



**23<sup>rd</sup> of July 2017 – 10h00 Sunday Mass**

**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A**

Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França, Rua da Penha de França 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**

*(Wis 12:13,16-19; Ps 85; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43)*

Psalm 85 really says it all this week: God is a loving God, a "God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger", "good and forgiving, full of love to all who call." Eventually "all the nations" – ie the Gentiles – will come to adore God.

The Book of Wisdom was probably written in Alexandria about 50 years before Christ, probably to encourage the faith of Jews living in a pagan Egypt. It wrestles with the age-old problem that evildoers are not punished in this world. Wisdom insists that God is just and merciful: he will reward the just after death, although this book does not say how. We can see that God moderates his own power with his justice from the way he gave the Egyptians and Canaanites time to repent both before and during the exodus, and we should follow his example by showing mercy to those who hurt us.

The Gospel shows God's mercy in action. Instead of venting punishment on sinners and immediately uprooting them, God patiently gives us time to repent. Even more, as Paul has been saying to the Romans, we may have confidence in the future life God has planned for us. God sends the Spirit to help us and to enable us to express our prayers more meaningfully.

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## **PSALM RESPONSE: O Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

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

[1] **Entry:** *Let there be Love* - N.º 317

[2] **Penitential Act:** *Lord, have mercy* - N.º 663

[3] **Gospel Acclamation:** *Aleluia* - N.º 679

[4] **Offertory:** *Portuguese Hymn*

[5] **Sanctus:** *Holy* - N.º 704

[6] **Agnus Dei:** *Lamb of god* - N.º 737

[7] **Communion:** *Portuguese Hymn*

[8] **Thanksgiving:** *Instrumental*

[9] **Final:** *Go, the Mass is ended* - N.º 175



## FROM MY HEART TO YOUR HEART – Keep Planting Good Seeds

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- *Brought to you by* Fr. Bernardino Andrade  
(bernardinodandrade@gmail.com)

One of William Barclay's friends tells this story.

In the Church where he worshiped, there was a lonely old man, old Thomas. As he had outlived all his friends, hardly anyone knew him. When Thomas died, his only old friend had the feeling that there would be no one else to go to the funeral. So, he decided to go, so that there might be someone to follow the old man to his last resting-place. There was no one else, and it was a miserable wet day.

The funeral reached the cemetery, and at the gate there was a soldier waiting, an officer, but on his raincoat there were no rank badges. He came to the graveside for the religious ceremony. When the pastor finished his prayers, the officer stepped forward and gave a solemn military salute to Thomas in the closed coffin as if to a dead king. The friend walked away with this soldier, and as they walked, the wind blew the soldier's raincoat open to reveal the shoulder badges of a brigadier general.



The general said,

*"You will perhaps be wondering what I am doing here. Years ago Thomas was my Sunday school teacher. I was a wild lad and a sore trial to him. He never knew what he did for me, but I owe everything I am or will be to old Thomas, and today I had to come to salute him at the end."*

Thomas did not know what he was doing. No preacher or teacher ever does. Keep sowing the high-yielding seeds of the word of God.

My Rector during my time of Seminary used to say: *«Nobody knows the good he does when he does good. Nobody knows the evil he does when he does evil».*

Love and Peace  
Fr. Bernardino Andrade

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**OUR SOCIAL ROOM** – Please join us after mass 😊

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**Please come and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea in the Chapel's social room after mass. You can find it right across the garden, in front of the Chapel.** We have a **Visitor's Book** there, where you can leave a short message, and tell us what country you are visiting us from! On one of the walls in the social room, we also have a **world map** where you can put a pin on your home town. We'd love to know where you're from!



## The 5 Finger Prayer

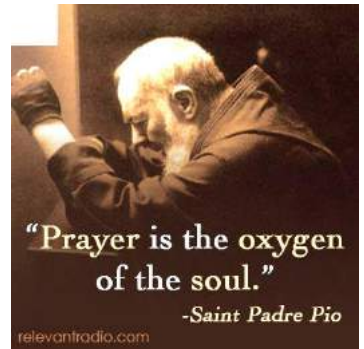
Thumb: Those closest to you, your family.

Pointer: Those that point you in the right direction (teachers, doctors, priests) ask for wisdom & support.

Index: (tallest) Those that lead us, (Government) ask for guidance & wisdom.

Ring: (weakest) Those that are weak, in trouble, or in pain. We cannot pray too much for them.

Pinkie: (smallest) Our prayers for ourselves & our own needs.



## WILL YOU PRAY FOR THEM?

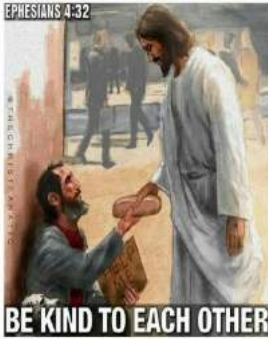


**Please spare a few moments to pray for those who are in need of healing or spiritual strength, especially:**

Barbara Matthews  
Carmina da Mata  
Janice & Larry Contreras  
John Hinchliffe  
The Vallat family

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

***“We have a Lord who is capable of crying with us, capable of walking with us in the most difficult moments of life.”  
- Pope Francis - Philippines, 2015***



*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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## Tall?

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

## 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.

## » Bible Group:

Joint Anglican - Roman  
Catholic Bible Group:

*Please note that Bible Study  
on Thursdays at Holy Trinity  
Church has now closed until  
September.*



Tea and Coffee  
After Mass Please  
join us in the  
Social Hall across  
the garden.

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