




**Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> September 2016, 10am Mass**

**25<sup>th</sup> 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 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

*(Amos 8:4-7 ... Ps 112:1-8... 1 Tim 2:1-8... Lk 16:1-13)*

Amos was a shepherd from Judah who around 760 BC prophesied doom to the northern kingdom Israel, largely because of its social injustice. Israel under Jeroboam was very prosperous, but when it was overrun by Assyria 40 years later the prophet's warnings were remembered. Natural disasters should have reminded them of their dependence on God. It was not just the ways the rich cheated the poor – inflating the currency and giving short measure. Worse was their belief that sacrifices and fasting would absolve them from God's blame: sacrifice without justice is meaningless. The Psalm gives hope that the poor will be raised up.

In our modern liturgies we follow all of Paul's advice to Timothy: we lift up our hands in the traditional manner to offer prayers of petition, intercession and thanks, and we pray for secular authorities – "so that we may live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet". And Paul tells us not to be attracted to false gods like riches or possessions: there is only one God, and Christ Jesus, our one High Priest, is the only mediator between us and God.

In the Gospel, Jesus also warns us not to be seduced into worshipping money. He still describes the steward as "dishonest", but his motive was right: to gain friends who would help him later.

**- Brought to you by: Chris Oliver**

## PSALM RESPONSE: Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

**Hymns:** **Entry: 32** (*Amazing Grace*)

**Offertory: 454** (*Our God loves us*)

**Final: 434** (*O the word of my Lord*)

**Music played by: Larysa Makarova**



## FROM MY HEART TO YOUR HEART – Bread With My Brother

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- Brought to you by Fr. Bernardino Andrade

Under the umbrella of the « **People Helping People** » project, a new service was born at the Penha de França Chapel on the past June 12. It is called « **Bread With My Brother** ».

Initially it was called « *The Back Door Ministry* », and the **goal was to offer a good hot meal** to the homeless at least once a week; meals which would be provided by different restaurants. But then we thought that « *Bread to My Brother* » would be easier to understand. But that would mean a “we” and a “you” and not an “us” coming all together. And of course, that “we” and “you” would mean promoting social inequality. We realized that, even with good intentions, we would be building walls instead of bridges. So, finally, we made another change: the service would now be called « *Bread With My Brother* ».

**Everyone is invited.** Tourists are invited to eat with the homeless. The English speaking people are invited to eat side by side with the Portuguese speaking people. – **No strings attached. No special collections, no boxes or bags passing around.**

Different restaurants and different people are willing to share their food with this service that intends to bring together people from different social classes, different languages and different creeds.

The meal is being served **every Saturday** in the **Social Room** of the Penha de França Chapel, **at 1:00 PM**. Please join us. If you are afraid of the homeless and the needy, please hug them like St. Francis did with the leper.

**God loves you and so do I,**  
Fr. Bernardino Andrade



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## ST. FRANCIS AND THE LEPER – The Story

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*St. Francis, born in 1181, was the son of a wealthy cloth merchant. During the time when his town, Assisi, fought a series of wars with its neighbouring town, Perugia, Francis was captured in a battle and imprisoned for one year in Perugia. His family ransomed him, and he returned to Assisi a changed person: rather than return to fight another war, Francis began to minister to the poor.*

The narrative about “the leper” that people are most familiar with comes from a second work by *Thomas of Celano*, the first biographer of St. Francis. In one of the passages of his book, we read: “Among all the awful miseries of this world Francis had a natural horror of lepers, and one day as he was riding his horse near Assisi he met a leper on the road. He felt terrified and revolted, but not wanting to transgress God’s command and break the sacrament of His word, he dismounted from his horse and ran to kiss him. As the leper stretched out his hand, expecting something, he received both money and a kiss. Francis immediately mounted his horse and although the field was wide open and without any obstructions, when he looked around he could not see the leper anywhere.” He saw that the leper had disappeared. He always looked upon it as a test from God... that he had passed.



## POPE VISITS NEONATAL UNIT AND HOSPICE - to Highlight Respect for Life

**SOURCE:** Vatican Radio

([en.radiovaticana.va/news/2016/09/16/pope\\_makes\\_surprise\\_visits\\_to\\_rome\\_hospital\\_and\\_hospice/1258689](http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2016/09/16/pope_makes_surprise_visits_to_rome_hospital_and_hospice/1258689))



**On Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, Pope Francis made a surprise visit to the neonatal unit of Rome's *San Giovanni Hospital*.** After putting on a mask and completing the other health and safety procedures, Pope Francis stopped beside the incubators of 12 newborn babies, 5 of whom have severe complications, including one set of twins. He spoke to the babies in each incubator, and greeted their parents, offering

words of comfort. Later in the afternoon he visited 30 terminally ill patients at the Villa Speranza Hospice, located in the north of Rome. **There, Pope Francis greeted each patient one-by-one, as well as their families, in an emotional encounter.**

A note from the Holy See press office explained that through these two 'Mercy Friday' encounters, **Pope Francis wished to « send a strong signal about the importance of life from its first moment until its natural end ».** Welcoming life and guaranteeing its dignity at all times, the statement said, is a teaching that the Pope regularly reiterates. Through these two visits, it concluded, he has shown the importance of caring for the weakest and most vulnerable in order to show mercy in our lives.

Pope Francis, in his «Mercy Friday» initiatives, aims to spend time with various groups each month during the Jubilee of Mercy. In previous trips, he has made surprise stops at an elderly home, a drug and alcohol rehab centre, and a facility for retired priests.



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## AN ACTRESS' JOURNEY FROM HOLLYWOOD TO HOLY VOWS

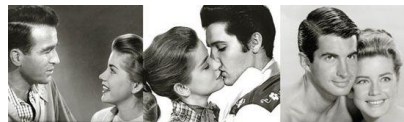
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**SOURCE:** Ignatius Press ([www.ignatius.com/promotions/ear-of-the-heart](http://www.ignatius.com/promotions/ear-of-the-heart))



**In 1963, Dolores Hart was a famous actress, but she stunned Hollywood, when, after 10 highly successful feature films, and at the peak of her career, she entered the Roman Catholic *Abbey of Regina Laudis* in Connecticut, to become a Benedictine nun.** She did this in order to answer a mysterious call she heard with the “ear of the heart”.

Dolores was a bright and beautiful 19-year-old college student when **she made her film debut with Elvis Presley in Paramount's 1957 'Loving You'.** She acted in 9 more movies, including *'Wind is the Wind'*, *'King Creole'*, and *'Where the Boys Are'* alongside other big stars such as Montgomery Clift, Anthony Quinn and Myrna Loy.



**She is now known as Mother Dolores Hart, and has been a nun for over 50 years. She has written a book, where she gives a fascinating account of her life and journey from Hollywood, to being a nun. Her book is called “THE EAR OF THE HEART: An Actress' Journey from Hollywood to Holy Vows”.**



**« Many people don't understand the difference between a vocation and your own idea about something. A vocation is a call – one you don't necessarily want. The only thing I ever wanted to be was an actress... BUT I WAS CALLED BY GOD. »**

– Mother Dolores Hart, O.S.B

## PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE



THE NIGHTS ARE SO LONG, SO LONELY AND SO DANGEROUS FOR THE HOMELESS.

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.



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



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Please beware low door lintels in the Chapel



**Tea and Coffee**  
**After Mass!!**  
in the Social Room  
across the garden -  
please join us.



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