



**30<sup>th</sup> of July 2017 – 10h00 Sunday Mass**

**17<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

(1 *Kgs* 3:5,7-12 ; *Ps* 118 ; *Rom* 8:28-30 ; *Mt* 13:44-52)

After David's death his son, Solomon, was established as king. Before Solomon built the Temple, sacrificing to God in high places was acceptable. It was during one such sacrifice that God appeared in a dream asking Solomon what he most wanted. In humility Solomon asked for a discerning judgement, rightly earning God's praise. The Psalm values ruling one's life by God's commands above everything.

Our readings from chapter 8 of Paul's letter to the Romans continue describing life in the Spirit. Paul says that Christians should try to reproduce in themselves images of Christ by progressively sharing in his risen life. God prepares those called to do his work and cooperates with them. Each individual is called for some task in God's plan for salvation. Those who love him will share in his glory. This includes not only Christians and others of goodwill, but also the Jews, "the ones he chose specially long ago".

Matthew's Gospel compares the Kingdom of Heaven to the greatest treasure found either accidentally or after a search, and then compares the Kingdom to a dragnet: the good fish will be kept and those of no use will be thrown in the furnace. But there is a surprise ending: not all old treasures should be thrown away, some should be kept – like Israel's Scriptures, our Old Testament.

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## PSALM RESPONSE: Lord, how I love your law!

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

- [1] **Entry:** *Father, we adore you* - N.º 136
- [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



- Brought to you by Fr. Bernardino Andrade  
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When «*People Helping People*» was born on February of 2010 as a small «grain of sand» to help in rebuilding lives after the tragedy that destroyed part of Madeira Island, I never thought that we were going to get so many rewards. We have seen many moments of deep joy in the eyes of hungry children and especially in the smiles and tears of many families who had no money to buy medicine, who had no money to buy food, no money for transportation and especially no possibilities to pay the rent of their houses. Fear for the unknown has always been one of the biggest daily companions of the poor.

But when we started this exciting project we never imagined that we were going to go through so many painful agonies without being able to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Very often we agonize with the agony of the poor who have in *People Helping People* their only sign of hope. Last week was one of those weeks. Last Sunday was one of those Sundays.

It was Monday morning. I was having a cup of coffee with two members of *People Helping People* while waiting to start a meeting.

Dalila, the lady in charge of the finances, showed her concern telling me: «*I don't know what to do. We need this amount of money to respond to these specific needs that cannot wait and the bank account of People Helping People is reduced almost to zero euros*».

I picked up my cell phone to see if there was any email from Tracy informing the results of the Sunday collection. I was shocked. An angel had attended Mass the Sunday before and had left inside the bag at the church door an anonymous envelope with a substantial donation for the poor. We had no words. Just moments of silence.

Dear Angel who attended last Sunday's English Mass, whoever you are, or wherever you are, please accept our sincere thank you. We are going to «persecute» you with our prayers, our love and our deepest gratitude.

Love and Peace  
Fr. Bernardino Andrade



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**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

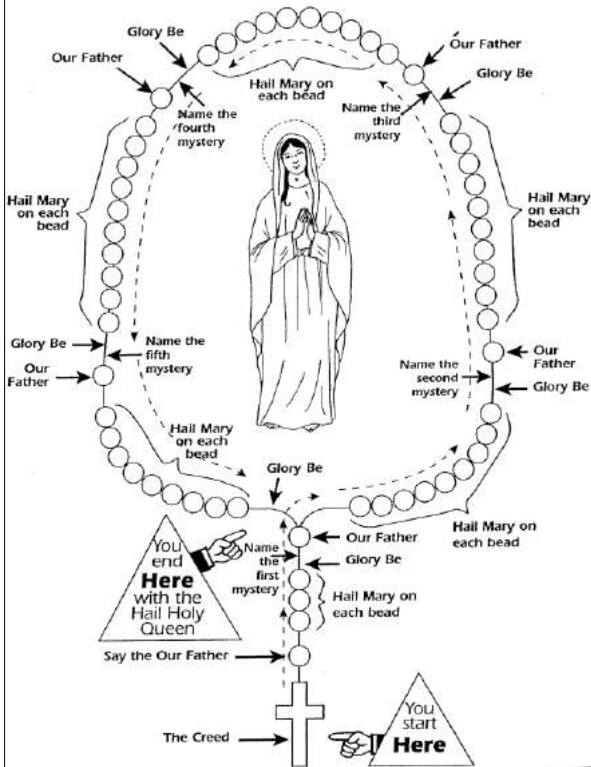
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Barbara Matthews  
Carmina da Mata  
Janice & Larry Contreras  
John Hinchliffe  
José Manuel Reis

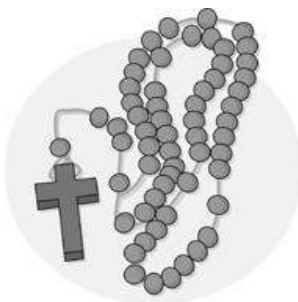
Marina Kovalchikova  
Nelita da Silva  
Rosemary and João de Ponte  
The Vallat family

## How to Say the Rosary



Our Lady has never refused me a grace through the recitation of the rosary.

- St. (Padre) Pio of Pietrelcina



*"Pray the Rosary every day in order to obtain peace for the World."*

... Our Lady of Fatima  
May 13, 1917

*"There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary."*

... Sister Lucy of Fatima



The faults of children are not always imputed to the parents, especially when they have instructed them and given good example. Our Lord, in His wondrous Providence, allows children to break the hearts of devout fathers and mothers. Thus the decisions your children have made don't make you a failure as a parent in God's eyes. You are entitled to feel sorrow, but not necessarily guilt. Do not cease praying for your children; God's grace can touch a hardened heart. Commend your children to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. When parents pray the Rosary, at the end of each decade they should hold the Rosary aloft and say to her, "With these beads bind my children to your Immaculate Heart", she will attend to their souls.

-- St. Louise de Marillac



Alma (13: 6-16)

## People Helping People

**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 Matthew chapter 25).

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**ACCOUNT NUMBER:** 0008 0130 1547020

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**Bank Address:** Caminho de Santa Quiteria 46A, 9020-119, Funchal, Madeira, Portugal

## 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.



## Tall?

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

## Tea and Coffee After Mass

Please join us in  
the Social Hall  
across the garden.



Remember to leave your  
yellow *Hymn Book* and  
*Order of the Mass* sheets  
on the table at the Chapel  
entrance after mass ☺



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