





Sunday, 11th September 2016, 10am Mass

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

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 special intention of this Eucharistic Celebration today will be for Maria Dina Sousa de Silva, and her son, Oscar Alexandre de Silva.** Also, please remember in your prayers the sick in our community, especially **Nicolau Borges.**

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.

In 2015 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

(Ex 32:7-11, 13-14... Ps 50:3-19... Tim 1:12-17... Lk 15: 1-32)

Earlier in the Book of Exodus, God had given Moses the Ten Commandments and many other instructions, which the people had covenanted to obey, sealed by sprinkling sacrificial blood. During Moses' second ascent of Sinai, God wrote the Commandments on stone tablets. Meanwhile the people were already disobeying the first Commandment by worshipping a golden calf. No wonder God was angry – Moses pleaded with God not to let the Egyptians win after all. God relented – but Moses then angrily broke the tablets and God had to write them again later!

Over the next 7 weeks we hear from the letters to Timothy – attributed to Paul though probably written long after his death. Paul is given as a supreme example of God's mercy, followed by detailed instructions time. 'Deacons' appear to have ministered pastorally, with 'presbyter-bishops' perhaps having both pastoral and practical responsibilities. The Greek *episcopi* means 'overseer' or 'overlooker'. 'Presbyter' simply means 'elder'. Later a three tier structure developed: Deacons, Presbyters, Bishops.

In the Gospel, Jesus also shows how communities are to be managed: do not allow any members to be lost – the father runs to welcome back his prodigal son. Perhaps the most moving image we have of God.

- Brought to you by: Chris Oliver

PSALM RESPONSE: I will leave this place and go to my Father.

Hymns: **Entry: 359** (*Make me a channel of your peace*)

Offertory: 353 (*Love is his word*)

Final: 256 (*Immaculate Mary*)



Music played by: Larysa Makarova

FROM MY HEART TO YOUR HEART – I Owe My Mother...

- Brought to you by Fr. Bernardino Andrade

(I found this article on the last page of a newspaper)



1. My mother taught me **TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE...**
« If you are going to kill each other. Do it outside. I just finished cleaning. »
2. My mother taught me **RELIGION...**
« You had better pray that will come out of the carpet. »
3. My mother taught me about **TIME TRAVEL...**
« If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week! »

4. My mother taught me **LOGIC...**
« Because, I said so, that's why. »

5. My mother taught me **MORE LOGIC...**
« If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you are not going shopping with me. »

6. My mother taught me **FORESIGHT...**
« Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident. »

7. My mother taught me **IRONY...**
« Keep crying and I'll give you something to cry about. »



8. My mother taught me about the science of **OSMOSIS....**
« Shut your mouth and eat your supper. »

9. My mother taught me about **CONTORTIONISM...**
« Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck! »

10. My mother taught me about **STAMINA...**
« You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone. »

11. My mother taught me about **WEATHER...**
« This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it. »

12. My mother taught me about **HYPOCRISY...**
« If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate! »

13. My mother taught me the **CIRCLE OF LIFE...**
« I brought you into this world, and I can take you out. »

14. My mother taught me about **BEHAVIOUR MODIFICATION...**
« Stop acting like your father! »



15. My mother taught me about **ENVY...**
« There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do. »

16. My mother taught me about **ANTICIPATION...**
« Just wait until we get home. »

17. My mother taught me about **RECEIVING...**
« You are getting to get it when you get home! »



18. My mother taught me about **MEDICAL SCIENCE...**

« *If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way.* »



19. My mother taught me **ESP...**

« *Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?* »

20. My mother taught me **HUMOUR...**

« *If you fall from that bedroom window and break your legs, don't come running to me.* »



21. My mother taught me **HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT...**

« *If you don't eat your vegetables you'll never grow up.* »

22. My mother taught me **GENETICS...**

« *You are just like your father!* »

23. My mother taught me about my **ROOTS...**

« *Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a bar?* »

24. My mother taught me **WISDOM...**

« *When you get to be my age, you'll understand.* »

And finally:

25. My mother taught me about **JUSTICE...**

« *One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out like you!* »



God loves you and so do I,

Fr. Bernardino Andrade

PRAYER CARRIED BY A PRIEST who died in WTC attack on Sept 11th 2001



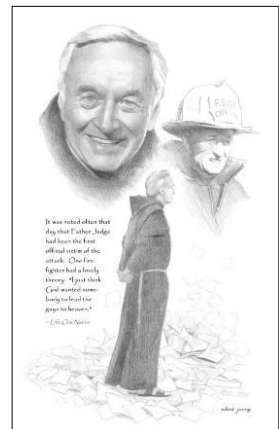
Source: America: The National Catholic Review

(www.americamagazine.org/content/all-things/1000-walk-remember-father-mychal-judge-first-recorded-victim-sept-11)

Today marks the 15th anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center; a day that will forever remain in the thoughts and hearts of many people.

Father Mychal Judge was a Franciscan friar and Catholic priest, who served as a chaplain to the New York City Fire Department. He was the first recorded victim of the 9/11 attacks while he was ministering to a fallen firefighter. Father Judge walked into the World Trade Center on Sept. 11 to perform last rites and he never walked out. Since then, every year in New York, on the Sunday before Sept 11th, a Remembrance walk is held in his memory. During his life he touched many lives. **He was known for carrying with him a card with the printed words of a prayer which he handed out to anyone who he felt needed it.** Here are the words to that prayer:

*Lord, take me where you want me to go.
Let me meet who you want me to meet.
Tell me what you want me to say,
And keep me out of your way.*



It was noted after that day that Father Judge had been the first official victim of the attack. One fire fighter had a lovely story. If you think God wanted someone to be the first to be here!

- Eric Clapton

John Jones

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

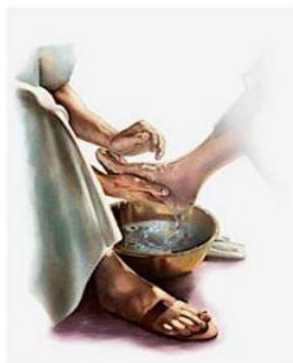
People Helping People (PHP) is a small project founded in the Chapel of Penha de França to help those in need. Our Bishop D. António once said, “*One must find new ways of helping the poor*”.

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.



“You should wash each other’s feet”
(John 13:14).

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

Bank: Banco Santander Totta

IBAN: PT50 0038 0000 40900916771 75

BIC (SWIFT): BNFPTPL

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 000409009167710

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

Tea and Coffee

After Mass!!
in the Social Room
across the garden -
please join us.



Please sign our Chapel's

Visitor's Book
in the Social Room

- We'd love to know which
country you're from!



We have a small program in our Chapel to feed the needy once a week. The program is known as “**Bread With My Brother**”. Yesterday, homeless and non-homeless people shared the same meal, which was generously donated by the Restaurant Moynihans.

All are invited to come along every Saturday at 1:00PM in the Social Room of Penha de França and join in the lunch. If you'd like to join Fr. Bernardino next Saturday, please give him a call (before Friday) at 916192783.

Newsletter from Madeira. Keep in touch! **This newsletter is brought to you every week by a team of volunteers:** Father Bernardino (who writes our Weekly Column: *From my Heart to your Heart*); Chris (*Scripture Readings*); Josefina and Larysa (*Hymns*); Tracy and Jennifer (*stories of interest, layout and newsletter printing*). If you'd like to receive a copy of our newsletter every Sunday, please send an email to penhafranca.newsletter@gmail.com and we will add your name to the weekly distribution list. The newsletter can also be downloaded from the Chapel's website: www.rcmassmadeira.org