



7th January 2018 – 10h00 Sunday Mass

Epiphany - Year B

Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França,
Rua Penha de França nr. 3, Funchal, Madeira

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THE CATHOLIC ENGLISH MASS IN MADEIRA:

Welcome to the Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França!

Father Bernardino is our English mass priest and will be celebrating Mass for us today. 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 been repaired and the ceiling restored through the generosity of a frequent visitor to our English Mass. The Diocese has also recently done some repairs in the social hall, and fixed the 3 bells in the Chapel's bell tower. **Today's Mass Collection will go towards the repair and restoration of the chancel ceiling above the altar.**

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(Isaiah 60:1-6 ; Psalm 71(72) ; Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 ; Matthew 2:1-12)

Third Isaiah was writing after the Israelites had returned from exile in Babylon. Future messianic salvation is offered to all who believe in the Lord and keep his commandments. All peoples will stream to the new Jerusalem with acceptable offerings. The psalm offers good wishes to a king, perhaps at a coronation. But the king is so idealised that only the Messiah could match these expectations. The vision of the universal Church Paul describes in Ephesians matches Isaiah's image of the new Jerusalem. The Church, Christ's body, led by the Spirit, is part of God's plan for the whole of creation. Paul joyfully realises that taking the gospel message to all was always part of God's plan: Gentiles as well as Jews are to share equally in the inheritance promised by God.

In Luke's Gospel an angel announced Jesus' birth to poor Jewish shepherds, excluded by their occupation from Temple worship. Today we hear Matthew's description of Gentile scholars travelling from afar to bring kingly offerings to the new-born child. God's plan is already being made known beyond Israel. But the scholars needed the Jewish scriptures to help find Jesus. We too need the Old Testament to help us understand God's plan and what he has done in Jesus for our salvation.

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PSALM RESPONSE: All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

HYMN NUMBERS:

Organ / Voice – Professor Fátima Cátia Marques

Cello – Professor Helena Paula Marques

[1] **Entry Hymn:**

Hark, The Herald Angels sing – No. 212

[2] **Penitential Act:** *Lord, have mercy* – No. 659

[3] **Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia*

[4] **Offertory Hymn:** *Away in a manger* – No. 53

[5] **Sanctus:** *Holy* – No. 698

[6] **Agnus Dei:** *Lamb of God* – No. 737

[7] **Communion Hymn:**

Portuguese Hymn

[8] **Thanksgiving:** *Instrumental*

[9] **Final Hymn:**

O little town of Bethlehem – No. 414

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Message of Pope Francis for the Celebration of the 51st World Day of Peace



On Monday, January 1, 2018, we celebrated the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. That day was also the 51st World Day of Peace. The motto of reflection that Pope Francis proposed for this year was: *“Migrants and refugees: men and women in search of peace.”* Here is part of what Pope Francis shared during the celebration:

Pope Francis:

“Offering asylum seekers, refugees, migrants and victims of human trafficking an opportunity to find the peace they seek requires a strategy combining four actions:

Welcoming, Protecting, Promoting and Integrating.

- **“Welcoming”** calls for expanding legal pathways for entry and no longer pushing migrants and displaced people towards countries where they face persecution and violence. It also demands balancing our concerns about national security with concern for fundamental human rights. Scripture reminds us: “Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.” (Hebrews 13:2.)
- **“Protecting”** has to do with our duty to recognize and defend the inviolable dignity of those who flee real dangers in search of asylum and security, and to prevent their being exploited. I think in particular of women and children who find themselves in situations that expose them to risks and abuses that can even amount to enslavement. God does not discriminate: “The Lord watches over the foreigner and sustains the orphan and the widow.” (Psalm 146:9.)
- **“Promoting”** entails supporting the integral human development of migrants and refugees. Among many possible means of doing so, I would stress the importance of ensuring access to all levels of education for children and young people. This will enable them not only to cultivate and realize their potential, but also better equip them to encounter others and to foster a spirit of dialogue rather than rejection or confrontation. The Bible teaches that God “loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt.” (Deuteronomy 10:18-19.)
- **“Integrating”**, lastly, means allowing refugees and migrants to participate fully in the life of the society that welcomes them, as part of a process of mutual enrichment and fruitful cooperation in service of the integral human development of the local community. Saint Paul expresses it in these words: “You are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people.” (Ephesians 2:19.)

Read the full address on the Vatican’s website:

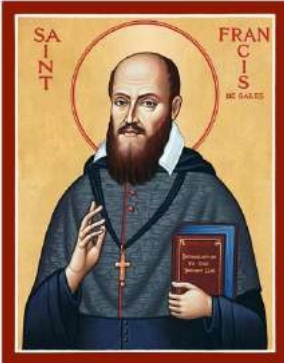
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**God loves you and so do I.
Fr. Bernardino Andrade**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

SAINT OF THE MONTH:

January - St. Francis de Sales



Saint Francis de Sales was born in 1567 in Haute-Savoie, France.

In 1592 he received his doctorate in law and theology. One year later he was ordained and appointed a provost of the Cathedral Chapter of Geneva. Later he became Bishop of Geneva, but continued to live in what is now modern day France, because Geneva was by then under strict Calvinist control. To counter this, de Sales became a prolific writer and arranged for broadsheets and books to be widely distributed in an effort to halt the prevailing Protestant culture.

He also developed a sign language to teach the deaf.

For all these reasons **he is patron of writers and journalists and also of the deaf**. He died in 1622 and was later styled 'the Gentleman Saint', because of his patience and gentleness. His Feast Day is celebrated on January 24th.

DIA DE REIS (King's Day) – A tradition in Madeira

Every year on January 6th in Madeira, we celebrate *Dia de Reis* ("King's Day"). According to tradition, it's to celebrate the day when the newborn baby Jesus, the Saviour, the Messiah, receives the visit of the 3 Wise Men from the East. The night before, Madeiran families usually gather together with friends and neighbours, who go out and sing traditional songs door to door.



"Bolo Rei" ("King Cake") is a traditional Portuguese cake that is usually eaten around Christmas, from December 25th until Epiphany, on the 6th January. The cake itself is round with a large hole in the centre, resembling a crown covered with crystallized and dried fruit. It is baked from

a soft, white dough, and in some of these cakes there is the characteristic dried "fava" (broad bean) or small Wise Man figurine.

Tradition dictates that whoever finds the fava bean or the Wise Man figurine, must pay for next year's cake!



A "fava" (broad bean), and a figurine hidden in the Bolo Rei cake

CHRISTMAS PLATE

THE SYMBOLIC GIFTS

GOLD
The royal metal; signifies Jesus' Kingship (hence, the gift for a king).

FRANKINCENSE
Symbol of prayer; signifies Jesus as the High Priest/Mediator between God and man (hence, the gift for a priest).

MYRRH
A burial ointment; meaning that Jesus had to die for the salvation of all (hence, gift for one who would die).

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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 Matthew chapter 25).

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