




21st of April 2019 – 10h00 Sunday Mass

Easter Sunday, Year C

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:

Good morning! Happy Easter!

Welcome to the Chapel of Penha de França, which was founded by Antonio Dantas in 1622. Father Ricardo Teixeira is our priest this morning. He will be standing in for Father Bernardino. Thank you Fr. Ricardo! ☺

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(Acts 10:34,37-43; Ps 117(118); Rom 6:3-11/Col 3:1-4/1Cor 5:6-9; Luke 24:1-12/Jn 20:1-9)

Luke's Book of Acts describes how after his death Jesus continues his work on earth through his Holy Spirit, who interrupts Peter's speech to Cornelius. Peter then realises that forgiveness of sins is offered to "everyone who believes" in Jesus' name. **The dramatic psalm** thanks and praises the Lord for rescuing us from the dangers threatening us. It includes the shouts that welcomed Jesus into the Temple on Palm Sunday, now the second verse of the "Holy, Holy, Holy". **Our second readings** are all from Paul's letters. The vigil reading from Romans compares baptism to death: our sinful life has died: we have risen to a new life in Christ. The Sunday reading from Colossians draws attention away from earthly marks of religion: our focus should be on our new life in Christ. The alternative reading is an early Easter homily. In the Jewish calendar Passover was followed by the feast of Unleavened Bread. **In the three synoptic gospels** three women discover the tomb empty and run to tell the apostles, who disbelieve. But in John's gospel Mary of Magdala, alone, finds the stone removed from the tomb. Without going inside 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: **This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.**

TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC By: Voice / Organ – Fátima Cátia Marques
Cello – Helena Paula Marques

Entry Hymn: "Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord" - n. 27

Penitential Act: "Lord, have mercy" - n. 663

Sequência Pascal: in Latin

Gospel Acclamation: "Easter Aleluia" - n.683

Offertory Hymn: "O Lord my God - How great thou art" - n. 419

Sanctus: "Holy" - n.704

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

Communion Hymn: "Amazing grace" - n. 32

Thanksgiving: *Instrumental*

Final Hymn: "Our God loves us" - n. 454



MEMORIES OF NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL



The world is grieving for the Notre Dame Cathedral. What happened was not just a building being burnt. What happened was a huge library full of history and full of little and significant stories. This could be one of them.

The Bishop of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris during the early part of the last century was a great evangelizer who tried to reach out to unbelievers, scoffers, and cynics. He liked to tell the story of a young man who would stand outside the Cathedral and shout derogatory slogans at the people entering to worship. He would call them fools and other insulting names. The people tried to ignore him, but it was difficult. One day the parish priest went outside to confront the young man, much to the distress of the parishioners. The young man ranted and raved against everything the priest told him. Finally the priest addressed the young scoffer saying: «Look, let's get this over with once and for all. I am going to dare you to do something and I bet you can't do it». And of course, the young man shot back: «I can do anything you propose, you white robe wimp!». «Fine» said the priest. «All I ask you to do is come to the sanctuary with me. I want you to stare at that figure of Christ on his cross, and I want you to scream at the very top of your lungs, as loudly as you can. «Christ died on the cross for me, and I don't care one bit». So the young man went into the sanctuary, and looking at the figure, screamed as loudly as he could: «Christ died on the cross for me and I don't care one bit.»

The priest said: «Very good. Now do it again». And again, the young man screamed, with a little more hesitancy:

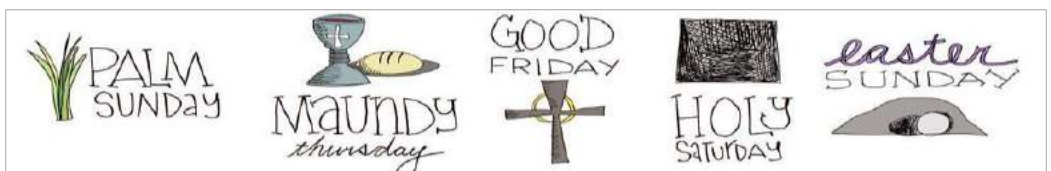
«Christ died on the cross for me, and I don't care one bit». «You're almost done» said the priest. «One more time». The young man raised his fist, kept looking at the crucifix, but the words wouldn't come. He could not look at the face of Christ and say those words any more.

The real punch line came when after he told the story, the Bishop said: «I was that young man! That young man, that defiant young man was I. I thought I didn't need God but I found out that I did.

Happy Easter.

Love and Peace,

Fr. Bernardino Andrade



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

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 took place in Holy Week this year:



ON HOLY THURSDAY:

During the *Mass of the Lord's Supper* that took place at the Sé Cathedral in Funchal, the Bishop, **D. Nuno Brás** washed the feet of 12 chosen people (6 of whom were patients from the health institution "*Casa São Joao de Deus*").



ON GOOD FRIDAY:

A group of locals acted out the Stations of the Cross in *Pico da Torre* (in *Câmara de Lobos*). Among the local "actors" every year, there is always someone who carries the Cross, and enacts the crucifixion. This tradition has taken place for the last 25 years.

ON GOOD FRIDAY:

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



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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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturdays: 6:30pm

Portuguese

Sundays: 10:00am English
11:30am



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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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