



5th May 2019 – 10h00 Sunday Mass

3rd 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! Today in Portugal it is Mother's Day. So... Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers! 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 5:27-32, 40-41; Psalm 29(30); Rev 5:11-14; John 21:1-19)

After the healings we heard in last week's reading from the **Book of Acts**, the Apostles were again arrested, but miraculously freed. They immediately continued teaching in the Temple, and were again brought before the Sanhedrin, where they defended themselves strongly. Omitted from today's reading is Gamaliel's urging that they be released because if their activity "comes from God, you will not be able to destroy them".

The psalm thanks God for rescue from a sudden illness.

In the Book of **Revelation**, John sees God seated on a throne, with praises rippling out through widening circles of heavenly creatures. The one on the throne holds a scroll written on both sides and sealed with seven seals. An angel proclaims "Who is worthy to open the scroll?" But everyone is in despair because there seems to be no one worthy to break the seals and open the scroll. But then someone says "The lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David has triumphed". Instead of a lion, a slain lamb steps forward to receive the scroll.

After the reading last week of the first ending to **John's Gospel**, we hear today most of the second ending. With his three repeated questions, Jesus forgives Peter's three denials, and insists that the essential pre-condition for authority is love.

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PSALM RESPONSE: I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC

By: Larysa Makarova (from the Ukraine)

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

Offertory Hymn: "All that I am, all that I do" - n. 21

Communion Hymn: "In bread we bring you, Lord" - n. 258

Thanksgiving: *Instrumental*

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





A Special Easter's Orthodox Greeting

I am not sure but I think that «good morning» «good afternoon» and «good evening» are a common way of people greeting one another in any language and culture all year round. It is a common way, except for the members of the Orthodox Churches. The members of the Orthodox Churches during Easter time greet each other by saying «CHRIST IS RISEN» and the answer is «HE IS RISEN INDEED».

Nikolai Ivanovich Bukharin was one of the most powerful men on earth. A Russian Communist leader, he took part in the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917. He was the editor of the Soviet newspaper *Pravda* and was a full member of the Politburo. His works on economics and political science are still read today.

There is a story about a journey he took from Moscow to Kiev in 1930 to address a huge assembly of Communists. The subject was atheism. Addressing the crowd, he attacked Christianity, hurling insults and arguments against it. When he had finished, he looked out at the audience.

«Are there any questions?» he demanded. Deafening silence filled the auditorium.



Then one man stood up, approached the platform and mounted the lectern. After surveying the crowd, he shouted the ancient greeting of the Russian Orthodox Church: «CHRIST IS RISEN!»

The crowd stood up and shouted back in a thundering voice: «HE IS RISEN INDEED!»

Amazed and dejected, Bukharin left the stage in silence. Finally, he had learned the lesson that Faith in Christ's Resurrection was deeply rooted in his Russian Orthodox Communist followers!

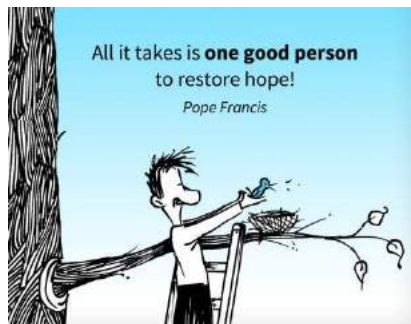
HAPPY EASTER

Love and Peace,
Fr. Bernardino Andrade



*Christ is Risen,
He is Risen Indeed*

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY – It's today in Madeira!



Today we celebrate Mother's Day in Madeira!

Most other countries around the world will only celebrate Mother's Day next week (always on the 2nd Sunday of May). In the UK and Ireland, Mother's Day was already celebrated on March 31st this year (on the 4th Sunday in Lent). Norway is the first country to celebrate Mother's Day every year. This year it was on February the 10th!

These countries will all be celebrating Mother's Day today: **Portugal, Spain, Angola, Cape Verde, Hungary, Lithuania, and Mozambique.**



DO YOU KNOW WHY - The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady?

Did you know that here in Madeira and in Portugal, the month of May is dedicated to Mary, the Mother of Jesus?

This is because the **Blessed Virgin Mary** appeared to three shepherd children (*Lúcia, Francisco, and Jacinta*) in the town of *Fatima*, in Portugal, on the 13th of May 1917.

Our Lady told the children that she was Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and that she had been sent by God with a message for every man, woman and child in our century. A church was built at the spot where Our Lady of Fatima appeared to the children, which to this day receives thousands of visitors from all over the world.



MADEIRA'S FLOWER FESTIVAL – Parade today at 4pm!

The Flower Festival is a Madeiran tribute to spring. Today is the highlight of Madeira's famous flower festival. **At 4pm today**, the main streets of Funchal will be transformed with dancing children and flower-filled floats. The flower parade takes place every year, two weeks after Easter, and has been a tradition here on the island since 1979. This year there will be 14 groups taking part in the parade, with a total of almost 2000 people [1966 active participants!].



Yesterday, as part of the flower festival, hundreds of children gathered in the *Praça do Município* (the town square in front of the Colégio Church) where they built a 'Wall of Hope', made of flowers. The children each placed a flower on the wall to symbolize the hope for a better and more peaceful world. Other activities that have been taking place in Funchal this week is the making of flower carpets in the streets, performances by folk dancing groups and philharmonic bands, flower market, music concerts and variety shows.



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).



"You should wash each other's feet"
(John 13:14).

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Every Sunday morning at the door of the Chapel there will be a **basket to collect food for the poor**. You are welcome to bring any little thing to help alleviate their suffering. (Rice, pasta, milk, canned tuna, biscuits etc.) Thank you to all who have donated so far! ☺



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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