

CHAPEL OF OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE IN RINES

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The chapel of Our Lady of Good Voyage, in the village of Rines, began construction on 27 November 2000, with an architectural project by engineer Carlos Augusto, and was inaugurated on 24 August 2004.

The construction of this chapel was promoted by Father Manuel Augusto Marques, a native of the village, who donated a plot of land for its construction and paid the costs of the work, assisted by Natalino Marques Estanqueiro and the Rines Socio-Cultural, Recreational, Sporting and Religious Association. The initial project included a bell tower, which was never constructed.

The building has a hexagonal nave and rectangular chancel, with a porched atrium, sacristy and adjoining room on the façade.

The image of the Virgin of Good Voyage was donated for worship by Father Manuel Augusto Marques, an invocation chosen to protect the many emigrants from the area. The image of the crucified Christ, flanked by the Virgin of the Rosary of Fatima and St Joseph, is displayed in the chancel. In the nave, lined with tiled panelling, there is an image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and a set of images depicting the Way of the Cross, in addition to the main image.

The feast in honour of the Virgin of Good Voyage is celebrated on the last Sunday in July or the first Sunday in August, when the emigrant locals return home.