




**3<sup>rd</sup> June 2018 – 10h00 Sunday Mass**

**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, 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 1721 the chapel was restored and enlarged. When the Diocese of Funchal took possession of the chapel it was used as the Bishop's Summer Residence for many years. 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. Over the years it has been necessary to carry out repair work inside the Chapel, which was made possible through the generosity of a frequent visitor to our English Mass. At the moment, repair work is again taking place on the ceiling above the altar as it was in danger of falling down.

**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

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Deuteronomy 5: 12-15**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – 2 Corinthians 4: 6-11**

**Gospel – Mark 2:23-3:6**

In Portugal and some other countries, the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ falls on the Thursday after the Most Holy Trinity Sunday. This is what happened in Madeira on Thursday, which was a religious holiday on the island. Masses celebrating the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) were held in all the churches, and there was also a procession in the streets of Funchal. In some other countries like the United Kingdom, the Feast is not celebrated on the Thursday, but is moved forward to the Sunday after the Most Holy Trinity (today). That's why this Sunday, in Portugal and here at Penha de França, **today we are going to celebrate the 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Ordinary Time** and not the Body and Blood of Christ.

## TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC

*Entry Hymn:* "Morning has broken" - n.368

*Offertory Hymn:* "Make me a channel of your peace" - n.359

*Communion Hymn:* Instrumental

*Thanksgiving:* Instrumental

*Final Hymn:* "Go, the mass is ended" - n.175



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*Deut 5: 12-15;*

*Psalm 80(81): 3-8, 10-11;*

*2 Cor 4: 6-11;*

*Mark 2:23 - 3: 6*

The book of Deuteronomy, the “second law”, expanded and clarified the Jewish Law given to Moses on Sinai. Here the requirement to keep the Sabbath is explained: the day was to be set aside – made holy – for remembering all that the Lord had done for them. The psalm recalls their rescue from Egypt. But this commandment also wise counsel: people – and animals – need to rest, both to regain their strength and to reflect on other important aspects of life.

Continuing his reflections on the nature of ministry, Paul accepts that ministers are weak, fallible human beings. But entrusting the treasure of the gospel to such weak easily destroyed vessels, misleads the world about its importance. The gospel is the true word of God, and survives in spite of these difficulties. The sufferings of Christian ministers show Christ's sufferings to the world: the light of truth comes out of the darkness of their distress. Paul's sufferings are balanced by the flourishing Corinthian church. Ministers afflictions are real, but they are sustained by the hope of resurrection.

Jesus continues his teaching in Galilee with two examples, a healing and from the Jewish scriptures. As Deuteronomy made clear, the Sabbath was made for the benefit of humanity. Its observance is to be for our benefit, it is not meant to be a set of anonymous rules.



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**Dominic Tang, the courageous Chinese archbishop**, was imprisoned for twenty-one years for nothing more than his loyalty to Christ and Christ's one, true Church. After five years of solitary confinement in a windowless, damp cell, the Archbishop was told by his jailers that he could leave it for a few hours to do whatever he wanted. Five years of solitary confinement and he had a couple of hours to do what he wanted! What would it be? A hot shower? A change of clothes? Certainly, a long walk outside? A chance to call or write to family?



Archbishop Dominic Tang

What would it be, the jailer asked him.

"I would like to say Mass," replied Archbishop Tang.

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### A CLANDESTINE MASS

**The Vietnamese Jesuit, Joseph Nguyen-Cong Doan**, who spent nine years in labour camps in Vietnam, relates how he was finally able to say Mass when a fellow priest-prisoner shared some of his own smuggled supplies. "That night, when the other prisoners were asleep, lying on the floor of my cell, I celebrated Mass with tears of joy. My altar was my blanket, my prison clothes my vestments. But I felt myself at the heart of humanity and of the whole of creation." (Ibid., p. 224).



Fr. Joseph  
Nguyen-Cong Doan

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### COMMUNION ON THE MOON

**The Lord's Supper ensures that we can remember Jesus from any place.**

**Apollo 11 landed on the moon on Sunday, July 20, 1969.** Most remember astronaut Neil Armstrong's first words as he stepped onto the moon's surface: "*That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.*" But few know about the first meal eaten on the moon.

**Dennis Fisher reports that Buzz Aldrin, the NASA Astronaut, had taken aboard the spacecraft a tiny pyx provided by his Catholic pastor.** Aldrin sent a radio broadcast to Earth asking listeners to contemplate the events of the day and give thanks. Then, blocking out the broadcast for privacy, Aldrin read, "*I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit.*" Then, silently, he gave thanks for their successful journey to the moon and received Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, surrendering moon to Jesus. Next, he descended on the moon and walked on it with Neil Armstrong. (Dan Gully: "Communion on the Moon": Our Daily Bread: June/July/August 2007).

His actions remind us that in the Lord's Supper, God's children can share the life of Jesus from any place on Earth — and even from the moon. God is everywhere, and our worship should reflect this reality. In Psalm 139 we are told that wherever we go, God is intimately present with us. Buzz Aldrin celebrated that experience on the surface of the moon. Thousands of miles from earth, he took time to commune with the One who created, redeemed, and established fellowship with him. (Dennis Fisher)



Buzz Aldrin

**Love and Peace,**

Fr. Bernardino Andrade

## **CORPUS CHRISTI** – Celebrated in Madeira on Thursday, May 31st

**The Feast of Corpus Christi** (also known as the “Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ), was celebrated here in Madeira last Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. A special mass was held at the Sé Cathedral in the centre of Funchal, followed by a procession through the streets.

Flower carpets (arrangements of flowers laid out on the street to resemble colourful carpets) lined the streets around the Cathedral. During the procession, the Blessed Sacrament was displayed in a monstrance which was held by our bishop, D. António Carrilho. Here are some of the highlights of the day....



On Thursday morning... preparations for the flower carpets along the streets of Funchal



Some of the completed flower carpets in the streets of Funchal



Thousands of people gathered in Funchal to attend Mass at the Cathedral



The Blessed Sacrament was displayed in a monstrance held by our bishop, D. António Carrilho, throughout the procession along the streets of Funchal





## 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 Cós nr.20, Funchal.

**Studying:** the Pilgrim Course.

31<sup>st</sup> May: "Church and Kingdom".

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

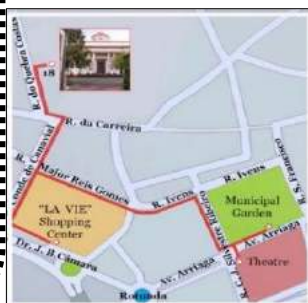
21<sup>st</sup> June onwards - "The Beatitudes". Everyone welcome.

Further questions contact Jean Faulkner at:

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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.



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