

## 13<sup>th</sup> of November 2016 - 10am Sunday Mass 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Rua da Penha de França nr.3 – Funchal, Madeira.



<http://rcmassmadeira.org/>  
[www.facebook.com/penhafrancachapel](http://www.facebook.com/penhafrancachapel)

## THE CATHOLIC ENGLISH SERVICE MASS IN MADEIRA:

**Welcome to the Chapel of Penha de França.** Our priest for the English Service Mass on Sunday mornings is **Father Bernardino Andrade**. He was born here in Madeira, and was ordained as a priest in Africa, 51 years ago! He stayed in Africa for 9 years, and then went to the USA where he spent many happy years as a priest in California, before returning to Madeira, the land of his birth.

Besides this English service Mass held here every Sunday morning at 10am, there is also a Portuguese service Mass on Saturdays at 18h30 and on Sundays at 11h30 (straight after the English service).

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(Mal 3:19-20 Ps 97 2 Thess 3:7-12 Lk 21:5-19)

Written about 460 BC, after the Jews returned from their Babylonian exile to rebuild the Temple, Malachi criticises the people's religious indifference, priestly abuses, intermarriage with pagans and divorce. So he writes anonymously, "Malachi" means "my messenger". "Where is the God of justice?" he asks. But he promises that the day of the Lord is coming, preceded by a messenger to prepare the way, later seen by Christians as John the Baptist. When that day comes evil-doers will be burnt up, while those who fear the Lord will be energised and healed, gambolling with joy and treading on the ashes of the evil-doers.

The Thessalonians had heard a forged letter saying the Lord's second coming was very close. Some had stopped working for a living and were "interfering in everyone else's" work. Paul says they are "busybodies", stirring up trouble! They should be shunned until they pull their weight in the community, as Paul did when he was with them.

In the Gospel Jesus foresees the destruction of the Temple, and the disasters, persecutions and false prophets that must precede the second coming. But we must not worry about these future problems, nor try to guess the day of the Lord's second coming. We should concentrate on the day-to-day following of Jesus, placing all our trust in Him.

- Brought to you by: *Chris Oliver*

**PSALM RESPONSE:** The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.



**Voice** - Helena  
Paula Marques

**Organ/Voice** -  
Fátima Cátia  
Marques

### Hymn Numbers:

- [1] **Entry:** *Father, we adore you* - No. 136
- [2] **Penitential Act:** *Lord, have mercy* - No. 659
- [3] **Gospel Acclamation:** *Celtic Aleluia* - No. 679
- [4] **Offertory Hymn:** *Take our bread* - No. 528
- [5] **Sanctus:** *Holy, holy, holy is the Lord* - No. 704
- [6] **Agnus Dei:** *Lamb of God* - No. 737
- [7] **Communion:** *Instrumental*
- [8] **Thanksgiving:** *Instrumental*
- [9] **Final Hymn:** *Our God loves us* - No. 454



## FROM MY HEART TO YOUR HEART – A Taxi Driver at 2:30 AM

---

- Brought to you by Fr. Bernardino Andrade

In his book, *“Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace”*, Kent Nerburn writes about his experience driving a cab for living. He remembers one night in particular when he received a call at 2:30 AM to go to a small brick fourplex. Thinking he was going to pick up some late night partiers or someone who had just had a fight with his or her spouse, he was surprised when a small woman in her eighties answered the door.

She wore a print dress and an old fashioned pillbox hat. By her side was a small nylon suitcase. The apartment was empty, except for a few pieces of furniture covered with sheets and a cardboard box filled with photos and glassware. The driver picked up her bag and helped her to the cab. She gave him the address and then asked, “Could you drive through downtown?”. “It’s not the shortest way”, he answered. “Oh, I don’t mind”, she said. “I’m in no hurry. I’m on my way to a hospice. I don’t have any family left. The doctor says I don’t have very long.”



The driver reached over and shut off the meter. “What route would you like me to go?”

For the next two hours, they drove through the city. She pointed out the building where she worked as an elevator operator, the house where she and her late husband lived as newlyweds, the furniture store that was once a ball room where she had gone dancing as a girl. Sometimes she’d ask to slow down in front of a particular building or corner; there she’d just sit staring into the darkness, saying nothing. As the dawn broke over the horizon, she said, “I’m tired. Let’s go now.” They drove to the small house that served as the hospice. Two attendants came and helped her out of the cab and took her bag.

She asked the driver how much she owed for the fare. “Nothing”, he said. “But you have to make a living,” she insisted. “There are more passengers,” he replied.

Almost without thinking, he bent over and gave her a hug. She held him tightly. “You gave an old woman a little moment of joy,” she said. “Thank you”.

Then, in the dim morning light, he watched as she walked into the hospice.

\*\*\*

Kent Nerburn remembers: “We are so conditioned to think that our lives revolve around great moments. But great moments often catch us unaware. When that woman hugged me and said that I brought her a moment of joy, it was possible to believe that I had been placed on earth for the sole purpose of providing her with that last ride. I do not think that I have done anything in my life more important”.

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

---

## SAINT MARTIN’S DAY – November 11<sup>th</sup> – The Madeiran tradition

---



November 11<sup>th</sup> is traditionally celebrated in Madeira as Saint Martin’s feast day (“São Martinho” in Portuguese). The Saint Martin Festivity is very illustrative of the faith and traditions of the people of Madeira. Families eat roasted chestnuts (“*castanhas assadas*”), and tradition dictates that on the eve of Saint Martin the wine is tasted and the roasted cod (“*bacalhau assado*”) is enjoyed.



## FROM DEATH ROW TO THE VATICAN - The story of new Cardinal from Albania

Source: <http://epicpew.com/cardinal-simoni/>



martyrdom is intense." After watching two of his Franciscan superiors be shot to death, Simoni was asked by the Albanian Communist regime if he would reject the Catholic faith. When Simoni refused to renounce his faith, he was threatened by a firing squad. Yet they didn't kill him. He was instead sentenced to 28 years of hard labour, which included work in the mines of Albania. Yet even under horrible conditions, he continued to practice his Catholic faith and the sacraments as a Catholic priest. During his imprisonment, he heard the confessions of his fellow prisoners and even offered Mass for them.



## THE LATEST NEWS – On “Bread With My Brother” & “People Helping People”



The homeless, and those who attend the English Mass on Sunday are invited to share the same meal and the same table at a weekly meal served every Saturday at 1:00 PM in the Social Hall of the Penha de França Chapel.

Different restaurants, hotels and private people offer the lunch in an effort to build social equality and help those in need. This meal is

known as «**BREAD WITH MY BROTHER**». Last week's lunch was provided by the supermarket: Novo Super.



After six years of unconditional and informal service to the poorest of the poor (the lost, the least and the last), **People Helping People** - a project started at the Chapel after the 2010 floods - **became an official Association** last Friday (November 11, 2016).

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** "GOD SENDS US FRIENDS TO BE OUR FIRM SUPPORT IN THE WHIRLPOOL OF STRUGGLE. IN THE COMPANY OF FRIENDS, WE WILL FIND OUR STRENGTH TO ATTAIN OUR SUBLIME IDEAL." - ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

## PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE (PHP)

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...**

**A sincere thank you to the owners and staff of Moynihans Irish Bar** (located on the corner up the road from the Chapel), who have always been a great support towards the *People Helping People Project*, and who willingly accept any clothes, or toiletries, or tinned food that you may wish to donate towards PHP.

### PHP bank info has changed.

If you wish to make a deposit or bank transfer, please make a note of the new details:

**BANK:** Banco Santander Totta

**NIB:** 0018 0008 01301547020 17

**IBAN:**

PT50 0018 0008 01301547020 17

**ACCOUNT NUMBER:**

0008 0130 1547020

**Bank Address:**

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



After a cold night on a cold pavement, there is nothing better than to fall asleep in a "comfortable" chair of a comfortable coffee shop after a warm cup of coffee. Nicolau, the owner of the coffee shop in the *Centro Comercial Europa*, in Funchal, welcomed this homeless man like he was a lost baby or his lost father. When you welcome a "dirty" person you are welcoming a "dirty" Jesus. Thank you Nicolau. May God bless your business and your customers.

### >> PHP CONTACTS:

**Europe:** Pe Bernardino Andrade,  
Rua das Murteiras, 28 - 1E,  
9060-199 Funchal,  
Madeira, Portugal.  
Email:  
bernardinodandrade@gmail.com

**USA:** Janice Contreras,  
60 Meeks Ln.,  
Oakley,  
CA 94561.  
Tel. 1-925-813-2888  
Email: larryjanc@aol.com



### Tea and Coffee After Mass

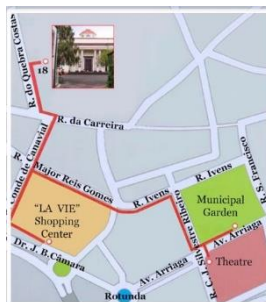
**Please join us in**  
the  
Social Hall across  
the garden, **AND**  
**sign our Visitor's**  
**book there too!!**

Tell us where  
you're from!

### >> Bible Group:

Joint Anglican - Roman Catholic  
Bible Group:  
**THURSDAYS** | 2:00 – 3:30pm  
in the English Church Library.  
Rua do Quebra Costas nr.18, Funchal.  
Looking at *Jeremiah*.  
For more info:  
chris@chris-oliver.net

Directions to English Church (for Bible Group)



**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*); Cátia and Helena (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](mailto:penhafranca.newsletter@gmail.com) The newsletter can also be downloaded from the Chapel's website/blog: [www.rcmassmadeira.org](http://www.rcmassmadeira.org)