't finish his job. Now, like Puccini's disciples, it's up to us to continue His job. To build the Kingdom of His Father.

Love and Peace,

Fr. Bernardino Andrade

TODAY IS PENTECOST SUNDAY – But what exactly is it all about?



Pentecost Sunday takes place on the 50th day after Easter Sunday, and celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ (the first church). On Pentecost Sunday, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles, they were granted the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Those gifts (Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, Fear of the Lord) helped them to fulfill their mission to preach the Gospel to all nations.

SAINT OF THE MONTH – Saint Thomas More [Feast day: June 22nd]

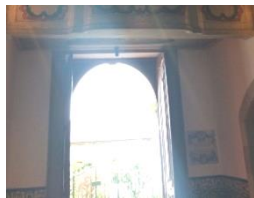
Sir Thomas More was born into a talented and well connected family. Like his father he was a lawyer and a statesman. He held many interesting roles in public life, which included Speaker of the House of Commons. He was a councillor for Henry VIII and Lord High Chancellor of England from October 1529 to May 1532.



Ironically, it was from this point that he had to address profound questions of moral consciousness. More, opposed the Protestant Revolution. Additionally, he refused to acknowledge King Henry as Supreme Head of the Church of England and the annulment of his marriage to Catherine of Aragon.

He was convicted of treason and paid the ultimate sacrifice. Upon his execution his last words were reported as - *'I die the King's good servant, but God's foremost'*.

THE LEGEND OF OUR LADY OF PENHA DE FRANÇA



At the entrance door of the Chapel, if you look upwards, just above your head you will see a **painting of a sleeping man, with an alligator waiting to attack him**. This has to do with a legend, which tradition has



it that a pilgrim, on the road to the shrine of Our Lady of Penha de França in Lisbon, stopped by the way and fell into a deep sleep of exhaustion. Whilst he slept, a fearsome reptile was about to devour him, when Our Lady, surrounded by an aura of light, appeared upon the hilltop and awakened the pilgrim, warning him of the danger. The beast was slain, and the hide carried to the church in Lisbon. Without the head, it measured 14 hands, and was covered in thick greenish black scales. Stuffed with straw, it was on view in the church there until 1739, when it had to be removed owing to its dilapidated condition. At the foot of any statue of our Lady of Penha de França you will always see a sleeping man and an alligator to represent this legend.

YOUR PRAYER CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Two weeks ago we started a prayer list in our newsletter. We asked for prayers for those who may be needing healing or spiritual strength. Thank you to all who prayed for:

José Manuel
Alberto da Mata
Carmina da Mata
John Hinchliffe
Barbara Matthews

Rosemary and João de Ponte
The Vallat family
Marina Kovalchikova
Nelita de Jesus



Please also spare a minute or two right now to pray for them. Your prayer can make a difference. ☺ Thank you...

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE (PHP)



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

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 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...**

The Mission Statement of People Helping People is... through social solidarity, to mobilize many people to help many people in a combat against poverty, hunger, illness, exclusion, indifference, intolerance, and social injustice, with a special preference for the last, the least and the lost, having as a model the person of Jesus, the «Good Shepherd» (Gospel according to Luke, chapter 15). Our wish is that it may always be an open door when all the other doors close, building in this way, different feelings and acts of Mercy (Gospel according to Luke, chapter 6 and Mathew chapter 25).

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. 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.

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Sign our Visitor's book in the Social Hall...

- ☞ leave us your comments, or suggestions,
- ☞ and let us know where you're from!

Tea and Coffee – After Mass

Please join us in the Social Hall across garden



>> Bible Group:

Directions to English Church
(for Bible Group)



Joint Anglican - Roman Catholic
Bible Group:

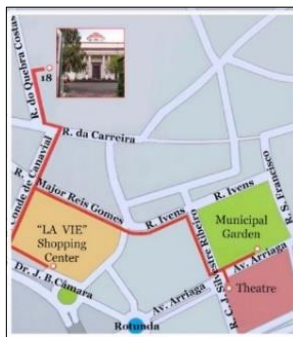
Looking at "The Creed"

When: THURSDAYS

Time: 2:00 – 3:30pm

Where: English Church Library,
Rua do Quebra Costas nr.18,
Funchal. **For more info:**

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