


Sunday, 4th September 2016, 23rd 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! Our priest for the English Service Mass on Sundays is Fr. Bernardino Andrade. He was born here in Madeira, but spent many years as a priest in California, USA.

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. In 1721 the chapel was restored and enlarged. 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.

A year ago the Franciscans 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

(Wisdom 9:13-18.... Ps 89:3-17.... Phlm 9-10, 12-17.... Lk 14:25-33)

The Book of Wisdom was written in 1st century BC. Greek and other pagan religions gave inadequate answers to life's questions, especially why the wicked prosper and the just suffer. How does God mete out justice? Wisdom's solution, distilled from all Jewish Scriptures, is that the just continue to live with God after their deaths: a developing Jewish belief in resurrection, though not of the body. Man's knowledge and powers of reasoning are inadequate compared with God's Wisdom. So we ask God to give us Wisdom for our guide. The psalm also asks that we "know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart".

In this moving letter Paul asks Philemon to accept back the slave Onesimus and forgive him. But Paul is pleading for something more than this. Onesimus means "profit", and Paul wants Philemon to see the "profit" of forgiving Onesimus out of Christian love, and not because Paul could "force this act of kindness". In this way Philemon can gain wisdom and spiritual benefit.

In Luke's gospel, after a parable about people giving "I am too busy with this life" excuses, Jesus insists we must "hate" our parents: not emotionally but in our actions. We must weigh our options carefully and either choose the Cross – or not.

- Brought to you by: *Chris Oliver*

PSALM RESPONSE: O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

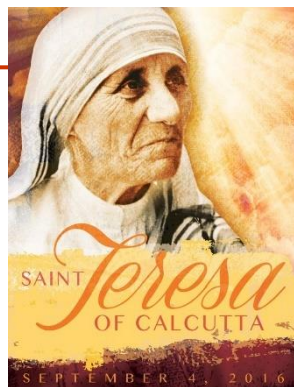


Hymns: Entry: 307 (*Lay your hands*)

Offertory: 528 (*Take our bread, we ask you*)

Final: 521 (*Sweet heart of Jesus*)

Music played by: *Larysa Makarova*



FROM MY HEART TO YOUR HEART – Bread With My Brother

- Brought to you by Fr. Bernardino Andrade

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It was some years ago that I had a chance to see the movie Titanic. I read a very interesting interpretation stating that the Titanic was a religious movie. Yes. It was some years ago.

I forgot most of the movie. But there was one scene that impacted me tremendously. Too good to be forgotten. It was when Jack invited Rose to come down and join the poor migrants on their way to New York. He invited her to take part in «a real party». And it was a real party where everybody danced together, laughed together, drank together and got drunk together. It was a «real party» compared with the party of the rich where people pretended that they were having fun but where everything was predicted, rehearsed and planned. Everything needed to look right and be right, following all the rules of protocol. But I was convinced that they just pretended that they were having fun.



«Come and join us in a real party». I still remember what I felt in that moment. I felt that social equality was the main ingredient of the Kingdom of God. We, all members of the human family, are invited to take part in a «real party». The more I understand the «real party» of the Titanic, the more I will understand the Holy sacrifice of the Mass, which is a real party.

2

On June 12th this year, we initiated a small program in our Chapel, Penha de França, to feed the homeless once a week. This is just the beginning. We called it «**The Back Door Ministry**». Our Mission Statement is to mobilize many restaurants to share some of their food with the homeless.

But, inspired by the «real party» of the Titanic, **we decided to change the name of the program and invite all those who are not homeless to join them for lunch as well. This invitation is especially addressed to all the tourists who attend the Mass in English.**

Is it going to be a real party? I don't know. What I know is that it is going to be «real». You can sit side by side with the homeless and enjoy a nice meal. Maybe you will not be able to speak with them in Portuguese. Anyway, please sit with them. Maybe they will not be able to speak with you in English, but please sit by their side. Eat from the same food and drink from the same juices and the same water. Hygiene is guaranteed. Comfort... well that will depend on your heart. **The new name of this program is «Bread With My Brother».**

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« Mobilize many restaurants to share part of their food with the homeless and their friends». Their friends will be you and I.

MOYNIHAN'S RESTAURANT will be next in line. Saturday, September 10th, at 1:00 PM, Tadhg and Sinead Moynihan will provide the lunch for «Bread With My Brother».

The place is going to be the Social Room of the Chapel Penha de França. Please join us for a «real party».

God loves you and so do I,

Fr. Bernardino Andrade



MOTHER TERESA, the Saint of the poor - Canonized at the Vatican today

Source: www.usatoday.com/story/news/2016/03/14/mother-teresa-canonization-vatican/81779554/

Pope Francis will declare Mother Teresa of *Kolkata*, formerly *Calcutta*, a Saint this morning. The ceremony will take place at the Vatican at 10h30am in St. Peter's Square (9h30am in Madeira). Pope Francis, who has made outreach to the poor a priority for the Catholic Church, met Mother Teresa more than two decades ago while he was Archbishop Jorge Mario Bergoglio in Argentina. He is known for admiring her ministry as well as her fearlessness in speaking out on behalf of society's outcasts.

Mother Teresa was widely known as a living saint as **she ministered to the sick and the dying in some of the poorest neighborhoods in the world**. Although some people criticized her for not challenging the injustices that kept so many people so poor and abandoned, her simple service touched the hearts of millions of people of all faiths. She also founded the Missionaries of Charity in 1950.

Shortly after she died in 1997, Pope St. John Paul II waived the usual five-year waiting period and allowed the opening of the process to declare her sainthood. She was beatified in 2003 by him after a first miracle was attributed to her, answering an Indian woman's prayers to cure her brain tumour. One miracle is needed for *Beatification*, while *Sainthood* requires two. Pope Francis officially cleared Mother Teresa for sainthood on December 17th, 2015, recognizing her second miracle.... the "miraculous healing" of a Brazilian man with multiple brain abscesses, the Vatican said.

The date chosen for her canonization as a Saint is on the eve of the 19th anniversary of her death.



❖ « Small things done by small people in small places change the world »
- Mother Teresa

MADEIRA WINE FESTIVAL PARADE – Today at 4pm in Funchal

Source: www.visitmadeira.pt/en-gb/what-to-do/events/search/madeira-wine-festival



The Madeira Wine Festival is one of Madeira's many tourist attractions. It takes place during the grape harvest (late August, early September) on the island and **this event aims to recreate the old traditions of the wine culture of the island and the local people who over the centuries dedicated themselves to the vines and the wines!**

This afternoon in Funchal there will be a Historical and Ethnographic Parade which will pay tribute to the richness of these traditions. **It's the first time that this Wine Festival Parade will be taking place.** There will be 5 floats, and over 500 local participants, all dressed in different historical and traditional outfits, to help recreate the history of our Madeira Wine. The parade starts **at 4pm and will be on the main road down by the seafont in Funchal.**

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...



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.

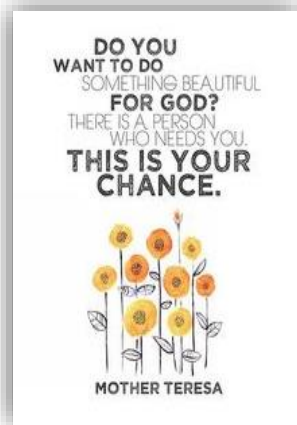


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If you would like to make a donation towards PHP, the bank details are below:

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IBAN: PT50 0038 0000 40900916771 75

BIC (SWIFT): BNIFPTPL

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 000409009167710

Bank Address: Caminho de Santa Quiteria 46A,
9020-119, Funchal, Madeira, Portugal



These are seven of the nine members of the "Installing Committee" who are working together to make *People Helping People* an official association. Amongst these professional people in the Committee there is a lawyer, an economist, a Social Worker, and a priest.

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

« What I do for others is just a small drop of water in the ocean. But without that drop of water the ocean is smaller »

- **Mother Teresa**

« If you cannot feed 100 people, then feed at least one »

- **Mother Teresa**

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