




25th of June 2017 – 10h00 Sunday Mass 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 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. This morning's Service is a special intention Mass in memory of Guido dos Santos who passed away unexpectedly 3 months ago.

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. This small chapel 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.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(Jer 20:10-13 ; Ps 68(69):8-10. 14. 17.33-35 ; Romans 5:12-15 ; Matthew 10:26-33)

About 600 BC, Jeremiah counselled King Zedekiah to be conciliatory towards Babylon, ruled by Nebuchadnezzar. Other counsellors had Jeremiah scourged for prophesying that the Lord would punish the city because the people had not obeyed the words of the one God. Here Jeremiah expresses his internal doubts but concludes that the Lord is indeed on his side, and asks that he will see his persecutors punished. Against Jeremiah's advice, Zedekiah revolted, Jerusalem was destroyed and the people led into exile. In his letter to the Romans, Paul continues reflecting on the redemptive mystery of Christ. Sin, the dreadful power that has gripped humanity from the beginning, causes both bodily and spiritual death. Like Adam, all people pursue their own desires in opposition to God's will, and so continue to suffer death. But "the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one person Jesus Christ overflow for the many", making life available to all. In Matthew's gospel, Jesus has described the trials the newly commissioned Apostles will face in their mission. They will be persecuted and even betrayed by members of their families. But they should "not worry about how they are to speak" in front of judges. They "will be given at that moment" what they are to say. Today's reading insists they can have complete confidence in God and must not be afraid.

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PSALM RESPONSE: In your great love, answer me, O God.

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

[1] **Entry:** *Let there be love* - N.º 317
[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:** *Portuguese Hymn*
[8] **Thanksgiving:** *Instrumental*
[9] **Final:** *Go, the Mass is ended* - N.º 175





Astronaut Mike Hopkins

Astronaut Mike Hopkins is one of those selected few. He **spent six months on the International Space Station (ISS) in 2013**. And though he was thrilled when he was chosen for a space mission, there was one Person he didn't want to leave behind: Jesus in the Eucharist. Hopkins had been received into the Church less than a year before his launch. After a long wait, he was finally able to receive Our Lord at each Mass. Facing the prospect of being off the planet for half a year, he decided he had to find out if Jesus could travel with him. It turns out he could - and he did.

Hopkins says, "In 2011, I got assigned to a mission to the International Space Station. I was going to go up and spend six months in space, starting in 2013. So I started asking the question, *'Is there any chance I can take the Eucharist up with*

me into space?' The weekend before I left for Russia - we launch on a Russian rocket from Kazakhstan - I went to Mass one last time, and [the priest with permission from his bishop] consecrated the wafers into the Body of Christ, and I was able to take the *pyx** with me. NASA has been great. ... They didn't have any reservations about me taking the Eucharist up or to practicing my Faith in orbit. The Russians were amazing. I went in with all my personal items, and I explained what the *pyx* was and the meaning of it to me - because for them, they, of course, saw it just as bread, if you will, the wafers - and yet for me [I knew] it was the Body of Christ. And they completely understood and said, *"Okay, we'll estimate it weighs this much, and no problem. You can keep it with you."* All these doors opened up, and I was able to take the Eucharist up - and I was able to have Communion, basically, every week. There were a couple of times when I received Communion on, I'll say, special occasions: I did two spacewalks; so on the morning of both of those days, when I went out for the spacewalk, I had Communion. **It was really helpful for me to know that Jesus was with me when I went out the hatch into the vacuum of space.** And then I received my last Communion on my last day on orbit in the "Cupola" which is this large window that looks down at the Earth, and that was a very special moment before I came home. (- Father Tony Kadavil)

Love and Peace,

Fr. Bernardino Andrade (bernardinodandrade@gmail.com)

* *pyx* - A *pyx* is a small round container used to carry the consecrated host (Eucharist), to the sick or those otherwise unable to come to a church in order to receive Holy Communion.





The Popular Saints Festival (*Festa dos Santos Populares* – in Portuguese) takes place all over the island in the month of June, and is strongly rooted in the traditions of Madeira. They are the high social point of many regions on the island.

These festivities are dedicated to the 3 popular saints: St. Anthony (*Santo António*), St. John (*São João*) and St. Peter (*São Pedro*). The celebrations begin with St. Anthony, traditionally the saint of love, and a match-maker, but St. John is the most popular saint. From 19th - 24th June, **local shops prepare and show off their creativity by decorating small altars in honour of the 3 saints.** There are also lively musical performances in the city centre.

Never
abandon
prayer, even
when it
seems
pointless to
pray.

POPE FRANCIS



“Jesus is present in the Eucharist to be met, loved, received and consoled.”

– Blessed John Paul II, Feast of Corpus Christi 1979



WILL YOU PRAY FOR THEM?

Please spare a few moments right now to pray for those who are in need of healing or spiritual strength, especially:

Alberto da Mata
Carmina da Mata
José Manuel Reis
The Vallat family
Marina Kovalchikova

Barbara Matthews
John Hinchliffe
Nelita da Silva
Rosemary and João de Ponte

Thank you! Your prayers really do 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).

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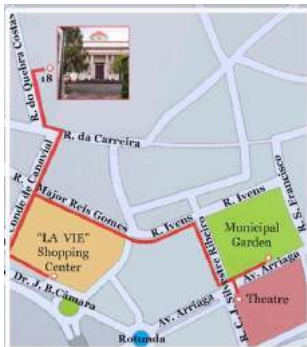
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Please beware
low door lintels
in the Chapel
when leaving
the Sanctuary

Tea and Coffee After Mass
Please join us in the Social
Hall across the garden.



Don't forget to leave your yellow
Hymn Book and *Order of the
Mass* sheets on the table at the
Chapel entrance after mass ☺

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*). We also have contributions / stories sent in by visitors and local members in the community. The newsletters are printed by Cartridge World Funchal, in Rua Elias Garcia, nr 5. If you would like to receive a copy of this newsletter 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