



People Helping People is a small project founded in the Chapel of Penha de França by the late Father Bernardino Andrade 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.**

"If each of us were to perform an act of mercy every day, there would be a revolution in the world."



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The funds will then be transferred to Madeira. Any questions or concerns about transferring to this account, please contact Sinead Moynihan at: sineadmoynihnan7@icloud.com

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When making any donation, please send an email to penhafranca.php@gmail.com with the date, and name on the transfer so that we are able to confirm that the transfer has been received. Thank you.

BLESS YOURSELF WITH HOLY WATER



As you go inside the Chapel just under the archways on either side of the door, you will find a small font on the wall with Holy water inside which you can use to bless yourself with, before and after Mass. 🙏🙏🙏

Tea and Coffee After Mass

at Moynihans Irish Pub... up the road from the Chapel (while our tearoom is closed for fixing of the roof)



Please sign our Visitor's book or leave a message

We'd love to know which country you are visiting us from!



JOYFUL GIFT

19th of April 2026 – 10:30 am Sunday

3rd Sunday of Easter – Year A

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CATHOLIC MASS IN ENGLISH

Good morning! Our Chapel has been closed for the last two weeks, but is now open for Mass as usual on Sunday mornings. This morning's Mass will be celebrated by **Father Joseph Arun**, who is originally from Kerala in India. Father Joseph has been a priest for 14 years. Without him, our English Mass would not be possible as there is a shortage of English-speaking priests in Madeira. Our community is grateful that he is able to celebrate Mass here every Sunday.

○ **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS** – 3rd Sunday of Easter - Year A

(Acts 2:14,22-28; Psalm 15(16); 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35)

Today and next Sunday we hear parts of Peter's speech at Pentecost. Peter emphasises that Jesus' death was part of God's plan, quoting the prophet Joel's words about the wonders expected in the last days, when God's Spirit will be poured out on all peoples. Jesus, a descendant of David is this expected "Anointed One", "Messiah" in Hebrew, "Christ" in Greek, who now rightfully succeeds David as King of Israel.

The Psalm, attributed to King David, expresses total confidence in God, who will not let his soul die and will not let "your faithful one" suffer corruption in the grave. Both Peter, in today's reading, and Paul saw this as referring to Christ's resurrection.

Peter's first letter reminds us of the price Jesus paid for our salvation in his suffering and death, so that we might "have faith and hope in God". We should persevere in hope, in face of attacks and attractions of secular society.

In the Gospel, Jesus appeared to the women. Then he joins two disciples walking despondently to Emmaus, and explains the scriptures to them, before they recognise him "at the breaking of bread". The appearances of Jesus after the resurrection invite us to listen carefully: he was clearly bodily present, not just a spirit. Yet he was different, and could only be recognised with faith.

- By: Chris Oliver - www.bible-groups.info

PSALM RESPONSE: Show us, Lord, the path of life. Or: Alleluia!

TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC: By: Fátima Cátia Marques

- [1] **Entry Hymn:** "Alleluia, sing to Jesus..." – n.º 29
- [2] **Gospel Acclamation:** "Celtic Aleluia..." – n.º 679
- [3] **Offertory Hymn:** "Take our bread..." – n.º 528
- [4] **Communion Hymn:** "Spirit of God..." – n.º 514
- [5] **Thanksgiving:** Instrumental
- [6] **Final Hymn:** "He is risen, tell the story..." – n.º 216



REFLECTION FOR THE 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

By Deacon Tito Pereira

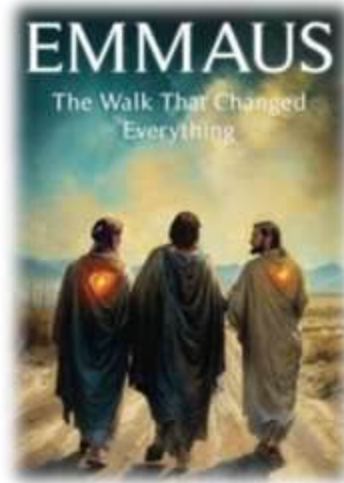
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What if Jesus has already been walking beside you, and you have not recognised Him yet? What if you come to the end of Mass and still do not recognise Him? This Sunday offers a key to understanding this blindness to Christ's presence among us. On this Third Sunday of Easter, the Church gives us the account of the disciples on the road to Emmaus. This is not just their story; it is ours as well.

Two thousand years on, we meet Jesus in much the same way. Like those disciples, we walk through life carrying confusion, disappointment, and uncertainty. Yet the risen Lord draws near. He walks beside us, even when we fail to see Him.

This Gospel is not only a memory; it is a living pattern fulfilled in the Mass. Each time we gather for the Eucharist, we step onto that same road to Emmaus.



First comes the encounter with the Word. Jesus opens the Scriptures and reveals that the Messiah had to suffer, die, and rise again. At Mass, the same thing happens. The Word of God is proclaimed, and Christ speaks to His people. Our hearts are invited to burn within us.

Then comes recognition. The disciples recognise Him in the breaking of the bread. For us, it is the same. In the Eucharist, the hidden Jesus is truly present, the same one who walked with the disciples on the road to Emmaus. What is concealed becomes visible to the eyes of faith.

Finally, there is the response. The disciples are filled with joy and go out to share the news. At the end of Mass, we

are sent in the same way. The encounter leads to hope, witness, and a renewed life.

Christ still walks with His Church. He still speaks and reveals Himself in the breaking of the bread. Will we recognise Him?

- Deacon Tito



AN EXTRA SPECIAL DELIVERY

On Good Friday, April 4th, we received a very special delivery of Hymn Books!

Barbara and Mike Matthews brought the hymn books with them on their cruise, which docked for only a few hours in Funchal on Good Friday.

The books are now at the Chapel, and two of them are dedicated in memory of Barbara and Mike's beloved daughter, Karen who passed away on the 12 October 2022.



Thank you to everyone who donated towards the Hymn Book appeal. 😊