



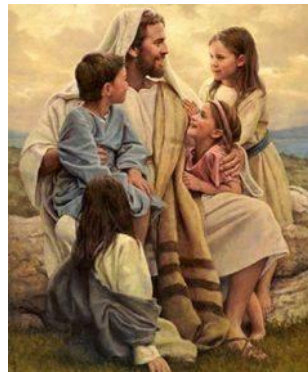
**Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2016, 10am Mass**

**27<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

*(Hab 1:2-3,2:2-4 ... Ps 94... 2 Tim 1:6-8,13-14 ... Lk 17:5-10)*

Habbakuk appears to have prophesied while Judah was being threatened by Babylon, who destroyed Jerusalem in 586 BC. Habbakuk expresses the ever-present frustration of mankind that evil people always seem to triumph. Since God is good and just, why doesn't He intervene to help those who worship Him? Instead of punishing his erring people by a nation even more wicked? God's answer here is that "the upright man will live by his faithfulness". So Habbakuk agrees to "quietly wait" for the invaders to be punished. The Psalm's message is also not to lose faith in God.

In the first of four readings from Paul's second letter to Timothy, he is urged to "bear the hardships" relying on God's power, using and developing his skills to testify to the good news. You should "guard the rich truth that has been entrusted to you by the Holy Spirit who dwells within us" ie the truth about Jesus, who "has abolished death".

In Luke's Gospel Jesus continues to teach, as he makes his way to Jerusalem. We must have confidence in God's plan, and carry out fully the tasks God has given us. But we must not expect God to put this world to rights in our lifetime.

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

## PSALM RESPONSE:

**O that today you would listen to his voice! "Harden not your hearts".**

**Hymns:** **Entry: 65** (*Bind us Together Lord*)

**Offertory: 512** (*Soul of my Saviour*)

**Final: 561** (*The Spirit lives to set us free*)

**Music played by: Larysa Makarova**



## FROM MY HEART TO YOUR HEART – Does Being Rich Mean Being Happy?

- Brought to you by Fr. Bernardino Andrade



Cecil John Rhodes was an enormously wealthy man. He was an English-born business, mining magnate, and politician in South Africa. He was the founder of the diamond company De Beers, which today markets 40% of the world's rough diamonds and at one time marketed 90%. An ardent believer in colonialism and imperialism, he was the founder of the State of Rhodesia to perpetuate his name.

One day a newspaperman asked him: « *You must be very happy.* », Rhodes replied, « *Happy! No! I spent my life amassing a fortune only to find out that I have spent half of it on doctors to keep me out of the grave, and the other half on lawyers to keep me out of jail.* »

Does being rich mean being happy?

Love and Peace,  
Fr. Bernardino Andrade

## POPE FRANCIS IN GEORGIA – Friday, Sept.30<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016

**Pope Francis has been on a 3-day Apostolic Visit to Georgia and Azerbaijan, which ends today.**

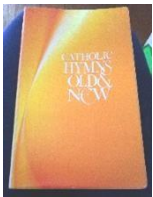
Yesterday, on the feast day of St. Therese of Lisieux, he celebrated Mass in Tbilisi at the Mikheil Meskhi Stadium.

« **Become like little children,** » **Pope Francis urged.** « *To be great before the Lord does not require the accumulation of honor and prestige or earthly goods and success, but rather a complete self-emptying. A child has nothing to give and everything to receive. A child is vulnerable, and depends on his or her father and mother. The one who becomes like a little child is poor in self but rich in God.* » He went on to summarize these thoughts with some words from Saint Therese, to whom he personally has a great devotion. « *St. Therese,* » he pointed out, « *shows her 'little way' to God,* » « *the trust of a little child who falls asleep without fear in his Father's arms* », because « *Jesus does not demand great actions from us, but simply surrender and gratitude* ».

**Source:** [www.zenit.org/articles/need-consolation-become-like-little-children-pope-urges-at-mass-in-georgia/](http://www.zenit.org/articles/need-consolation-become-like-little-children-pope-urges-at-mass-in-georgia/)



## A HYMN BOOK – In memory of your loved ones



If you take a look at the first page of your yellow hymn book, you will see that it has been donated to the Chapel by someone who has attended Mass here at some time in the past. Your hymn book is dedicated in memory of someone's loved one. If you'd like to do the same, and donate a hymn book in remembrance of your loved one (and at the same time help the Chapel) as we have a shortage of hymn books, you may order directly from *Kevin Mayhew Publishers* in Suffolk, UK (contact details to the right). For more information on where to send your book after you order it, and how to have your dedication note on the inside of the book, please send an email to: [penhafranca.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:penhafranca.newsletter@gmail.com)

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## ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX, THE LITTLE ROSE – Feast Day on October 1st

Source: *Society of the Little Flower*  
[www.littleflower.org/therese/st-therese-faqs/](http://www.littleflower.org/therese/st-therese-faqs/)

The Roman Catholic Church celebrates the feast of **St. Therese of Lisieux, on October 1st each year**. St. Therese is also known as the “Little Flower”.



She was born in France, on January 2, 1873, the youngest of 9 children. St. Therese’s mother died of breast cancer when she was 4 years old. **From a young age she felt called to religious life**. At the age of 15 she entered the Carmelite convent in Lisieux after she sought permission from the Pope. For the next 9 years she lived a very ordinary religious life. She had a great love of the Church and a zeal for the conversion of souls. She prayed especially for priests. She died of tuberculosis on September 30, 1897, at the age of 24.

**Many miracles have been attributed to her intercession**. Four miracles of spontaneous cures were officially approved by the church after her death: (1) Sister Louise of St. Germain was cured of stomach ulcers which she’d suffered from for 3 years after praying to St. Therese. (2) Charles Anne, a 23-year-old seminarian who had advanced pulmonary tuberculosis, prayed to St. Therese as he lay dying. He did not die, but was miraculously healed. Later, he was examined by a doctor who proclaimed that Charles’ lungs seemed to have been replaced by new lungs. (3) Gabrielle Trimusi from Parma, Italy, was cured of arthritis of the knee and tubercular lesions on the vertebrae. (4) Maria Pellemans of Belgium suffered from pulmonary tuberculosis which had spread to the intestines. She visited Therese’s grave and prayed for her to intercede on her behalf. After her return to Belgium, Maria’s doctor was astounded by her sudden cure. On May 17, 1925, Therese of Lisieux was officially declared a Saint by Pope Pius XI.

**While at the convent she was instructed to write down her childhood memories**, which became the first part of her autobiography called *The Story of a Soul*. It was published as a book a year after her death, and has been translated into more than 60 languages and dialects. It can be found in Catholic bookshops or online at [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com).



**A free copy of St. Therese’s book “Story of a Soul”, is available by email in PDF format. If you would like to receive a copy, please send an email to: [penhafranca.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:penhafranca.newsletter@gmail.com)**

### JOIN US AFTER MASS FOR TEA AND COFFEE!



**There is a meeting room (also known as the Social Room) right across the garden, in front of the Chapel**. Please feel free to go there after mass this morning, and **enjoy a cup of coffee** or tea, and biscuits. We also have a **Visitor’s Book** there, where you can leave a message, tell us what country you are from, write a short note about your experience of being at mass in Penha de França Chapel, or give us any suggestions. On one of the walls we have a **world map** where you can put a pin on your home town. Please take a few minutes to do this... we’d love to know where you’re from! 😊

## PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

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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:

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