



9<sup>th</sup> June 2019 – 10h00 Sunday Mass

**Pentecost, 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 Penha de França.** This morning Fr. Bernardino Andrade will be celebrating Mass. There are also masses celebrated in Portuguese here at the Chapel: on Saturday evenings at 18h30, and on Sunday mornings at 11h30 by Fr. Vítor Sousa.

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

*(Acts 2: 1-11; Psalm 103(104); Romans 8: 8-17; John 14: 15-16, 23-26)*

**The Jewish feast of Pentecost, 50 days after Passover,** was less well known than the other two pilgrimage feasts. Passover was linked to the nomadic sacrifice of lambs and the barley harvest in the Spring. Tabernacles after the grape harvest was associated with the wanderings in the desert. Recently it was realised that Pentecost was associated with God giving the Covenant on Sinai. So the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles at Pentecost fits neatly with this Covenant feast: the formal birth of the Christian Church. Acts lists the regions where the Church was to grow. **The psalm** calls us to praise God's creative wisdom. Filled with wonder at the details of God's glorious works, this psalm is well worth reading in full.

**Paul urges the Romans** to live by the Spirit who, with Christ, has made his home in us. We are now Sons of God. If we are led by the Spirit within us to follow God's laws, we will have confidence that the Father will "give life to our mortal bodies", just as Jesus was raised.

**In John's Gospel** we hear from Jesus' long Last Supper talk, promising that his Father would send the Advocate, through whom he and the Father would be with his church for all time.

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**PSALM RESPONSE:** Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

### TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC By:

*Cátia Marques (vocals and organ) and Helena Marques (violin bass)*

**Entry Hymn:** "Bind us together" - n. 65

**Penitential Act:** "Lord, have mercy" - n. 659

**Gospel Acclamation:** "Aleluia" - n. 679

**Offertory Hymn:** *Instrumental*

**Sanctus:** "Holy" - n. 704

**Agnus Dei:** "Lamb of god" - n. 737

**Communion Hymn:** "Our God loves us" - n. 454

**Thanksgiving:** Portuguese Hymn: "Encontrei Deus de surpresa"

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





## PENTECOST SUNDAY

### 1 - HELLO CHURCH... HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Don't feel surprised when you attend Mass this Pentecost Sunday if the priest, instead of starting Mass with the Liturgical and traditional «In the name of the Father...» he would start by singing «Happy Birthday».

Why? It is because in Pentecost Sunday the Church celebrates her Birthday.

I stop for a few moments and I imagine the «tsunami» that invaded and shook that place where a group of cowards and traitors were gathered: lost, upset, bitter, confused and full of fear. They had lost two friends by tragic deaths: Judas and Jesus. Then, «suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages and the spirit gave them the gift of speech» Act. 2: 1-11).

The Holy Spirit came to stay with them and with us.

### 2 - FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - A WAY OF LIFE

Life is about relationships. Faith is about relationships. Politics are about relationships. We all belong to God and we belong to one another.

Very often I am invited to bless houses and businesses places. Some time ago I was invited to bless a Bank. Every time this happens I always read a special passage of the Bible. It is **Galatians 5: 22-23**. I consider it a mini-course on human relationships. It applies to all situations where people are involved. They are what St. Paul calls, the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. This is the results of the «tsunami» of Pentecost Sunday.

Here they are: **LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, GENEROSITY, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS AND SELF-CONTROL**. There is no law against such things (Gal. 5: 22-23).

I would like to invite you, when you meet or pray as a couple, as a family or as a group to say one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit and complete a sentence. No discussion. Just sharing. In discussion you give your opinion that can be right or wrong. In sharing there is no right or wrong answers. It would be like this:

1. LOVE IS (Complete the sentence) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2- JOY IS \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.- PEACE IS \_\_\_\_\_
- 4.- PATIENCE IS \_\_\_\_\_
- 5.- KINDNESS IS \_\_\_\_\_
- 6.- GENEROSITY IS \_\_\_\_\_
- 7.- FAITHFULNESS IS \_\_\_\_\_
- 8.- GENTLENESS IS \_\_\_\_\_
- 9.- SELF-CONTROL IS \_\_\_\_\_

Please try. God loves you and so do I.

Fr. Bernardino Andrade

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## WHAT IS PENTECOST?

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**Source:** <https://www.catholic.org/lent/pentecost.php>

The word **Pentecost** is Greek and it means **"50th day."** Fifty days after Easter Sunday, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and their followers, and the beginning of their Earthly ministry to make disciples of all nations, the **birth of our Church.**

At Pentecost, the Apostles and their followers were gathered in a room.

Jews from all over the world were gathered with Peter, the leader of the Apostles and the Eleven. **At this time, a great wind blew and a flame appeared as a tongue of fire, which split itself into many individual flames above the heads of all those present.**

The Holy Spirit came upon these people and each began to speak in tongues. Despite the fact many had no common language, they were perfectly able to understand one another. Others who were not so blessed, accused those speaking in tongues of being drunk, but Peter arose and addressed the crowd, explaining that it was only 9 o'clock, and that this phenomenon was not intoxication, but rather this was the work of the Holy Spirit, prophesized in the scripture.

**Peter then called all those present to be baptized** and about three thousand people were baptized that day. **These people were among the first Catholics, and Peter is the first pope of the Catholic Church.**

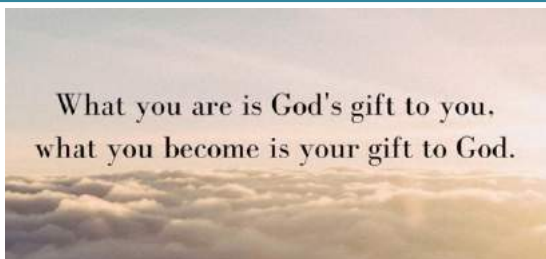
The symbols of Pentecost are the flame, wind, and the dove, which represents the Holy Spirit. The color of Pentecost is red and the priest wears red vestments on this day.

Parishioners are also invited to wear red on this day. Red decorations as well as celebrations are appropriate, similar to any other birthday. Special prayers are often said just for Pentecost



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## THOUGHTS OF THE WEEK



## 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 former 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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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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