



**11<sup>th</sup> of June 2017 – 10h00 Sunday Mass**


**Trinity Sunday - Year A**


Chapel of Our Lady of 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**, 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

*(Ex 34:4-6,8-9; Dan 3:52-56; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18)*

Seeing the Israelites dancing round the golden calf, Moses was angry and had thrown down and broken the tablets on which the Lord had written his covenant. The agreement with God was literally broken!

Now the Lord, revealed as a God of compassion, tells Moses to prepare two more tablets. After "passing before" Moses, the Lord declares that He is "a God merciful, ... forgiving iniquity". Moses asks the Lord to forgive his people, and the Lord re-affirms his covenant and again writes the Commandments on stone tablets. Today's psalm comes from the hymn of thanks in the story of Daniel, set in the 6<sup>th</sup> century BC but probably written about 165 BC. Daniel's three companions refused to worship King Nebuchadnezzar's statue and so were thrown into a furnace so hot their guards were killed. But God protected the three men, who walked about inside the furnace with their clothes intact but their rope bindings burned off.

After Paul's stern instructions to his beloved Corinthians, his second letter ends with this fond farewell, including the Trinitarian grace used widely by Christians. At the beginning of John's Gospel, after the wedding at Cana and the cleansing of the Temple, Jesus tells Nicodemus he must be "born again". Nicodemus cannot understand this, but Jesus insists that those who refuse to believe and trust in Jesus condemn themselves.

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**PSALM RESPONSE: To you glory and praise for evermore.**

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

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

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

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

[4] **Offertory:** Portuguese Hymn

[5] **Sanctus:** *Holy* - N.º 704

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

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

[8] **Thanksgiving:** Instrumental

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

## FROM MY HEART TO YOUR HEART – Life After Delivery

- *Brought to you by* Fr. Bernardino Andrade

**In a mother's womb were two babies**, one asked the other: «*Do you believe in life after delivery?* ». The other replied «*Why, of course. There has to be something after delivery. Maybe we are here to prepare ourselves for what we will be later.* » ...

« *Nonsense* », said the first, « *There is no life after delivery. What kind of life would that be?* ». The second said «*I don't know, but there will be more light than here. Maybe we will walk with our legs and eat from our mouth. Maybe we will have other senses that we can't understand now*». The first replied - «*That is absurd. Walking is impossible. And eating with our mouths? Ridiculous! The umbilical cord supplies nutrition and everything we need. But the umbilical cord is so short. Life after delivery is to be logically excluded.* ». The second insisted - «*Well I think there is something, and maybe it's different from life here. Maybe we won't need this physical cord anymore.* ». The first replied: « *Nonsense.*



*And moreover, if there is life, then why has no one ever come back from there? Delivery is the end of life, and in the after-delivery there is nothing but darkness and silence and oblivion. It takes nowhere.* ». «*Well, I don't know,* » said the second, «*but certainly we will meet Mother and she will take care of us.* ». The first replied «*Mother? You actually believe in Mother? That's laughable. If Mother exists then where is She now?* ». The second said: «*She is all around us. We are surrounded by her. We are of Her. It is in Her that we live. Without Her this world would not and could not exist.* ». «*Well I don't see her, so it is only logical that she doesn't exist*», said the first, to which the second replied: «*Sometimes, when you're in silence and you focus and listen, you can hear Her loving voice, calling down from above.* ».



Sometimes we are like the two babies in the story, and we ask: "Is there life after death?"... "Does God exist?"

I have heard that even though birds are surrounded by air, they don't see the air. Fish are surrounded by water, but the last thing they see is the water. We are so immersed in God. We are completely soaked in God like a sponge with water. We are completely surrounded by God like babies by their mother's wombs, like birds by air and fish by water but we are so distracted by the «*life*» and the «*needs*» created by us that we take the risk of even saying and feeling that God doesn't exist unless like the second baby says «***Sometimes, when you are in silence and focus and listen we can hear HIS loving voice, calling down from above***».

**Love and Peace,**

Fr. Bernardino Andrade ([bernardinodandrade@gmail.com](mailto:bernardinodandrade@gmail.com))

### Today Is Trinity Sunday – What does this mean?



Trinity Sunday, is celebrated a week after Pentecost Sunday, and celebrates the Christian doctrine of the Holy Trinity, the three persons of God: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

The human mind can never fully understand the mystery of the Trinity, but we can sum it up in the following formula: **God is three Persons in one Nature.** There is only one God, and the three Persons of God - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit - are all equally God, and They cannot be divided.

## CORPUS CHRISTI – Celebrated in the Catholic Church this week

The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ is also known as “*Corpus Christi*”, which translates from the Latin to “*Body of Christ*”. **It celebrates the tradition and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.**

The feast is liturgically celebrated on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday. Traditionally, at the end of Holy Mass on the Thursday, **there is often a procession** through the streets surrounding the church where the Holy Mass took place. Flower carpets (*arrangements of flowers laid out on the street to resemble colourful carpets*) are found along the streets where the procession takes place.

**You can experience this tradition for yourself** this coming Thursday (June 15<sup>th</sup>) at the Sé Cathedral in Funchal, where there will be a special Mass at 6:00 p.m.



## THE MADEIRA ATLANTIC FESTIVAL – Fireworks every week in June!

Source: [www.visitmadeira.pt/en-gb/what-to-do/events/search/atlantic-festival](http://www.visitmadeira.pt/en-gb/what-to-do/events/search/atlantic-festival)

The Madeira Atlantic Festival (*Festival do Atlântico*) sets the beginning of the summer season in Madeira. **On 4 consecutive Saturdays during the month of June, at 10:30 pm there is a glorious fireworks show** that lights up Funchal's night sky at the pier of



Funchal's harbour. These wonderful and exciting performances, lasting about 20 minutes each, combine fireworks and music in a unique experience for tourists and residents. **This year, pyrotechnic companies representing Canada, Poland, China, and Portugal will compete** for a trophy awarded by public vote through the Internet and boxes located in strategic places in Funchal city (*City Pier – day of the show, La Vie Shopping*

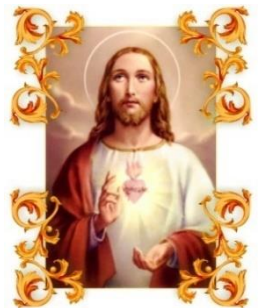
*Centre, Marina Shopping Centre, and Avenida Arriaga Tourism Office*). **Each week there is a different country:** the 1<sup>st</sup> fireworks show was by Canada, while yesterday was Poland's turn. Next Saturday will be a company from China, and the last fireworks show (*on 24<sup>th</sup> of June*) will be done by a Portuguese company!

## YOUR PRAYER CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

**While you wait for Mass to start, please take a few moments to say a short prayer for those may be needing healing or spiritual strength today, especially:**

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

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



*Thank you...* Your prayer can make a difference. ☺

## 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 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).



### CAKE SALE – To Help Raise Funds for PHP:

**On Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup>** there will be a **small outdoor market in Monte** (near the fountain with the image of Our Lady of Monte) called “*Mercadinho do Monte*”. Deborah Andrade will be managing a stall there to raise funds for the People Helping People project. **Any donations of cakes, biscuits, as well as napkins, plates, etc would be very much appreciated.** If you’d like to help with this worthy cause, please feel free to get in touch with Deborah for more information (she speaks English and Portuguese). Her contact details are: (Tel) 934396323 or (email): [deborandrademadeira@gmail.com](mailto:deborandrademadeira@gmail.com). Thank you in advance ☺

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**SWIFT:** TOTAPTPL

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**ACCOUNT NUMBER:** 0008 0130 1547020

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### » Bible Group: →

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Bible Group:

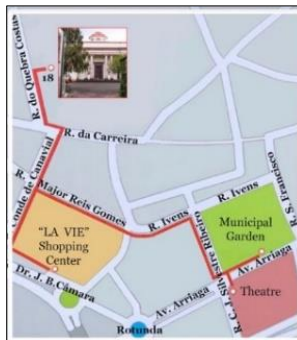
Looking at “*The Creed*”

**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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