




27<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – 10h00 Sunday Mass

**Holy Trinity, 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

(**Deut 4: 32-34, 39-40** ; **Psalm 32(33)** ; **Romans 8:14-17** ; **Matthew 28: 16-20**)



**Deuteronomy**, the second book of the Law, consolidated Israel's beliefs and rituals. A long introductory teaching by Moses emphasises the requirement for Israel to keep the Law, as its part in their covenant with God. In today's reading Moses emphasises the uniqueness of God, who has made himself known to Israel, speaking out of a fire, and who has made a covenant with them: He will be their God and they are to be his people. Moses then repeats the Ten Commandments, given by God. **The Psalm** picks up God's omnipotence, who created even the heavens and the stars. We can rely confidently on His promises. God's revelation in Christ fulfilled this covenant relationship: Paul tells the Romans that if we are in the Spirit we are not in the flesh. We are no longer dominated by our human tendency to turn from God. We are now God's children, sharing in Christ's inheritance, in his suffering and in his glory. There only two resurrection appearances in Matthew's Gospel. Jesus appeared very briefly to two Marys. Then the Gospel ends with Jesus commissioning the eleven disciples to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit". And He promises to be with his people always.

(Brought to you by: Chris Oliver)  
(more info: [www.bible-groups.info](http://www.bible-groups.info))

**PSALM RESPONSE:** Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

## TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC

**Entry Hymn:** "Father in My Life I See" - n.135

**Offertory Hymn:** "Blest Are You Lord" - n.69

**Communion Hymn:** Instrumental

**Thanksgiving:** Instrumental

**Final Hymn:** "Immaculate Mary" - n.256



## FROM MY HEART TO YOUR HEART – AND JESUS SAID: «WHAT?»

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

«*Who do men say that I am?* » And his disciples answered and said: «*Some say you are John the Baptist returned from the dead; others say Elijah or other of the old prophets*». And Jesus answered and said: «*But who do you say that I am?* » Peter answered and said: «*Thou art the Logos of the Father, the Son of Whom the Father loved from eternity and Whom the Holy Spirit, the eternal Personification of the Love between the Father and the Son, begot of the Virgin Mary*». And Jesus answering said: «*What?* ».

**THE LONGEST TRIP: If we were asked what is the longest and most difficult trip we can take in this world,** I believe that most of us, or maybe all of us, would need some time, some investigation, and I don't even know if we will be able to give the right answer. Oh... by the way, I would be able to give the right answer in a few seconds. The longest and the most difficult trip we can take in this world is the trip between our heads and our hearts, between our intellect and our love.

**Today the Church celebrates the mystery of the Holy Trinity.** This mystery is the basic mystery or the role model of our Christian life. The problem is that instead of trying to live the mystery we reduce this mystery to an intellectual problem to be solved. Since our childhood we have learned in Catechism that a mystery is a truth revealed by God that we must believe, but we cannot understand. And we transformed this precious mystery, this precious reality, into an intellectual doctrine that has nothing to do with our lives. And Jesus says «*What?*»

A priest went into a second-grade classroom of the Parish school and asked: «*Who can tell me what the Blessed Trinity means?*» A little girl lisped: «*The Blessed Twinty meanth there are thwee perthonth in one God.*» The priest, taken aback by the lisp, said: «*Would you say that again? I don't understand what you said*». The little girl said: «*Ya' not thuppothed to understand; `t` th a myhthtewhy.*»



Now, let us try to take a trip from our brains to our hearts and we are going to get fascinated when we discover that yes, we can understand a little bit of this mystery. We are going to get fascinated when we discover that the mystery of the Holy Trinity is about relationships. It is the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in relationship with one another. It is a loving and romantic relationship.

It happens that having the Holy Trinity as a model, life is about relationships. The Church is not mainly about holy water, buildings, statues, or even Sacraments. The Church is about relationships. Everything we do in Church is to help us to build healthy relationships with God and with one another.



**Love and Peace,**

Fr. Bernardino Andrade

### **Today Is Trinity Sunday – What does this mean?**

*Trinity Sunday* is celebrated a week after *Pentecost Sunday*, and celebrates the Christian doctrine of **the Holy Trinity, the three persons of God: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.**

The human mind can never fully understand the mystery of the Trinity, but we can sum it up in the following formula: God is three Persons in one Nature. There is only one God, and the three Persons of God – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit - are all equally God, and They cannot be divided.



## **CORPUS CHRISTI** – Celebrated in the Catholic Church – Thursday, May 31st

**The Feast of Corpus Christi** (also known as the “Feast of the Body of Christ), is the Roman Rite liturgical solemnity celebrating the Real Presence of the body and blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, in the Eucharist – known as transubstantiation.

**The feast is liturgically celebrated on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday.** Traditionally, here in Madeira, at the end of the Holy Mass on the Thursday, there is often a procession of the Blessed Sacrament, displayed in a monstrance, through the streets of Funchal surrounding the Sé Cathedral.



Flower carpets (arrangements of flowers laid out on the street to resemble colourful carpets) are found along the streets where the procession will take place.

**You can experience this tradition for yourself this coming Thursday (May 31st) at the Sé Cathedral in Funchal**, where there will be a special Mass at **18h00**, followed by a procession through the streets, starting at 19h15 and ending up once again at the Cathedral.

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## **CORPUS CHRISTI MASS** – Thursday, May 31<sup>ST</sup> – 10am

**This Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**, is a day of Obligation to attend Mass, like a Sunday. It is the Feast of Corpus Christi. Here in Madeira it is a religious public holiday.

**A mass will be celebrated here at the Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França at 10AM. All are welcome to attend!**



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## **ST. THOMAS MORE'S PRAYER FOR GOOD HUMOUR**

**Source:** <https://aleteia.org/2014/12/23/st-thomas-mores-prayer-for-good-humor/>

In December 2014, during his address to the Roman Curia on the occasion of the presentation of Christmas greetings, Pope Francis said, “*A bit of good humour is very good for us! It will do us much good to pray St. Thomas More's prayer frequently: I pray it every day, and it helps me.*” Here is the text of the prayer

**- Prayer for Good Humour** (by St. Thomas More)

Grant me, O Lord, good digestion, and also something to digest.

Grant me a healthy body, and the necessary good humor to maintain it.

Grant me a simple soul that knows to treasure all that is good

and that doesn't frighten easily at the sight of evil,

but rather finds the means to put things back in their place.

Give me a soul that knows not boredom, grumblings, sighs and laments, nor excess of stress, because of that obstructing thing called “I.”

Grant me, O Lord, a sense of good humor.

Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke to discover in life a bit of joy, and to be able to share it with others.

## 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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### Bible Group:

**Joint Anglican - Roman**

**Catholic Bible Group:**

**Thursdays 2:00pm-3:30pm** at

Holy Trinity Church, in the Library.

**Where:** Rua do Quebra Costas nr.20, Funchal.

**Studying:** the Pilgrim Course.  
31<sup>st</sup> May: "Church and Kingdom".

7 & 14<sup>th</sup> June – no Bible Group

21<sup>st</sup> June onwards - "The

Beatitudes". Everyone welcome.

Further questions contact Jean

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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 ☺



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