



28th April 2019 – 10h00 Sunday Mass

2nd Sunday of Easter, Year C

Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França,
Rua Penha de França 3, Funchal, Madeira

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THE CATHOLIC MASS IN ENGLISH

Good morning! Welcome to the Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França. Our priest this morning is Fr. Bernardino Andrade, who celebrates the Mass in English every Sunday morning at 10h00. There are also masses celebrated in Portuguese here at the Chapel: on Saturday evenings at 18h30, and on Sunday mornings at 11h30.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(Acts 5:12-16; Ps 117(118); Rev 1:9-19; John 20:19-31)

All the first readings of Eastertide are from the **Acts of the Apostles** describing the early years of the Church. The second readings are from the **Book of Revelation**, John's vision of the new life in heaven promised to all believers. The readings from **John's Gospel** describe Jesus' resurrection appearances and claims of his unity with the Father. Today the risen Jesus identifies himself as the one crucified, before this Gospel's first ending. In **Acts**, Peter and John were arrested, then released. Then the growing Christian community lived in peace. Peter only once acted as judge of Israel, killing Ananias and Sapphira for lying to the Holy Spirit. In today's reading the other disciples stand apart from the Apostles, apparently in awe after this display of Peter's power. More verses from the psalm used for the Easter Masses, rejoicing at the coming of the king. John is exiled to the island of Patmos, south-west of Ephesus, for spreading the gospel. In this first chapter of **Revelation** a figure appears to John in his vision, identifying himself both as the risen "Son of Man", which Jesus called himself while on earth, and as "the First and the Last" – ie God. **John** is commanded to write down what is now to be revealed to him.

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PSALM RESPONSE:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC

By: Larysa Makarova (from the Ukraine) and Rui César Gomes (from Madeira)

Entry Hymn: "Bind us together, Lord" – n. 65

Offertory Hymn: "One bread, One body..." - n. 449

Communion Hymn: "Lord Jesus Christ" - n. 339

Thanksgiving: *Instrumental*

Final Hymn: "Rejoice in the Lord always" - n. 477



Easter Announced By A Woman Police Officer

I have been a chaplain at the Central Hospital of Funchal for a few years. At least one police officer was on duty twenty four hours a day, who would alternate with others.

It was the Monday after Easter Sunday, when I encountered Helena walking through one of the corridors of the Hospital, formally dressed in her blue uniform, with her pistol and her baton on her side. It was normal when we passed by each other, that we always greeted each other with a normal, non-formal, «good morning». But on that Monday after Easter, instead of my normal «good morning, Helena» I greeted her, like the rest of the people, with an enthusiastic «Happy Easter». Without being rude, Helena corrected me by saying «Easter is gone, Father. Easter was yesterday». Also, without being rude, my answer was «No, Helena. Easter is 50 days. Easter is not one day. Easter is a Season that goes from the first Sunday of Easter, which was yesterday, and ends 50 days later with Pentecost Sunday. That's why during these 50 days it is absolutely correct to greet each other with the usual «Happy Easter» and even to send Easter cards. »

«Really»? She said. Helena was fascinated. Without saying goodbye here goes a woman Police officer, formally dressed as a Police officer, carrying a gun and a baton, walking through that corridor of the Hospital telling everyone «Happy Easter. Easter is 50 days. Did you know that Easter is 50 days? ». Then, next: «Happy Easter. Did you know that Easter is 50 days? Easter is 50 days...».

And then I stopped to look at this Police Officer with her blue uniform, with her gun and her baton at her side, announcing with enthusiasm the Resurrection of Jesus, greeting everyone she met, just with a smile and a «Happy Easter. Did you know that Easter is 50 days? » The corridor was a long corridor and the further away the Police officer announced to everyone that Easter was 50 days, in spite of her blue uniform, her pistol and her hard baton, the more she reminded me of Mary Magdalene announcing the good news of the Resurrection. «*Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples I have seen the Lord (John 20:18).*» Then I started meditating and thinking «**I wish I had Helena's enthusiasm to announce daily that Easter is 50 days**». I am sure that if I had that enthusiasm of announcing that Easter is 50 days, pretty soon I would have the same enthusiasm to announce that Easter is every day and every moment Jesus calls me to leave my own tomb and to help other people to leave their tombs, their addictions and their unnecessary suffering. Mary Magdalene can be me, it can be a Police Officer, it can be a taxi driver, it can be a cleaning lady, it can be a homeless person, it can be all those who believe in the Resurrection of Jesus and becomes His follower. For many of us Christians who try to follow Jesus, the end of Lent and the beginning of the Easter Season is, very often, accompanied by a little bitter taste of guilt. That's the way I feel. Personally, I made a few plans at the beginning of Lent: plans that were supposed to change my way of thinking, my way of talking, praying, helping, judging, acting. But now, evaluating the results of my Lent, I have to admit that I didn't see too many changes in my life. I don't see me much better than when I started Lent. But the church gives me another chance. If



not many things happened during Lent it so happens that I have a second chance. I have 50 days of Easter to recover everything and every opportunity I missed during Lent. Our God is the God of the second chances. The Easter Season is 50 days. Easter is every day and every moment of my life.

HAPPY EASTER!... ALLELUIA!... ALLELUIA!...

Love and Peace,

Fr. Bernardino Andrade



SAINT OF THE MONTH: Saint Catherine of Siena (Feast Day 29 April)



Saint Catherine was connected to the Dominican Order. A theologian and scholar she is one of a small band of intellectuals who became influential doctors of the Church. Her devotion was marked by mystical phenomena such as the display of stigmata.

She lived at a time when the Church was in great turmoil. Pope Gregory XI was in Avignon, whilst Pope Urban VI presided in Rome. Saint Catherine used her diplomatic skills to great effect and came down in favour of the latter. She died, exhausted by her efforts, in April 1380 and is buried in the Basilica of Santa Maria sopra Minerva in Rome.

Together with Saint Francis of Assisi she is joint Patron Saint of Italy and was proclaimed Patron Saint of Europe by Pope John Paul II in 1999.

ST. FAUSTINA and the image of The Divine Mercy

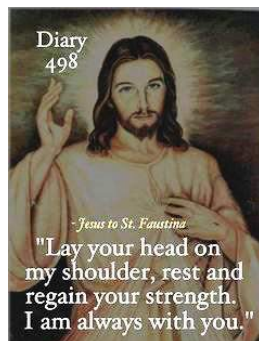
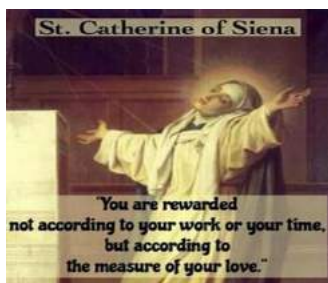
St. Faustina of Poland is the well-known apostle of Divine Mercy. She was born in 1905, and belonged to the Order of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy; she was a Polish Roman Catholic nun and mystic.

Throughout her life, Faustina reported having visions of Jesus and conversations with him, of which she wrote in her diary. On the night of Sunday, 22 February 1931, Jesus appeared to her as the "King of Divine Mercy" wearing a white garment with red and pale rays emanating from his heart. In her diary she wrote that Jesus told her:

«Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: "Jesus, I trust in You" [in Polish: "Jezu, ufam Tobie"]. I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and then throughout the world. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish.» . -

Jesus also told her that he wanted the Divine Mercy image to be *«solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter; that Sunday is to be the Feast of Mercy.»* - Not knowing how to paint, Faustina approached some other nuns at the convent for help, but received no assistance. Only three years later, after her assignment to Vilnius, the first artistic rendering of the image was performed under her direction. The painting now hangs in Vilnius, Lithuania.

The coloured rays streaming out from the heart of Jesus have symbolic meaning... red for the Blood of Jesus, which is the life of souls, and white for the Baptismal water which justifies souls. The brightest point in the picture is the heart. The light on the forehead signifies the presence of the Father. - The whole image is symbolic of the mercy, forgiveness and love of God.



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: 18h30 Portuguese

Sundays: 10h00 English

11h30 Portuguese



Please sign our Chapel's Visitor's Book

in the Social Room.

We'd love to know which country you're from!



Tea and Coffee After Mass!!

in the Social Room
across the garden -
please join us.



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