

12th of February 2017 – 10h00 Sunday Mass
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

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

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Penha França Chapel's Choir Gallery

THE CATHOLIC ENGLISH MASS IN MADEIRA:

Welcome to the Chapel of Penha de França, founded by Antonio Dantas in 1622. The Chapel was originally built 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 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. **We similarly are blessed by the presence of two dedicated priests at Penha de França.** Father Vitor celebrates Mass in Portuguese and Father Bernardino has connections of long standing to the English Mass Community.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(Sirach/ Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20; Psalm 118; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37)

Writing about 132 BC, Ben Sira was a learned and widely travelled Jerusalem scholar. Today's reading is one of the clearest statements in the whole Bible on free will. God created human beings and – as an essential part of our nature – gave us the ability to choose between right and wrong, life or death. God does not cause our sins, even though he knows how we will misuse this gift. In last week's reading Paul said that he did not come using clever human oratory. He now tells the **Corinthians** something no human being could work out, namely God's wisdom – his plan from the beginning for our salvation. Because this knowledge comes to us only by revelation, we must be open and listen to the Spirit who reveals it. Continuing the Sermon on the Mount in **Matthew's Gospel**, Jesus states clearly that He is not abolishing the Jewish Law. But He then goes on to clarify the Commandments – we must obey them in spirit, not just a literal minimum. Our free will should be exercised with wisdom, so that we help to build the kingdom of God here on earth.

(Background note: The apparent exception for divorce (Matthew 5:32) is usually understood to refer to marrying within forbidden degrees of kindred, although translations vary.) – **Brought to you by: Chris Oliver** (<http://www.bible-groups.info/>)

PSALM RESPONSE: They are happy who follow God's law!

TODAY'S HYMNS:

Prof. Cátia Marques & Prof. Helena Marques



- [1] **Entry Hymn:** *Bind us together* – No. 65
- [2] **Penitential Act:** *Lord have mercy* – No. 659
- [3] **Gospel Acclamation:** *Aleluia* – No. 679
- [4] **Offertory Hymn:** *Portuguese Hymn*
- [5] **Sanctus:** *Sanctus*
- [6] **Agnus Dei:** *Agnus Dei*
- [7] **Communion Hymn:** *Amazing Grace* – No. 32
- [8] **Thanksgiving:** *Instrumental*
- [9] **Final Hymn:** *Go, the Mass is ended* – No. 175

FROM MY HEART TO YOUR HEART – What's the secret?

- Brought to you by Fr. Bernardino Andrade

1.

Before the final blessing of the English Mass at the Chapel Penha de França, in Funchal, **we always have a special blessing** for the people who are celebrating their birthdays, wedding anniversaries or any special event during that month.

One day we had a couple who was celebrating their 57th Anniversary. After blessing two or three more couples I blessed a very young couple. After the blessing I asked them: «*How long ago have you been married?*» The young man answered: «*One week. But we want to talk with that couple who has been married for 57 years. We want to know the secret.*».

After Mass they talked. **The secret was very simple: «Be good to one another.»**



2.

St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) was speaking to people who had come to meet her from all over the world. Among those to whom she spoke was a group of religious sisters from many North American orders. After her talk she asked if there were any questions.

- «*Yes, I have one*», a Sister sitting near the front said. «*As you know, most of the orders represented here have been losing members. It seems that more and more women are leaving all the time. And yet your order is attracting thousands upon thousands. What do you do?*».

Without hesitating Mother Teresa answered: «*I give them Jesus.*»

- «*Yes I know,*» said the woman, «*but take habits, for example. Do your women object to wearing habits? And the rules of the order, how do you do it?*»

- «*I give them Jesus.*» Mother Teresa replied.

- «*Yes, I know Mother,*» said the woman, «*but can you be more specific?*»

- «*I give them Jesus.*» Mother Teresa repeated again.

- «*Mother,*» said the woman, «*we are all of us aware of your fine work. I want to know about something else.*»

Mother Teresa said quietly: «*I give them Jesus. There is nothing else.*»



This is the secret. And this secret is available 24 hours a day.
To fall in love with Jesus is to fall in love with his project.

Love and Peace,
Fr. Bernardino Andrade

FROZEN STIFF by Agatha Frisky – A book sale to help the poor

During the past 15 years, Mrs. Jane Caldwell and her husband, Peter, have had many wonderful holidays in Madeira. They have been impressed with the friendly and resilient people, but saddened by the poverty that exists on the island.

As a result, **Mrs. Caldwell has written a novel called *Frozen Stiff*** (a light-hearted, slightly romantic detective story) under the pen name of **Agatha Frisky and has generously donated all proceeds from the sale of the book towards the “*People Helping People*” project** - a charity to help the poor.

Last Sunday, after the 10am English Mass, the novel was on sale here at the Chapel, and Mrs. Caldwell was **able to raise 250 euros!** **Thank you to all** who supported the book sale last week Sunday, and especially to Mrs. Caldwell and her husband for their wonderful generosity. ***If you would like to know more about the book and how you can get a copy for yourself, please see the last page of this newsletter for more details.***



Mrs. Caldwell last Sunday, signing copies of “Frozen Stiff”.

Source: www.apostleshipofprayer.org/click-to-pray/

The Apostleship of Prayer (Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network) continues to bring innovation into the Church for a new generation.

Now *Click To Pray* (both on the internet and as a mobile phone app) invites men and women throughout the world to join in prayer for the intentions of Pope Francis. In addition, “Click to Pray” also lets you share your own prayer intentions. There is a *Prayers Wall* on the site where you can leave your own prayer requests and also see how many people are praying for you.

A first version of *Click To Pray* was launched in 2014 in Portugal at the initiative of the Portuguese office of the Apostleship of Prayer. That version, which immediately created a community of 87,000 people in 138 countries, set the stage to globalize the Project. It is now available in English, Spanish, Portuguese, and French in both Android and iOS formats, so that people virtually everywhere can unite their prayers with the Pope’s prayers easily and quickly every day. More than 35 million people make up the Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network which has national offices around the world to help people everywhere to make a global impact. The *Click to Pray* app sends its users notifications on the **World Day of Prayer** (first Friday of each month) and offers you three brief moments of prayer each day. **With this, Pope Francis seeks to promote the spirit of dialogue and interaction**, so that each user can join thousands of people praying for his and their own intentions.

You are invited to join the Pope’s call to connect your heart with others seeking to serve the mission of Jesus. Together, we make each day different.

- For more information: www.clicktopray.org/en



ST. JOSEPH PATRON OF WORKERS

Please pray for my son’s successful employment at his job. He needs your intercession and prayers. More than money, he needs the dignity that work provides.



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PRAYER WALL

AP For your son. Amen.

Sarah Duncan Praying for your son.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK & Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes – February 11th

Source: http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2017/02/11/pope_francis_message_for_world_day_of_the_sick/1292000



Yesterday, February 11th was World Day of the Sick, which also coincides with the commemoration of the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes, in France. Part of Pope Francis’ message for this Day, read as follows: «Dear Brothers and Sisters, on 11 February, the Twenty-fifth World Day of the Sick will be celebrated throughout the Church and in a special way at Lourdes... Instituted by my predecessor Saint John Paul II in 1992, and first celebrated at Lourdes on 11 February 1993, this Day is

an opportunity to reflect in particular on the needs of the sick and, more generally, of all those who suffer. Even now, I am spiritually present at the grotto of Massabielle, before the statue of the Immaculate Virgin, in whom the Almighty has done great things for the redemption of mankind. I express my closeness to all of you, our suffering brothers and sisters, and to your families, as well as my appreciation for all those in different roles of service and in healthcare institutions throughout the world who work with professionalism, responsibility and dedication for your care, treatment and daily well-being. I encourage all of you, the sick, the suffering, physicians, nurses, family members and volunteers, to see in Mary, Health of the Infirm, the sure sign of God’s love for every human being and a model of surrender to his will. May you always find in faith, nourished by the Word and by the Sacraments, the strength needed to love God, even in the experience of illness...».

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 after the floods in 2010! 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 **DONATE**, please find below the details for PHP bank account:

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SWIFT: TOTAPTPL
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ACCOUNT NUMBER:
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We would like to be able to thank everyone who contributes with a donation towards *People Helping People*, unfortunately bank donations often appear with no identification. Please send us a short e-mail letting us know if you make any bank transfer / deposit, so that we are able to acknowledge your gift and can thank you in writing.

BOOK SALE TO SUPPORT PHP:

Mrs. Jane Caldwell, a frequent visitor to our Chapel, has written a novel and will be donating all proceeds from sales towards PHP. If you'd like to support PHP in this way, you can buy the Kindle e-book version. Look for "Frozen Stiff" by *Agatha Frisky* on the website: www.amazon.co.uk where you can get a copy of this light-hearted, slightly romantic detective story.



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



Please sign our Visitor's book

in the Social Hall...
leave us your comments,
or suggestions, and let us know
where you're from!

**Please join us for some tea/coffee
and biscuits**
in the Social Hall across the garden
– after Mass



>> Bible Group:

Directions to English Church
(for Bible Group) →

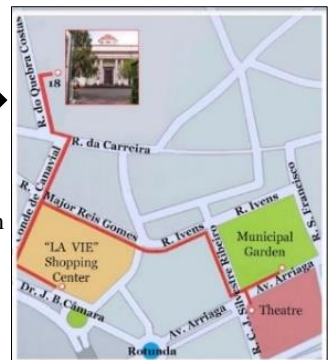
Joint Anglican - Roman Catholic
Bible Group:

Introducing the Old Testament.

THURSDAYS | 2:00 – 3:30pm

Where: English Church Library,
Rua do Quebra Costas nr.18,
Funchal.

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