




1st April 2018 – 10h00 Sunday Mass

Easter Sunday - Year B

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

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THE CATHOLIC ENGLISH MASS IN MADEIRA:

Happy Easter! Welcome to the Chapel of Penha de França, founded by Antonio Dantas in 1622. We are blessed by the presence of two dedicated priests at Penha de França. Father Bernardino celebrates the English Mass every Sunday morning at 10h00, and Father Vitor celebrates Mass in Portuguese at 11h30.

The Chapel was originally built to minister to the soldiers of the small garrison at the Pontinha Redoubt (stronghold) in the bay of Funchal, but the Chapel soon became so famous a shrine that people came to it on pilgrimage from all parts of the Island. In the meantime, the Franciscans had been coming to Madeira to carry out apostolic duties, and in 1935, they 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 and the ceiling were repaired and restored a few years ago 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. More repairs are currently taking place inside the Chapel, which are urgently needed to preserve the structure, and beauty of this Chapel.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(Vigil/Day Acts 10:34,37-43 ; Psalm 117(118) ;

Romans 6:3-11/Colossians 3:1-4/1 Corinthians 5:6-8 ; Mark 16:1-7/John 20:1-9)

In a vision in Acts, Peter is told that all animals and birds are suitable for eating: the restrictions of the Jewish Law are ending. So he can enter the house of Cornelius, a Gentile. Peter's speech is interrupted by the Holy Spirit welcoming the Gentile community into the church. Peter realises that forgiveness of sins is offered to "everyone who believes" in Jesus' name. The vigil reading from Paul sees our baptism as joining Christ in his tomb, to rise to a new life in Christ, freed from the slavery of sin. The dramatic Passover psalm thanks God for repeatedly coming to our rescue and saving us. Paul's letter to the Colossians draws attention away from earthly marks of religion: having died to things on earth, they should focus on the life to come when they "will appear with Christ in glory". The alternative reading refers to the feast of Unleavened Bread, which followed Passover... In the three synoptic gospels, three women discover the tomb empty and run to tell the apostles. But in John's gospel, Mary of Magdala is alone. Finding the stone removed from the tomb, she runs to tell Peter. Peter goes in first and sees the empty burial cloths. When the other disciple goes in, he believes.

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PSALM RESPONSE: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Or: This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.



FROM MY HEART TO YOUR HEART – How to Say « Happy Easter »

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

For Easter, many different cultures have many different ways of greeting one another. In the English culture we say «Happy Easter!». In the Portuguese culture it's «Felizes Páscoas!». In the Russian Orthodox culture they say: «He Is Risen!» and the answer to that is «He Is Risen Indeed!»



Many years ago Nikolai Ivanovich Bukharin was one of the most powerful men on earth. A Russian Communist leader, he took part in the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917. He was the editor of the Soviet newspaper Pravda and was a full member of the Politburo. His works on economics and political science are still read today.

There is a story told about a journey he took from Moscow to Kiev in 1930 to address a huge assembly of Communists. The subject was atheism.

Addressing the crowd, he attacked Christianity, hurling insults and arguments against it. When he had finished, he looked out at the

audience: "*Are there any questions?*" he demanded.

Deafening silence filled the auditorium.

Then one man stood up, approached the platform and mounted the lectern. After surveying the crowd, he shouted the ancient greeting of the Russian Orthodox Church:

- "*CHRIST IS RISEN!*"

The crowd stood up and shouted in a thundering voice:

- "*HE IS RISEN INDEED!*"

Amazed and dejected, Bukharin left the stage in silence. Finally, he had learned the lesson that Faith in Christ's Resurrection was deeply rooted in his Russian Orthodox Communist followers!

HAPPY EASTER... FELIZES PÁSÇOAS... JESUS IS RISEN...



Fr. Bernardino Andrade

BOOK SALE LAST SUNDAY - A Special Thank You!

Last week Sunday Mrs Jane Caldwell, author of the murder mystery novel «Frozen Stiff», raised 40 euros from the sale of her book. **A huge thank you to Jane and her husband, Peter**, for their wonderful generosity in donating the proceeds from the book sales to People Helping People (*you can read more about People Helping People on the last page of the newsletter*).

Copies of the book are still available today in the Social Hall for anyone who may be interested. The book costs €10 euros. Alternatively, it is available online as a Kindle e-book for £3,50 on www.amazon.com

The novel is a light-hearted, slightly romantic detective story; a typical holiday read.

Happy Reading!



EASTER SUNDAY

» WHAT IS EASTER?

Easter or Easter Sunday, is the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead.

» WHEN DOES IT OCCUR?

Easter is always celebrated on the Sunday after Good Friday. It marks the end of Holy Week, the end of Lent, the last day of the Easter Triduum (ie. Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday); and is the beginning of the Easter season of the liturgical year.

» WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?

In the Gospels, Jesus came back to life, or was raised from the dead, three days after his death on the cross. His resurrection marks the triumph of good over evil, sin and death. It is the singular event which proves that those who trust in God and accept Christ will be raised from the dead. Through his death, burial, and resurrection, Jesus paid the penalty for sin, thus purchasing for all who believe in him, eternal life in Christ Jesus.



Madeira's EASTER Traditions

RELIGIOUS

Easter is one of the most important religious events in Madeira. This is a time full of traditions and customs that are lived with great intensity by the devoutly Catholic Madeiran population. Here are some of the events that take place in Holy Week every year:



ON HOLY THURSDAY:

During the *Mass of the Lord's Supper* that takes place at the Sé Cathedral in Funchal, the Bishop, **D. António Carrilho** washes the feet of several patients from health Institutions.



ON GOOD FRIDAY:

A group of locals act out the **Stations of the Cross** in *Pico da Torre* (in *Câmara de Lobos*). Among the local "actors" there is always someone who carries the Cross, and enacts the crucifixion.



ON GOOD FRIDAY:

Large crowds of devout Madeiran Catholics gather at the Sé Cathedral in Funchal for the **Good Friday procession** known as "**O Enterro do Senhor**" (The Funeral of Our Lord).

FOOD

Some of the traditional pastries and sweets popular amongst locals during Easter:



(first pic. on the left):

FOLAR DA PÁSCOA - A sweet bread, scented with cinnamon and Fennel seeds, often with one or more cooked eggs nestled in the centre;

(middle pic.) **AMÊNDOAS** - Sweet candy-covered almonds of different colours;

(pic. on the right) **TORRÕES DE AÇÚCAR** - These are very popular. The main ingredient is sugar, and there are different flavours, eg. Cocoa, almond, walnut, strawberry, orange, coconut, etc

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE (PHP)



People Helping People 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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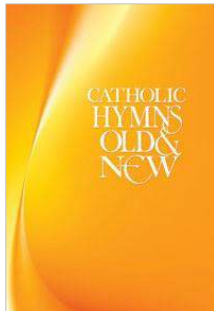
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This week we received three copies of the Hymn books "Catholic Hymns Old & New" to be used at the English Mass. This was a gift from Mr. John Loughran from London. The hymn books arrived in excellent condition.

Thank you very much! 😊



Please sign our Visitor's book in the Social Hall

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!



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

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