




15th April 2018 – 10h00 Sunday Mass

3rd Sunday of Easter, 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:

The Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França was founded by Antonio Dantas in 1622, and 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. **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

(Brought to you by: Chris Oliver)

(Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 2: 1-5; Luke 24: 35-48)

After Peter healed the man lame from birth, who had been begging at the Beautiful gate, the man joyfully walked with the Apostles in the Temple. At the portico of Solomon, Peter addresses the crowds, emphasising that the man had been cured by the power of the God the Jews believed in, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. God's kingdom is already becoming visible. Perhaps reflecting later antagonism between some Jews and Christians, Peter adds that it was "you", "men of Israel" who insisted on killing Jesus, declared innocent by Pilate. But, Peter says, they "acted in ignorance" so that God's plan would be fulfilled. The psalm begs God's aid and admonishes incredulous observers to put their trust in God. Paul appointed presbyters to lead his young churches. Thirty years later, John's community appears to have almost no structure. But there are problems: "many antichrists have come", and some members have left the community, perhaps misled by the small amount of moral teaching in John's Gospel. Paul's hierarchical model survived, but tension between structure and charism continues. How strange the resurrected Jesus appears! The two disciples had recognised Jesus after he had left them in the inn on the way to Emmaus, but now they are frightened, thinking him a ghost. (more info: www.bible-groups.info)

PSALM RESPONSE: Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

HYMN NUMBERS:

- [1] **Entry Hymn:** "Father, we adore you" – No. 136
- [2] **Penitential Act:** Lord, have mercy – No. 659
- [3] **Gospel Acclamation:** Aleluia
- [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

Organ / Voice: Prof. Cátia Marques

Cello: Prof. Helena Marques



FROM MY HEART TO YOUR HEART – REWARDING THE «UGLIEST» HANDS

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



Tolstoy once told a story of a Czar and Czarina who wished to honor the members of their court with a banquet. They sent out invitations and requested that the guests come with the invitations in their hands. When they arrived at the banquet the guests were surprised to discover that the guards did not look at their invitations at all. Instead they examined their hands. The guests wondered about this, but they were also curious to see who the Czar and Czarina would choose as the guest of honor to sit between them at the banquet. They were

flabbergasted to see that it was the old scrubwoman who had worked to keep the palace clean for years. The guards, having examined her hands, declared, "You have the proper credentials to be the guest of honor. We can see your love and loyalty in your hands."

In today's Gospel, (Third Sunday of Easter, Lk 24: 39-40) Jesus challenges the unbelieving disciples: «Look at my hands and my feet. See that it is I myself. Touch me and see... And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet». "See my hands and my feet..." They were invited to remove their superstitious doubt that He was a ghost.

There are many people in the world who are lost and confused. They need to see and touch our «ugly» hands and our «dirty» feet of love and service before they discover that our home is their home, that our Church is their Church, that our God is their God.



Love and Peace,
Fr. Bernardino Andrade

RAFFLE TICKETS DRAW – TODAY at 12h30 in the Social Hall! ☺



For the last few weeks, raffle tickets have been sold here at the Chapel to raise funds towards repairs which are urgently needed to the ceiling above the altar and also other repairs needed to preserve and restore our beautiful Chapel.

The final draw will be taking part today in the Social Hall of the Chapel at 12h30 by Fr. Vitor Sousa (our Chaplain). 27 prizes are to be won!

Good Luck to all who bought tickets!

VISITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT – Traditional Devotion in Madeira



There is a Catholic tradition in Madeira that takes place every year within the parishes of Funchal. It is a very old tradition of devotion to the Holy Spirit and is called “*Visitas do Espirito Santo*” (loosely translated as *Visits of the Holy Spirit*).

Every Sunday during the Paschal Time (this year starting on April 8th) and until Pentecost Sunday (May 20th) a group of people usually composed of three men from the church and two girls called “*saloias*” (country girls) will visit the houses of the

parish community along the streets in the different suburbs of Funchal.

These visits take place during specific times which are decided upon by the Diocese, and the community is informed in advance so that they can prepare for these special visits. The aim of these “*Holy Spirit*” visits is to bring each family “the joy of the Risen Christ” and

also to collect funds that have several purposes such as helping the poor, or restoration work in the church, amongst other things. The 3 men in the group will usually wear special red cloaks, while the young girls who accompany the group are dressed in red or in the typical regional dress. In some parishes the girls are ornamented with gold, and on arrival at the houses they visit, they will sing traditional songs. **The lyrics and music will vary depending on which region they are from.** These “*Espirito Santo*” (Holy Spirit) groups also visit the churches around the island. The girls will carry baskets with flowers which also serve to collect the sweets and other goodies that are offered to them. **There are some places where the group is accompanied by people playing musical instruments.**



WEDDING OF VITTORIO AND BEATA



Yesterday, April 14th 2018, was a very special day at the Chapel! It was the wedding of Vittorio Ventura and Beata Balazova, who have become a part of our community here at the Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França! We wish them many years of love as they start this wonderful journey together. Congratulations Vittorio and Beata!

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK – From two Popes

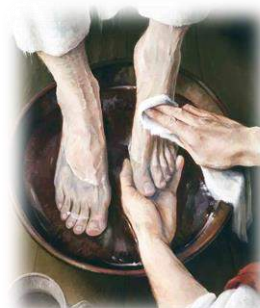
“EVERY MAN IS A STORY OF LOVE THAT GOD WRITES ON THIS EARTH. EVERY ONE OF US IS A STORY OF GOD’S LOVE. GOD CALLS EVERY ONE OF US BY OUR NAME: HE KNOWS US BY NAME, HE LOOKS AT US, HE WAITS FOR US, HE FORGIVES US, HE HAS PATIENCE WITH US.”

Pope Francis, May 17th 2017, during his 9:25am General Audience in St. Peter’s Square

“I PLEAD WITH YOU — NEVER EVER GIVE UP ON HOPE, NEVER DOUBT, NEVER TIRE, AND NEVER BECOME DISCOURAGED. BE NOT AFRAID.”

Pope St. John Paul II

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE (PHP)



“You should wash each other’s feet”. (John 13:14)

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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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!

Our Social Hall has a Free Little Library: a cabinet full of books. You're welcome to take a book, leave one in exchange, or contribute with a small donation for the book you take

Tea and Coffee After Mass

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



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