



18th of June 2017 – 10h00 Sunday Mass

Corpus Christi - Year A

Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França

Rua da Penha de França nr.3

Funchal, Madeira.



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THE CATHOLIC ENGLISH MASS IN MADEIRA:

Welcome to the Chapel of Penha de França, which was founded by Antonio Dantas in 1622. Originally built to minister to the soldiers of the small garrison at the Pontinha Redoubt (stronghold) in the bay of

Funchal, the Chapel soon became so famous a shrine that people came to it on pilgrimage from all parts of the Island. In 1935 the Franciscans 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 has recently been repaired and the ceiling restored through the generosity of a frequent visitor to our English Mass. The Diocese has also recently made repairs to the social hall, in the garden of the Chapel. **We are blessed by the presence of two dedicated priests here at Penha de França: Father Bernardino**, who celebrates the English Mass every Sunday morning at 10h00, and **Father Vitor**, who celebrates Mass in Portuguese at 11h30.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(Deut 8:2-3,14-16 ; Ps 147 ; 1 Cor 10:16-17 ; Jn 6:51-58)

Deuteronomy, the "second" book of the law, collected and organised the whole Jewish law from the previous four books. It emphasises that Israel must remember how they had been tested in the wilderness so that they would not again neglect their God. God provided manna and land for their needs, but warned them not to think their success was due to their own efforts.

Paul recalls the wanderings of the Jews in the desert to warn the Corinthians not to have anything to do with idols. They must not compromise. Worship is more than words and actions, it implies the spiritual reality of becoming partners. We cannot share in Christ's body and blood while also seeking demons such as money and power. Belonging to Christ must be total.

Chapter six of John's gospel describes Jesus feeding the five thousand before saying that the manna came not from Moses but from the Father. And it is the Father who now offers "the true bread from heaven", which "gives life to the world" – that is, Jesus himself. Jesus' teaching is stark. Many could not accept it then, or now. But Jesus insists: we must show we are united with him body and soul by our physical communion with him – and so be united with all his followers. Faith must always be shown by action.

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PSALM RESPONSE: O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC

Brought to you by: Professors Cátia Marques & Helena Marques

Every Sunday, the music at our Chapel is brought to you by 2 talented sisters: Cátia and Helena Marques. Cátia plays the organ and sings (she is a soprano). Helena also sings and plays the violoncello. We are blessed to have them here at Penha de França!



MY 52nd ANNIVERSARY

I was 12 years old. The youngest of 11 brothers and sisters, from a poor family. I was having a little informal conversation with my mother and my sister, when my sister, Agostinha, surprised me with this question: « *Bernardino, wouldn't you like to be a priest?* ». It sounded like a very strange question but without any hesitation I said yes. My mother and I started getting all the necessary information and in a short period of time I entered the Seminary. It was October 15, 1950 when I entered the Seminary in Funchal. It was June 12th, 1965, when I was ordained as a priest in Quelimane (Mozambique).

One day, in California, a newsman, after a few questions, asked me: « *But... Father, when you were 12 years old what did you understand about priesthood?* ». My answer was: « *I am almost 70 years old and I still do not understand it.* »

Priesthood has always been a fascinating mystery that God has been slowly revealing to me through the celebration of the Sacraments, my Pastoral ministry, my prayer life and especially in my contact with the poorest of the poor. Alleviating the suffering of the world, being a sower of hope and compassion, struggling for social justice, combating cruel bureaucracies and social inequalities, preparing lay leadership and Small Communities have always been some of my biggest priorities with a few successes and lots and lots of failures. **The poor have always been my main masters.** They are the ones who have taught me what priesthood is about. When I entered the Seminary I didn't do it to study my vocation. When I entered the Seminary I did it to be a priest.



Fr. Bernardino
(27 years old) on his
First Mass Day in
1965.

Now I am 79 years old. **If I could go back in life I would choose to follow the same road.** I never thought that it would be so difficult to be a priest, but I never thought that it would be such a fascinating and happy life. Everything I do, I do it with love and passion. When I look at a host that I just consecrated during Mass, sometimes I still feel tears in my eyes. And I still do not understand why and I don't care to understand. I am passionately in love with Jesus and his project of «bringing good news to the poor» (*Lk. 4:18*) to build, starting in this world, the Kingdom of His Father who is «*Our Father who art in Heaven and on Earth*». To summarize **my Mission Statement as a priest, it would be:** « *I came to bring good news to the poor*» (*Lk. 4*).



Fr. Bernardino, 50 years later,
on his **Golden Jubilee**, in
2015.

Love and Peace,

Fr. Bernardino Andrade (bernardinodandrade@gmail.com)

DO YOU HAVE A CELL PHONE YOU DON'T NEED?

We'd like to make a small appeal to those who, by any chance, might have a cell phone for recycling (because they no longer need or use it), and who'd **be willing to donate the phone to one of the poor in the *People Helping People* charity.** Without a phone it's very difficult for the poor to apply for a job. A phone number is essential for an employer to get in touch with them after an initial interview, with a job offer. If you can help, or know of anyone that can help by donating a second-hand phone, please either contact Fr. Bernardino Andrade on 916192783, or by email (bernardinodandrade@gmail.com) or alternatively contact Carmina da Mata at (carminadamata@hotmail.com)_ Thank you in advance!



THE SACRAMENTS – What are they?

There are seven sacraments in the Catholic Church that are performed by a Priest:



Baptism



Confirmation



Eucharist



Penance



Anointing of the Sick



Matrimony



Holy Orders

What is a Sacrament?

It is a religious ceremony or act of the Christian Church that is regarded as an outward and visible sign of inward and spiritual divine grace, in particular.

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PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE (PHP)



CAKE SALE – This coming Saturday - June 24th

This coming Saturday in Monte there will be a **small outdoor market** called “*Mercadinho do Monte*” located near the fountain with the image of Our Lady of Monte. Debora Andrade will be managing a stall there, selling slices of delicious cake to raise funds for the People Helping People project. **Please come along and support her. It's for a worthy cause!** For more information, get in touch with Debora (she speaks English and Portuguese). Her contact details are: (Tel) 934396323 or (email): deborandrademadeira@gmail.com
Thank you in advance ☺



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 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...**

The Mission Statement of People Helping People is... through social solidarity, to mobilize many people to help many people in a combat against poverty, hunger, illness, exclusion, indifference, intolerance, and social injustice, with a special preference for the last, the least and the lost, having as a model the person of Jesus, the «Good Shepherd» (Gospel according to Luke, chapter 15). Our wish is that it may always be an open door when all the other doors close, building in this way, different feelings and acts of Mercy (Gospel according to Luke, chapter 6 and Mathew chapter 25).

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Please spare a few moments to say a prayer for those in need of healing or spiritual strength:

Alberto da Mata Carmina da Mata
Nelita de Jesus Barbara Matthews
José Manuel Reis John Hinchliffe
The Vallat family
Rosemary and João de Ponte
Marina Kovalchikova



Tea and Coffee
After Mass
in the social hall across
the garden - please join us!

Sign our Visitor's Book,
or
put a pin on our world map
- tell us where you're from!

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*); Prof. Cátia and Prof. Helena (*Hymns*); Tracy and Jennifer (*stories of interest, newsletter layout*). We also have contributions / stories sent in by visitors and local members in the community. **The newsletters are printed by Cartridge World Funchal**, in Rua Elias Garcia, nr 5. **If you would like to receive a copy of this newsletter every Sunday, please send an email to: penhafranca.newsletter@gmail.com** to have your name added to the distribution list; or download it from the Chapel's website and blog: www.rcmassmadeira.org