



Sunday, 23 October 2016 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

10am Mass – Rua de Penha de França nr.3 – Funchal, Madeira.

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THE CATHOLIC ENGLISH SERVICE MASS IN MADEIRA:

Welcome to the Chapel of Penha de França. This morning's service is a special intention Mass in memory of Abel Ambrósio de Lima Pedreiro, who passed away last week Sunday in Cape Town, South Africa; also in memory of António Costa de Freitas (†12/10/2009), and Maria Geral Ponte de Freitas (†25/10/2012).



Abel de Lima Pedreiro



António de Freitas



Maria Geral de Freitas

Today's Scripture Readings

(Sir/Eccle'us 35:12-14,16-19... Ps 32(33)... 2 Tim 4:6-8,16-18... Lk 18:9-14)

Sirach was a Jerusalem sage writing about 180 BC. His wise maxims are much used by the Church. God does not approve “the gifts of the godless, nor for their many sacrifices does he forgive their sins”. God is just, “he hears the cry of the oppressed”. God’s justice will be seen, he will wreak “vengeance upon the proud”.

Paul tells Timothy to expect a time to come “when people will not tolerate sound doctrine” “and will stop listening to the truth”. In every age Christians have experienced this happening, and church structures set up by Paul to “preserve the truth” have naturally tended to be conservative. Paul is facing death alone. But God has not deserted him, and even enabled him to speak out at his trial, sending the gospel message to yet more Gentiles, even at this late hour.

In Luke’s gospel Jesus continues his teachings on prayer. After last week’s parable about the persistent widow comes this strong condemnation of insincere prayer. We should not imagine that the Pharisee was bad: he is a good man, conscientiously observing his religion. Yet Jesus says the tax collector went home justified “**rather than**” the Pharisee. Not “more than”! Why? Because the tax collector was humble enough to admit his need of God and of his mercy.

- Brought to you by: *Chris Oliver*

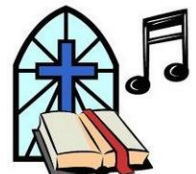
PSALM RESPONSE: This poor man called; the Lord heard him.

Hymns: Entry: 302 (*Kum ba yah, my Lord*)

Offertory: 527 (*Take my life and let it be*)

Final: 255 (*I'll sing a hymn to Mary*)

Music played by: Larysa Makarova



FROM MY HEART TO YOUR HEART – Freckles Make Me Ugly

- Brought to you by Fr. Bernardino Andrade

Little Joan grew up with a big dream. Her big dream was to be able to visit Disneyland in California. One day her grandmother decided to give her a special birthday gift - a trip to Disneyland. Joan was on cloud nine. "Finally I am going to go to Disneyland and have a street artist paint Mickey Mouse on my face!"

The day came and there they went. Grandmother and granddaughter (*who was flying for the first time*) both in love with each other, enjoying every minute together. Hotel accommodations had been reserved in advance and Joan would not believe she was going to sleep in a real hotel with a swimming pool.

That day Joan woke up earlier than usual and, after some prayers, she left the Hotel to spend the day in Disneyland with her grandmother. Everything was going well according to her dream. Until this moment.

Joan saw a street artist approaching her, so she went and asked to please get Mickey Mouse painted on her face, while her grandmother was in the same area doing some shopping. A few moments later, Joan came to her grandmother very sad and crying with abundant tears.



« *What happened, sweetheart? You were so happy and all of a sudden you are so sad. Please tell your grandmother what happened. I never took my eyes off you and I didn't see anything wrong. Please tell me.* » - Grandmother knelt before Joan, hugged her and insisted: « *Please tell me what happened.* »

« *I am ugly. I am very ugly. And I don't like to be ugly.* »

« *Why do you say that?* »

« *When I asked the lady to paint Mickey Mouse on my face she told me that she couldn't because I have freckles. I am very ugly. But it is not my fault.* »

« *Honey! That lady is very wrong. Forgive her. You are very, very beautiful. Freckles are very beautiful. Freckles are kisses from angels. I always wanted to have freckles to make me more beautiful but I have not been that lucky, that's why I am so proud to travel with you because I know that I am travelling with the most beautiful girl in the world. The most beautiful girls in the world have freckles.* »

At this point Joan already had her eyes almost dry. But her grandmother kneeling before her to be closer to her face kept insisting with her:

« *Joan, tell me, have you seen anything more beautiful than freckles?* » - Now grandmother was emotional and said: « *Tell me. What in this world is more beautiful than freckles?* »

At this point, Joan looked in the eyes of her grandmother, smiled, raised her hand, gently touched her face and said:

« *More beautiful than my freckles are the wrinkles on the face of my grandmother.* »

God loves you and so do I,

Fr. Bernardino Andrade

BLESSED KARL OF AUSTRIA - Honoured at Monte – Feast day 21st October

On Friday, 21st October, a special Mass was held at the Church of Our Lady of Monte in honour of Blessed Emperor Karl of Austria. He was born in Austria, and upon the death of his uncle, Emperor Franz Josef, in 1916, he became Emperor of Austria and King of Hungary. When the empire was dissolved, he was forced into exile here on the island of Madeira with his wife, Empress Zita, and their children. He died of pneumonia on 1st April 1922 at the age of 35. His mortal remains are buried at the Church of Our Lady of Monte, here in Madeira. On the 3rd October 2004, he was beatified in Rome by Pope John Paul II.



Read more about Blessed Karl here: <http://www.emperorcharles.org/welcome>

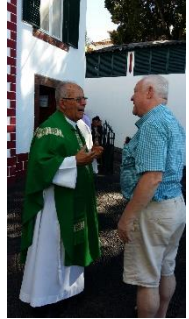
A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY ABOUT OUR CHAPEL



Penha de França Chapel 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. A Catholic Mass is held here in English at the Chapel every Sunday morning at 10am. 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. **Our priest for the English Service Mass on Sundays is Father Bernardino Andrade. He was born here in Madeira, was ordained as a priest in Africa where he stayed for 9 years, and then went on to spend 32 years as a priest in the USA.**



BREAD WITH MY BROTHER (People Helping People)

Under the umbrella of "*People Helping People*", a new service was established at the Penha de França Community, on June 12, 2016. It is called « BREAD WITH MY BROTHER ».

The homeless, tourists and all kind of people are invited to share the same meal and the same table. It is an effort to build social equality. It is an opportunity to learn from one another and grow together as brothers and sisters. It is a « *grain of sand* » as the Mexicans say, to build the kingdom of God in this world.

Different restaurants, Hotels and private people offer a lunch that is served every Saturday at 1:00 PM in the Social Hall of the Penha de França Chapel. **Yesterday's lunch (October 22nd) was offered by Moynihan's Irish Pub. All are invited.** Fr. Bernardino



The table
at one of the
Bread With My
Brother lunches...
All are invited.



Fr Bernardino
with Duarte and André.
**Shining or raining,
the sky is their
ceiling!**



Children can not wait,
but these and millions of other
children have no choice.
**Carla offers some
entertainment during Bread
With My Brother lunch.**

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 *People Helping People* project.

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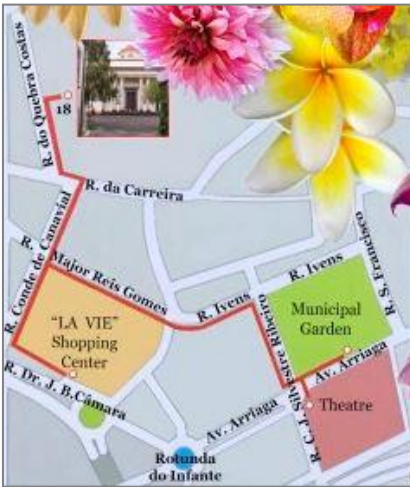
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Map with directions to the English Church

» Bible Group:

Joint Anglican - Roman Catholic Bible Group:
THURSDAYS | 2:00 – 3:30pm | Starting 27th
October, in the English Church Library. Looking
at *Jeremiah*. For more info: chris@chris-oliver.net

Tall?

Please beware
low door lintels
in the Chapel
when leaving the
Sanctuary

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

Don't forget to leave your yellow *Hymn*
Book and *Order of the Mass* sheets at the
Chapel entrance after mass ☺



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 would like to receive a copy of our newsletter by email every Sunday, ask to be added to the weekly distribution list by sending an email to: penhafranca.newsletter@gmail.com The newsletter can also be downloaded from the Chapel's website/blog: www.rcmassmadeira.org