



4th of December 2016 - 10am Sunday Mass

2nd Sunday of Advent, Year A

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2ND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

THE CATHOLIC ENGLISH SERVICE MASS IN MADEIRA:



Good morning! Thank you for joining us on this 2nd Sunday of Advent. **The special intention of today's Mass is for Brigitta, who passed away in Norway this week.**

She is the sister of Froydis Gustavsen, a lady who has done much to help the poor in Madeira. Our sincerest thanks, and deepest sympathy go out to Froydis and her family at this time. Brigitta herself helped the poor in Madeira and, before she died, Brigitta

was able to read the thank you card we sent her just about two weeks ago.

Father Bernardino is our priest this Sunday morning. He was born here in Madeira, and spent many years as a priest in California. Besides this English service Mass held every Sunday morning, there is also a Portuguese service Mass on Saturdays at 18h30 and on Sundays at 11h30 (straight after this English service).

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 71; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12

The readings for Advent from **Isaiah** continue with his description of the ideal king, who will come from the remnant of Israel – the stump of Jesse, of David's dynasty. Much quoted by Christian New Testament writers and applied to Jesus. But Isaiah was seeking to comfort his people, under attack by Assyria, and he goes on to foresee a fantastic and idyllic future when the whole of creation will live in complete harmony. No human king could achieve this, but the "fear of the Lord" and the "knowledge of the Lord" would bring it about. **Paul's letter to the Romans** exhorts the two groups of Christians in Rome to work patiently together, ignoring varying degrees of conformity to the Jewish Law. We must learn about God from the Jewish Scriptures, the Old Testament, so that we may worship him in unity of mind and mouth. The sufferings of both the Messiah and of Israel demonstrate that God keeps His promises, and the Messiah will lead all nations, both Jews and Gentiles, to praise God. **In the Gospel**, John the Baptist, the last prophet of the Old Testament, prepares the way of the Lord by urging people to repent, to turn towards God from their sins. But he condemns those who say they have no need of God.

– *Brought to you by:* Chris Oliver

PSALM RESPONSE: In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.



Voice – Professor
Helena Paula Marques

Organ / Voice –
Professor Fátima Cátia

HYMN NUMBERS:

- [1] **Entry:** *How lovely on the mountains* - No. 235
- [2] **Penitential Act:** *Lord, have mercy* - No. 663
- [3] **Offertory Hymn:** *Take our bread* – No. 528
- [4] **Sanctus:** *Holy, holy, holy is the Lord* - No. 704
- [5] **Agnus Dei:** *Lamb of God* - No. 733
- [6] **Communion Hymn:** *Portuguese Hymn*
- [7] **Thanksgiving:** *Instrumental*
- [8] **Final Hymn:** *As I kneel before you* - No. 39

FROM MY HEART TO YOUR HEART – Having lunch with God

- *Brought to you by* Fr. Bernardino Andrade

There once was a little boy who wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with Twinkies and a six-pack of root beer and started his journey.

When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old woman. She was sitting in the park just staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to her and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the old lady looked hungry, so he offered her a Twinkie. She gratefully accepted it and smiled at him. Her smile was so pretty that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered her a root beer. Once again she smiled at him. The boy was delighted!



They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word.

As it grew dark, the boy realized how tired he was, and he got up to leave; but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old woman and gave her a hug. She gave him her biggest smile ever.

When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I had lunch with God." But, before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? She's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"



Meanwhile, the old woman, also radiant with joy, returned to her home. Her son was stunned by the look of peace on her face; and he asked, "Mother, what did you do today that made you so happy?" She replied, "I ate Twinkies in the park with God." But, before her son responded, she added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected!"

It is so easy and so rewarding to have lunch with God.

Life is about looking around with the eyes of our hearts to meet and have lunch with God.

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

THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – Mass on Thursday Dec. 8th



This coming Thursday, December 8th, it is **The Feast of the Immaculate Conception.** It is a Holiday of obligation, like on a Sunday.

Various paintings, statues and other forms of artwork have been made depicting the Immaculate Conception. They usually show Mary as a young woman dressed in white and blue. She is often standing on a hill or raised area and has a halo of stars around her head. The pieces of art may also include images of clouds, golden lights, cherubs, lilies or roses.

There will be an **English Mass** here at Penha de França Chapel on the Feast day of the Immaculate Conception: **December 8th at 10:00AM.**

THE CROSS THAT MOTHER TERESA LOVED AND CARRIED WITH HER

Source: www.aleteia.org/2016/11/27/the-cross-mother-teresa-loved-and-carried-with-her



It's not too easy to see, but the official canonization portrait of Mother Teresa (on the left) depicts what's known as **the "unity cross"** on her rosary. The unity cross is linked to the Schoenstatt movement ^{([a](#))}, as it was created by the first generation of Chilean Schoenstatt seminarians who studied in Brazil and Switzerland. The *unity cross* depicts Jesus on a low cross, enabling Mary to be pressed against him, as she collects his blood in a chalice which is at the center of the image.

The unity cross was first crafted by Fr. Angel Vicente Cerró, when he was a seminarian. It was finished in 1960 and presented at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Bellavista, Santiago, Chile. The original image is now in the Schoenstatt Shrine in Stuttgart, Germany. Monsignor Peter Wolf explains that "Mother Teresa found [a replica of] this cross in the dirt on the street and knew nothing of its history. She discovered it again when she visited the Vatican and saw that it was the pectoral cross of Archbishop Errázuriz, who was then the Secretary of the Congregation for Consecrated Life. Mother Teresa told him that this cross best expressed what she and her community wanted to do: Like Mary to stand by the Cross of the Dying Christ and to meet him there. "As she said goodbye, she asked me if I could get 3,000 crosses because she wanted every Sister of Mercy to have her own. I wanted to give them this gift. I found enough donors and we bought them in Mexico. I sent them to her" said Archbishop Errázuriz in his own words.

(^a) The Schoenstatt Movement is a Roman Catholic Marian Movement founded in Germany in 1914 by Father Joseph Kentenich. The movement is named Schoenstatt (which means "beautiful place"), after a small village close to the town of Vallendar near Koblenz in Germany. The Schoenstatt movement emphasizes a strong devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, upholding her as a perfect example of love and purity. It encourages its members to have the faith and purity of children, and to think of Mary as their mother.

SANTA MARIAN KAMALEN (Our Lady of Camarin) – Patron Saint of Guam



One well-known example associated with the Immaculate Conception is a **statue** known as **Our Lady of Camarin** (*Santa Marian Kamalen*), which was **found more than 300 years ago** on the shores of *Merizo* in Guam (a U.S. island territory in Micronesia, in the Western Pacific). The statue's hands and face are made of ivory and the jewel-studded crown sits atop a cap of natural hair. It has survived earthquakes, fires, typhoons and World War II. The statue was stolen in 1968, 1971, and 1992 but was successfully retrieved. Every year on December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception is celebrated in Guam, where Catholics turn out by the thousands to honour *Santa Marian Kamalen* (the patron saint of Guam) in a procession around the island's capital.

You can read more about the origins and legend of this statue, by taking a look at this webpage: www.guampedia.com/santa-marian-kamalen/

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.

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

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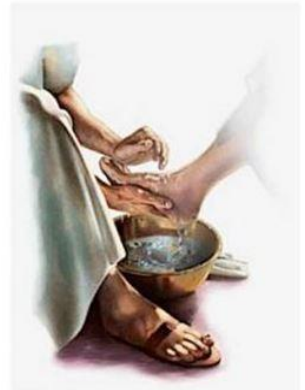
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"You should wash each other's feet"
(John 13:14).



Tea and Coffee After Mass

Please join us in
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Social Hall across
the garden

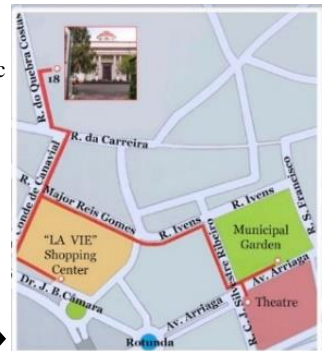
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in the Social Hall if you'd
like to leave any comments,
or let us know what country
you are visiting us from!



>> Bible Group:

Joint Anglican - Roman Catholic
Bible Group:
THURSDAYS | 2:00 – 3:30pm
in the English Church Library.
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