





18th February 2018 – 10h00 Sunday Mass

1st Sunday of Lent - Year B

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

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Welcome to the Chapel of Penha de França! Today is the 1st Sunday of Lent. The special intention of this morning's Mass will be offered for the **Dos Ramos family** (Marcelino, Rita, Cristiano, Lourenço, Carmelita, and Lúcia).



TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(Gen 9:8-15; Psalm 24(25):4-9; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15)



Genesis describes how, after the Great Flood, God established the first covenant with humanity, promising not to destroy all living creatures again. Every rainbow reminds us of God's care for all creation. The psalm asks for God's guidance and pardon, before meditating on God's goodness towards the just. Peter applies the Genesis story to Jesus. We should not "repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse" but repay hurt with a blessing. If God wills that we suffer, then it is better to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. God's promise to Noah is fulfilled in Christ, who "in the body was put to death, in the spirit was raised to life". Just as Noah was saved by water, so we are washed in the water of baptism and make "a promise to God from a good conscience" rising into a new life in Christ. In Mark's gospel, Jesus' baptism is followed immediately by this very brief description of his temptation in the desert. Angels guided the Israelites during the Exodus. Now angels look after Jesus as he rejects Satan and remains obedient to God, announcing the Good News to begin his human ministry.

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PSALM RESPONSE:

Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

HYMN NUMBERS:

Organ / Voice – Professor Fátima Cátia Marques

Cello – Professor Helena Paula Marques

- [1] **Entry Hymn:** *Father, we adore you* – No. 136
- [2] **Penitential Act:** *Lord, have mercy* – No. 659
- [3] **Gospel Acclamation:** *Glory and praise to You* – No. 690
- [4] **Offertory Hymn:** *Portuguese Hymn*
- [5] **Sanctus:** *Holy* – No. 704
- [6] **Agnus Dei:** *Lamb of God* – No. 737
- [7] **Communion Hymn:** *Portuguese Hymn*
- [8] **Thanksgiving:** *Instrumental*
- [9] **Final Hymn:** *Let there be love* – No. 317



- *Brought to you by* Fr. Bernardino Andrade (bernardinodandrade@gmail.com)

It was last Sunday, February 11th, 2018, the Sunday before Lent. The Newsletter, JOYFUL GIFT, of the English Mass here at the Chapel of Penha de França, announced on its first page that this was the 100th Edition of its 3rd Volume. I think that this is an event that deserves to be celebrated. We Christians must be a celebrating family. We celebrate the Eucharist and all the other Sacraments but we also celebrate life and all the small events that are part of our lives like the 100th Edition of a Newsletter.



there was something new and inspiring to read. The 1st Edition took place on June 5th, 2011 and continued until the 67th edition on January 18th, 2014.

The Joyful Gift newsletter was conceived by the Engineer, Laura Machado, who was able to offer to the English speaking Community of Penha de França Chapel, 67 editions of the 1st volume of this newsletter. It was the first time that we had a newsletter at the Chapel. Every week

Then, when Laura left Portugal for her present job in London, Mr. Chris Oliver took over and for a while he was able to continue Laura's project with a different format. This marked the 2nd Volume of the Joyful Gift. Chris Oliver, even with a residence in Portugal, lived in London during a long period of the year which made it difficult to continue as he would have liked. That's when Tracy De Ponte and her daughter, Jennifer, were invited to start the 3rd volume of the Joyful Gift on Palm Sunday, March 20th, 2016.



she always «blames» her daughter. That's the reason why I started calling Jennifer our «Artistic Advisor».

I was really surprised to see the beautiful and «professional» presentation of their work. One day I decided to ask Tracy if she had attended any school in Journalism. She said «no» but the truth is that professionals wouldn't have done a better job. When I see something very special and I ask Tracy how she was able to find that picture or that text,

Thank you, Laura!... Thank you, Chris!... Thank you Tracy, and thank you our Artistic advisor, Jennifer!

Love and Peace,
Fr. Bernardino Andrade

1,600-YEAR-OLD BASILICA FOUND UNDERWATER

- Source: www.aleteia.org/2017/06/28/1600-year-old-basilica-found-underwater-in-what-was-ancient-nicaea/

The remains of a 1,600-year-old Byzantine basilica have been discovered at the site of the Councils of Nicaea, at the bottom of a lake in northwest Turkey.

"We have found church remains. It is in a basilica plan and has three naves," says Mustafa Şahin, an archaeology professor at Bursa Uludağ University. Plans are now underway to open an underwater museum to allow tourists to view the foundation of the church, which was found lying in 5-7 feet of water in Lake Iznik, in Bursa, Turkey.



The ancient basilica was discovered by aerial photographs taken in 2014 during an inventory of historical and cultural artifacts. Archaeologists have determined that the basilica collapsed during an earthquake in 740 and was never rebuilt. The ruins were submerged over time by changes in the water level of the lake. The discovery of the basilica was named one of the Top 10 Discoveries of 2014 by the Archaeological Institute of America.



Seen on *uCatholic* Facebook page this week:

A beautiful little girl with Down syndrome, got up from her seat during a papal audience and went towards Pope Francis. The security guards quickly moved in to take her back to her mother. The Pope stopped everyone and said to the girl, "come sit next to me." The girl then sat down near him and Pope Francis continued to preach while holding hands with the little girl.

ASH WEDNESDAY – 1st Time at the Chapel

This year, for the first time, Ash Wednesday Mass was celebrated here at the Chapel.

The Mass was attended by 55 people.

Ash Wednesday also marked the beginning of Lent.



Repent and believe in the Good News



INSPIRING QUOTE:

As we enter Heaven we will see them, so many of them coming towards us and thanking us. We will ask who they are, and they will say "a poor soul you prayed for in purgatory".

- **Fulton J. Sheen**

Venerable Fulton John Sheen was an American bishop of the Catholic Church known for his preaching and especially his work on television and radio. The cause for his canonization as a saint was officially opened in 2002.

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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Bible Group:

Joint Anglican - Roman Catholic Bible Group: The Lent Course started on Thursday, February 15th, and follows the Pilgrims Course (a Church of England published variety). Concentrating on the Eucharist for 6 sessions. Starts at 2pm and finishes 3.30pm. In the Trinity rooms of the English Church. **EVERONE** welcome

For more info, please contact: Jean
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.... leave us your comments, or suggestions, let us know where you're from! ☺ We also have a **map** where you can place a pin on your home town!
You'll find the Social Hall across the garden from the Chapel



Tea and Coffee After Mass

**Please join us in the
Social Hall across
the garden for a
cup of coffee, cake,
and a chat.**



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