



**Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> August 2016, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time,**  
**Year C - 10am Mass - Rua de Penha de França nr.3 - Funchal**

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## >> THE CATHOLIC ENGLISH SERVICE MASS IN MADEIRA:

**Welcome to the Chapel of Penha de França!** Today's Mass will be a little different... it will be the first time that we have two Deacons, and a Priest, serving the same Mass in our Chapel !! On the next page you can find out a little bit more about our visiting Deacons from England, the Rev. Deacon Craig Aburn and Rev. Deacon Tito Pereira. Our priest for the English service Mass every Sunday morning is Fr. Bernardino Andrade.

The Chapel of Penha de França was founded by Antonio Dantas in 1622. It was built on a "penha" or peak, by the sea, originally to minister to the soldiers of the small garrison at the Pontinha Redoubt (stronghold) in the bay of Funchal, but the Chapel soon became so famous a shrine that people came to it on pilgrimage from all parts of the Island. When the Diocese of Funchal took possession of the chapel it was used as the Bishop's Summer Residence for many years. In the meantime, the Franciscans had been coming to Madeira to carry out apostolic duties, and in 1935, they founded the Franciscan Residence of Our Lady of Penha de França here, at the request of Bishop D. Antonio Ribeiro.

As of last year the Franciscans have moved to the former convent of São Bernardino in the town of Câmara de Lobos, and the Chapel has reverted back to the Diocese of Funchal. The nave roof of the Chapel has recently been repaired and the ceiling restored through the generosity of a frequent visitor to our English Mass.

## Today's Scripture Readings

(Is 66:18-21... Ps 116 ... Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 ... Lk 13:22-30)

After lamenting the disasters God has sent on the Israelites because of their sins, third Isaiah sees hope in God's renewal of his covenant promise and in the "new heavens and the new earth" which God is creating. Jerusalem will prosper and all nations will be invited to God's holy mountain Jerusalem. God's glory will be seen by all, and all nations will worship him.

Our readings from Hebrews quotes from the Book of Proverbs that a son should expect to be disciplined by his Father. So we should not be discouraged when God disciplines us: rather we should rejoice that God shows in this way that we are his beloved sons. We must endure our sufferings, turning away from sin and accepting the works God calls us to do. As God's sons, we must persevere, not giving up too easily or treating God's forgiveness as easily obtained "next time".

Chapter 13 of Luke's gospel emphasises the need to repent, to change our mind-set about God. After Jesus healed a crippled woman on the Sabbath, the synagogue ruler was outraged to be told his understanding of the Sabbath was hypocrisy. But we also have great difficulty in accepting God's ways. Today's reading insists that the entrance to the kingdom is narrow, and many will not enter.

- Brought to you by: *Chris Oliver*

## Psalm Response: Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good News

**Hymns:** **Entry: 574** (*This is the Day*)

**Offertory: 134** (*Father, I place into your hands*)

**Final: 175** (*Go the Mass is ended*)

**Music played by:** *Larysa Makarova*



# FROM MY HEART TO YOUR HEART – Life as a Deacon

- Brought to you by: Rev. Deacon Craig Aburn and Rev. Deacon Tito Pereira

» Today's newsletter will be a little different. Normally this space is reserved for Fr. Bernardino, but as we have 2 Deacons from England who are joining us at Mass this morning, Fr. Bernardino has asked them both to write something about their vocation and the Deacon's ministry, as not many people know about Deacons and their role in the Catholic Church.

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*The Rev. Deacon Craig Aburn was recently ordained as a Deacon. He has been here many times during his formation time and today will be his first homily in Madeira as a Deacon.*



Reverend Deacon  
Craig Aburn

I am Deacon Craig Aburn from the Diocese of Portsmouth in England. I am one of about 40 deacons in our Diocese and some dioceses in England have many more than us. Although some dioceses and even some countries still don't have Permanent Deacons, the Ministry was restored at the Second Vatican Council over 50 years ago.

**The Deacon's Ministry is to assist the Bishop and Priest.** It is a threefold ministry of **Word** (proclaiming the Gospel and preaching at Mass), **Altar** (assisting with specific duties at the altar - preparing the altar, giving the invitation to exchange the sign of peace, administering Holy Communion, cleansing the vessels and giving the Dismissal at the end of Mass) and **Charity** (pastoral and administrative work, visiting the sick, Catechesis, etc.) The Deacon can also bless articles of devotion and people and give Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All Priests are also Deacons as they

are ordained Deacon some months before being ordained Priest and carry out all the duties of the Deacon at Mass if there is no Deacon present. **Permanent Deacons can be married, although not all are.** I am here with my wife, Nicki, my two children and also my mother.

God bless,  
Deacon Craig

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*The Rev. Deacon Tito Pereira was ordained 9 years ago and is now visiting Madeira, and has also been in our Chapel many times before.*

I was born in Funchal, Madeira, into a normal Madeiran family. Catholic traditions were part of our day to day life. I recall all the festivals especially Christmas and Easter and how important they were to us. In the 70s my parents emigrated to England and I ended up living over there. When I started attending catholic school I became aware of the importance of the faith in my family. I married an English woman and had three sons. As a family we attended Mass each week and got involved in parish life, teaching and preparing young people for the sacraments.

One day, my priest invited me to have a talk with the vocations director where I was introduced to the diaconate. After a period of discernment, I started the diaconate program. I was ordained as a permanent deacon in 2007.



Left to Right:  
Fr. Bernardino, Carla Rodrigues,  
Rev. Deacon Tito

One of the most important aspects of the diaconate is the work of charity, being involved with poor and marginalized people. I have been able to work with some of the poorest people in society through both my work and through my parish. I continue to prepare young people and adults for the sacraments and in the parish I assist the priest with baptisms and weddings and occasionally with funerals. I have assisted Masses in both Portuguese and English, including conducting my own grandmother's funeral in both languages.



Most of my ministry takes place not in the sanctuary but on the street or in people's homes. Often, I have access to people who never attend church or are not catholic. I have found that most of the time I am not even aware that I am ministering to people, but later they tell me that they want to join the church or come back to church.

**The diaconate is not the priesthood; it is different, just like a monk or a nun is different.** It can be hard to define the diaconate because **for every deacon the ministry is different.** Permanent deacons work in the world, as teachers, prison officers, business, in fact the whole array of jobs and each one offers an opportunity for reaching out to those in need in whatever circumstances they find themselves.

I hope that more deacons are introduced in Portugal. At first people may be anxious about this ministry but it is a ministry that is as old as the church.

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Interestingly, Madeira honours two deacon saints: *São Vicente* (Saint Vincent of Saragossa) and *São Lourenço* (Saint Lawrence), who both have towns named after them on the island.

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## The Coronation of Mary – August 22nd

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**The Coronation of Mary** is a subject in Christian art (and of devotion), especially popular in Italy in the 13th to 15th centuries, but continuing in popularity until today. **The subject became common as part of a general increase in devotion to Mary** in the Early Gothic period.

The belief in Mary as **Queen of Heaven** obtained the papal sanction of **Pope Pius XII** in his encyclical *Ad Caeli Reginam* (English: *Queenship of Mary in Heaven*) of October 11, 1954. The encyclical states that Mary is called Queen of Heaven because her son, Jesus Christ, is the king of Israel and heavenly king of the universe. **The Roman Catholic Church celebrates the feast every August 22.**



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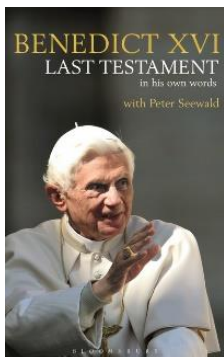
## POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT'S LATEST BOOK – « Last Testament »

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**Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI has a new book coming out next month.** The 224-page English version of the book will be called « *Last Testament: In His Own Words* ». **The book is an autobiography from the shy, private man who has remained “hidden to the world” in a former convent in the Vatican gardens.**

Much controversy still surrounds Pope Benedict's Papacy - in this book he addresses these controversies and reveals how at his late age, governing and reforming the Papacy and particularly the Vatican, was beyond him. He starts by recalling his childhood in Germany under Hitler and the Nazis when he joined Hitler Youth under duress, and goes on to cover his early life as a priest and eventually his appointment as Archbishop of Munich. **He also writes with great warmth of his successor Pope Francis, who he admits has a popular touch, a star quality which he has lacked.**

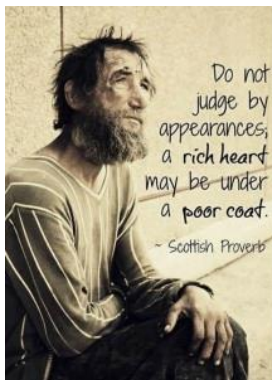


# PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

People Helping People (PHP) 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! In a short period of time we have 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...



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**Moynihans Irish Bar**, located on the corner up the road from the Chapel, accepts any Donations, as well as food, toiletries or clothes for the PHP project.



A big Thank You to the owners, Sinead and Tadhg, and their staff who are always ready to help, and have been a great support to the Chapel. It is very much appreciated!!

**PS. The food they serve is great, and staff are very friendly! Definitely worth a visit!**

If you would like to make a donation towards PHP, the bank details are below:

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**IBAN:** PT50 0038 0000 40900916771 75  
**BIC (SWIFT):** BNFPTPL  
**ACCOUNT NUMBER:** 000409009167710  
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in the Chapel



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



Please sign our Visitor's Book  
in the Social Room  
- We'd love to know  
where you're from!

## PLEASE REMEMBER

To leave your yellow Hymn Book  
and Order of the Mass sheets at  
the Chapel entrance after mass.  
This will help us to keep the  
Chapel neat... **thank you** ☺



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