



29th April 2018 – 10h00 Sunday Mass

5th 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

(Acts 9: 26-31 ; Ps 21(22):26-28,30-32 ; 1 John 3: 18-24 ; John 15: 1-8)



Much has happened in Acts since last Sunday's reading: Peter and some apostles have been imprisoned and beaten before being set free again. Seven Greeks were appointed to look after the Hellenists – apparently Greek-speaking Christians. Stephen was arrested and his speech to the Jewish leaders suggests that the Hellenists were persecuted by the Jews because they did not join in the Temple worship. They were driven out to Judea and Samaria – and so the Gospel began to spread. Today we hear how Paul returns from his conversion near Damascus. He is accepted by the Hebrew Christians, but not by the Hellenists, so has to be hustled out of town. The ending of this Messianic psalm, uttered by Our Lord on the Cross, rejoices in the triumph of God's justice: God's promises to Israel are fulfilled in Jesus.

In his first Letter John insists that we must show our faith by our actions: keeping God's commandments. We can be sure we are doing right if we obey our conscience guided by God's Spirit dwelling in us. In John's gospel Jesus gives his disciples detailed teaching at the last supper, just before his arrest. We must be bound closely to Christ: He is the vine, we are the branches, gaining sustenance and support from him. **(Brought to you by:** Chris Oliver) **(more info:** www.bible-groups.info)

PSALM RESPONSE: You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC

Brought to you by: Professors Cátia & Helena Marques

Entry Hymn: "Bind us together" - n.65

Penitential Act: "Lord, have mercy" - n.659

Gospel Acclamation: "Aleluia"

Offertory Hymn: "Take our bread" - n.528

Sanctus: "Holy"- n.704

Agnus Dei: "Lamb of god" - n.737

Communion Hymn: Portuguese Hymn

Thanksgiving: Instrumental

Final Hymn:

"Go, the Mass is ended" - n.175



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

V SUNDAY OF EASTER - John 15: 1-8.

In the Gospel, taken from the Last Supper discourse, Jesus uses his favorite image of the vine and branches to help his disciples understand the closeness of their relationship with him and the necessity of their maintaining it. They are not simply rabbi and disciples. Their lives are mutually dependent - as close as a vine and its branches. In fact, in using this image, Jesus is explaining to them and to us what our relationship with him should be like.



1 - CONSECRATED BREAD AND WINE ON THE MOON



The lunar module "Eagle," carrying astronauts Aldrin and Armstrong, landed on the moon on July 20, 1969. While Armstrong prepared for his moon-walk, Aldrin unpacked bread and wine and put them on the abort system computer. He described what he did next. "I poured the wine into a chalice...In the one-sixth gravity of the moon the wine curled slowly and gracefully up the side of the cup. It was interesting to think that the very first liquid ever poured on the moon and the very first food eaten, were consecrated Bread and Wine." Just before receiving Holy Communion, Aldrin read the passage from the Gospel according to John: "I am the vine, and you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, and I in him will bear much fruit, for you can do nothing without me." Commenting on his Communion experience on the moon, Aldrin says, "I sense especially strongly my unity with our Church back home, and everywhere."

2 - FROM HELL TO PARADISE

J.C. Penny Stores is the largest chain of dry goods stores in the world. There are more than sixteen hundred of them in every state of the United States. Mr. J.C. Penny, the owner of these stores had a very serious mid-life crisis. He was beset with fatal worries. He was so harassed with worries that he couldn't sleep, and he developed "shingles" -- an extremely painful nerve infection causing a red rash and following nerve pathways. His doctor put him to bed and warned him that he was a very sick man. A rigid treatment was prescribed. But nothing helped. He grew weaker day by day. He was physically and nervously broken, filled with despair. One night the doctor gave him a sedative, but its effects wore off soon, and he awoke with an overwhelming sense of his death. Getting out of his bed, he began to write farewell letters to his wife and to his son saying that he did not expect to see the dawn. When he awoke the next morning, he was surprised to find himself alive. Going downstairs, he heard singing in a little chapel where devotional exercises were held each morning. He heard them singing the beautiful hymn: *God Will Take Care of You*. He went to the chapel and listened with a weary heart to the singing, the reading of the Scripture lesson and prayer. Suddenly, something happened which were beyond any explanation. He called it a miracle. In his own words, he said, "***I felt as if I was instantly lifted out of the darkness of a dungeon into warm, brilliant sunlight. I felt as if I was transported from hell to paradise. I felt the power of God as I had never felt before. I realized then that I alone was responsible for all my troubles. I knew that God with His love was there to help me. From that day to this, my life has been free from worry. I am seventy-one years old, and the most dramatic and glorious twenty minutes of my life were those I spent in that chapel that morning: God will take care of you.***"

[John Rose in John's Sunday Homilies; quoted by Fr. Botelho.]

Love and Peace,
Fr. Bernardino Andrade

*God will
take care of you.*

MADEIRA AUTO PARADE 2018 – 4pm today in Funchal

- *Source:* www.madeira-web.com/en/news/madeira-auto-parade-2018.html



Later on this afternoon, at 4pm, a special event known as the “Madeira Auto Parade” will be taking place down in Funchal. This parade is part of the Flower Festival celebrations.

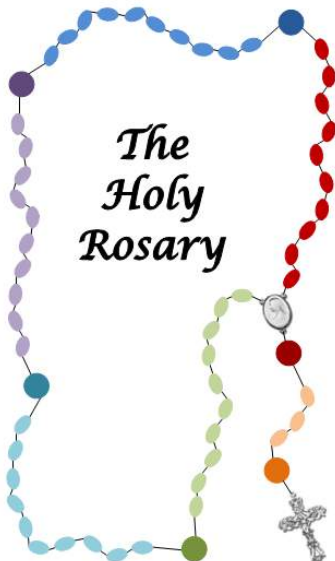
The Madeira Auto Parade is sponsored by the Association “*Classic Motor Exhibition*” - ACME and the “*Clube Carocha da Madeira*”. This event intends to join both the glamour of classic vehicles and motorcycles, alongside with the flowers of Madeira.

The event’s itinerary will be similar to the Flower float parade held last week Sunday. The Madeira Auto Parade will feature 400 vehicles (including 150 motorcycles), which will circulate in pairs along the main road down by the seafront in Funchal, and up to the roundabout of the Port of Funchal, where the participating automobiles will be on display. The parade will be accompanied by live music and costumed supporters (whose costumes have been inspired and themed to compliment the flowers of Madeira). This event intends to recreate a former parade held in Funchal during the 1980’s.



THE HOLY ROSARY – Good for your heart and your soul, says Pope Francis

Source: <http://blog.catholicfaithstore.com/feast-lady-rosary/>



On November 17, 2013, Pope Francis gave some sage medical advice to the thousands in attendance at the Vatican, «*I want to recommend some medicine for all of you.*» Holding up a box that looked like a prescription packet of pills, he urged the people, «*Don’t forget to take it,*» he said. «*It’s good for your heart, for your soul, for your whole life.*» What was it? It was a box containing rosary beads and is what the pope described as being, “*spiritual medicine.*”

This simple string of 58 beads joined together with a cross has been the weapon of choice of many saints, popes, and religious figures in the fight against sin, temptation, war, and evil. Pope Francis gave some examples of when the “*medicine*” should be taken: «*When we want sinners to convert, when we feel we need help in making a difficult decision, or when we do not feel strong enough to resist temptation, when we are not able to forgive someone or we want to ask for mercy for a dying person.*».

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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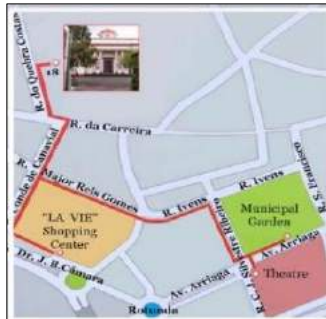
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Tea and Coffee After Mass

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



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 ☺



Bible Group:

**Joint Anglican - Roman
Catholic Bible Group:**

Thursdays 2:00pm-3:30pm at
Holy Trinity Church, in the
Library.

Where: Rua do Quebra Costa
nr.18, Funchal. →

Studying: the Pilgrim
Course. Church and

Kingdom: A Course for the
Christian Journey.

Everyone welcome.

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