






**9<sup>th</sup> of July 2017 – 10h00 Sunday Mass**  
**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - 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.** 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. This small chapel 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.

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

*(Zech 9:9-10; Ps 144; Rom 8:9,11-13; Mt 11:25-30)*

Probably written in the fifth century BC, after the return from the exile, the apocalyptic oracles of Zechariah look forward to the restoration of Israel, when all the nations will look towards Jerusalem. The Davidic king to be restored by God will bring release from captivity, but repentance must come first. Later Matthew misinterprets the idiomatic repetition of "riding on a donkey, on a colt" and has Jesus riding into Jerusalem on two animals at once (Mt 21).

Over the next few weeks we hear about the "life in the Spirit" from chapter 8 of Paul's letter to the Christians in Rome. Paul has bemoaned our inability to "do the good I want!" He sees that we serve sin through our "flesh", our weak, earth-bound, human nature. But by coming in the likeness of sinful flesh, God's Son has enabled us to walk "according to the Spirit". The Spirit of God dwelling in us enables us to participate in divine life.

After Jesus' proclaimed the gospel in Galilee, he went on to preach "in their cities" but met opposition to his teaching, and he upbraided them for their lack of repentance. Those reputed to be wise do not understand, but those with the simple trust of children do. Learn from him, for his "burden is light".  
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**PSALM RESPONSE: I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.**

**TODAY'S HYMNS** *Brought to you by: Prof. Cátia Marques & Prof. Helena Marques*

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| [1] <b>Entry:</b> <i>Let there be love</i> - N.º 317          | [6] <b>Agnus Dei:</b> <i>Lamb of god</i> - N.º 737       |
| [2] <b>Penitential Act:</b> <i>Lord, have mercy</i> - N.º 663 | [7] <b>Communion:</b> <i>Portuguese Hymn</i>             |
| [3] <b>Gospel Acclamation:</b> <i>Aleluia</i> - N.º 679       | [8] <b>Thanksgiving:</b> <i>Instrumental</i>             |
| [4] <b>Offertory:</b> <i>Take our bread</i> - N.º 528         | [9] <b>Final:</b> <i>Go, the Mass is ended</i> - N.º 175 |
| [5] <b>Sanctus:</b> <i>Holy</i> - N.º 704                     |  |



- *Brought to you by* Fr. Bernardino Andrade  
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Shortly after World War II, the bombed-out city of Naples was filled with bands of **young orphans and outcasts called *scugnizzi***. These *scugnizzi* lived on the streets, begging, pilfering, and sometimes assisting older criminals. **These kids were tough, wily, and apparently unreachable.** But 25-year-old Father Mario Borelli wanted to try. He felt it was his responsibility to love in the way Christ has loved. So, each night right



Fr. Mario Borrelli  
in the his mid-60's

after his regular duties, **he became a *scugnizzi***. Dressed in a ragged and filthy get-up, he started begging at the Naples railroad terminal. The other young toughs were impressed by his style; just the right mixture of humor and pathetic humility.

When a gang leader swaggered up and demanded half his take, Mario beat him up. That really impressed the guys. This incognito priest slept on basement gratings covered with old newspapers, just like the others. Soon he was getting to know his new companions well as they talked around fires, heating up their scraps of food in old tin cans. He had something to express about the God who took on human flesh. And Mario discovered that all of them, even the most bitter and hardened, had a longing for home, affection, and security.

After winter arrived, Mario informed the gang that **he'd found a place for them to stay**: the abandoned ruins of the church of Saint Gennaro. **Slowly he transformed the structure into a home** and started providing the boys with nourishing meals.

**One night Mario appeared in full clerical robes.**

After his buddies stopped laughing, he explained that he was, in fact, a priest. By this time, the bonds he'd established were strong enough to make them stay; Mario had won their respect. And so the House of the Urchins was established, where young throwaways could find a home, hope, and the streetwise spiritual guidance of Mario Borrelli.



Christ is not asking most of us to make that drastic a change in our lifestyle, but he is asking us to be in mission. There is no other path to true happiness. We are to be in mission in our family, in our community and in our world and to have a consciousness that we are the people of God, bringing God's light to the world.

**Love and Peace!**

Fr. Bernardino Andrade

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.

- **St. Francis of Assisi**

## SAINT OF THE MONTH: JULY - Elizabeth of Portugal (Feast Day 4 July)

Elizabeth of Aragon was Queen Consort of Portugal who was given in marriage to King Denis at age twelve. **She was very devout and unlike her future husband attended Mass every day.**

One of the Royal Pages told a lie about Queen Elizabeth which the King believed. It involved another page who the King commanded should visit the furnace which was tended by the Court lime-burner. The good page set out obediently, completely unaware that he faced certain death because the King had ordered that the first page to appear should be seized and cast into the furnace.

Like Elizabeth, the good page attended Mass daily, but on this occasion he decided to stay longer by also attending the Mass that followed. Meanwhile King Denis sent the wicked page to the lime-burner to establish that the first page had been killed. When the King learned what had happened he realized that the good page had been saved; the liar punished and Queen Elizabeth proven to be innocent. **He immediately resolved to lead a better life and apologized to the Queen in the presence of his entire Court.**

During his last illness Queen Elizabeth never left the King's side, other than to attend daily Mass. **By numerous works of charity throughout the kingdom she became a wonderful role model for all the poor and disadvantaged in Portugal.**



### Sunday Mass for People Helping People Contributors

Thanks to the generosity of visitors to our Chapel, and members of the community, "People Helping People" (an association started at the Chapel to help those in need), has been able to help many poor families in Madeira. PHP lives on the basis of donations, which make it possible to help the poorest of the poor. **On the 2nd Sunday of each month, the 10am Mass in English is offered for those who donated the previous month, and also for their families,** and for the poor that they are helping. These are the donors in May and June, whose names will be on the altar during this morning's Mass:

- Alan O'Brien
- Anthony J. Dearden
- Jane Caldwell
- Manuel Adolfo Borrero
- Margaret M. Turner

We'd like to be able to thank everyone who contributes with a donation towards PHP, unfortunately bank donations often appear with no identification. Sincere apologies if, by mistake, we have forgotten to mention any names.

### WILL YOU PRAY FOR THEM?

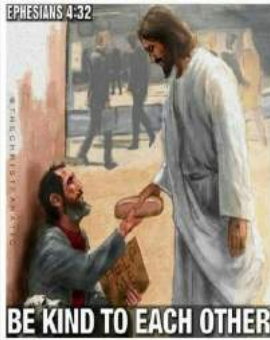


**Please spare a few moments to pray for** those who are in need of healing or spiritual strength, especially:

Alberto da Mata,  
Carmina da Mata  
Barbara Matthews,  
Janice & Larry Contreras  
John Hinchliffe

José Manuel Reis  
Marina Kovalchikova  
Nelita da Silva  
Rosemary and João de Ponte  
The Vallat family

***"Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is a key that opens God's heart" – Padre Pio***



*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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**SWIFT:** TOTAPTPL

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### Tall?

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

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

### Tea and Coffee After Mass

Please join us in the **Social Hall** across the garden.



### >> Bible Group:

Directions to English Church (for 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 *The Creed*.

For more info:

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### 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](http://www.amazon.co.uk) where you can get a copy of this light-hearted, slightly romantic detective story.

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