




13th of August 2017 – 10h00 Sunday Mass

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França, Rua Penha de França nr. 3, Funchal, Madeira Island.

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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 Mass in English every Sunday morning at 10h00, and *Father Vitor*, who celebrates Mass in Portuguese at 11h30. The 10h00 Mass is the only **Catholic Mass** in English on the entire island, however all denominations are welcome to attend.

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* 19:9,11-13 ; *Ps* 84 ; *Rom* 9:1-5 ; *Mt* 14:22-33)

The books of Kings, Joshua, Judges and Samuel tell the story of Israel from entering the Promised Land until the exile in Babylon. Not simply history, they show the frequent unfaithfulness of the Chosen People, leading to their exile. After Elijah successfully called on God to produce rain, he killed all the failed prophets of Baal. Then he had to flee from Jezebel's threat of revenge, and has come to Mount Horeb, ie Sinai, the traditional site of God appearing to men. After Elijah recognises God in "the sound of a gentle breeze", God promises a remnant of faithful Israelites will survive, and gives Elijah more tasks. Paul shows the Romans just how great is his agony that most of the Chosen People have failed to recognise God in Jesus: he would be willing to give up even his own hope of salvation "if it could help my brothers of Israel". Matthew describes a small group who do recognise Jesus, and are willing to step out into the unknown to be with him. Jesus encourages them: they have "little faith", but it is enough for them to believe that he is "Son of God". (Matthew teaches what the disciples understood after the Resurrection, although Mark says "they did not understand".)

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PSALM RESPONSE: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

TODAY'S HYMNS:



Prof. Cátia Marques & Prof. Helena Marques

- [1] **Entry Hymn:** *Father, we adore you* – No. 136
- [2] **Penitential Act:** *Lord, have mercy* – No. 663
- [3] **Gospel Acclamation:** *Aleluia* – No. 679
- [4] **Offertory Hymn:** *Portuguese Hymn*
- [5] **Sanctus:** *Holy* – No. 704
- [6] **Agnus Dei:** *Lamb of God* – No. 737
- [7] **Communion:** *Our God loves us* - N.º 454
- [8] **Thanksgiving:** *Instrumental*
- [9] **Final Hymn:** *Go, the Mass is ended* - N.º 175

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

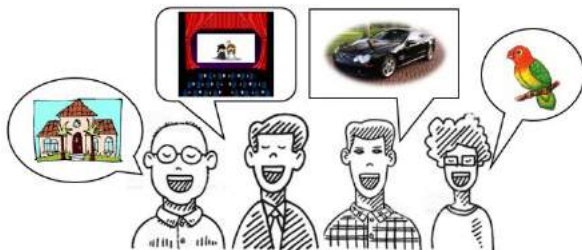
Four brothers left home for college and became successful doctors and lawyers. Some years later, they had a reunion. They chatted after having dinner together. They discussed the gifts they had been able to give their elderly mother who lived in a faraway city and decided to open their mother's *thank you* letter to each.

The first brother said «*I had a big house built for Mama.*»

The second said, «*I had a hundred-thousand-dollar theater built in the house.*»

The third brother said «*I had a Mercedes dealer deliver an SL600 to her.*»

The fourth brother said «*You know how Mama loved reading the Bible, and you know she can't read anymore because she can't see very well? Well I met a preacher who told me about a parrot that can recite the entire Bible. It took twenty preachers 12 years to teach him. I had to pledge to contribute \$100,000 to the church, but it was worth it. Mama just has to name the chapter and verse and the parrot will recite it.*». The other brothers were impressed.



Then they solemnly opened the *thank-you* letters sent to them by their mom. Mama wrote:

"Milton, the house you built is so huge. I live in only one room, but I have to clean the whole house. Thanks anyway."

"Michael, you gave me an expensive theater with Dolby sound, it could hold 50 people, but all my friends are dead, I've lost my hearing and I'm nearly blind. I'll never use it. Thank you for the gesture just

the same."

"Marvin, I am too old to travel. I stay at home and I have my groceries delivered, so I never use the Mercedes. The thought was good. Thanks."

"Dearest Gerald," - she wrote to her fourth son. - "You have the good sense to know what your mother likes. I cooked the chicken you sent. It was absolutely delicious!"

Love and Peace

Fr. Bernardino Andrade



FOR THOSE WHO NEED HEALING AND SPIRITUAL STRENGTH:

Please remember in your prayers this week, all those whose names appear on the list below, and who need healing and/or spiritual strength:

Please say a Prayer For:

Barbara Matthews

Carmina da Mata

Janice & Larry Contreras

John Hinchliffe

José Manuel Reis

Marina Kovalchikova

Nelita da Silva

Rosemary & João de Ponte

The Vallat family





This coming Tuesday, August 15th, is Assumption day. **You are invited to attend a special Mass to be held here at the Chapel at 10am on that day.**

Assumption day is a day of obligation to attend Mass like on Sunday. It is the day we celebrate the reception of the Blessed Virgin Mary's body and soul into heaven at the end of her earthly life.

The feast day of the Assumption of Mary is celebrated on the 15th of August every year. All the Cathedrals in Portugal are dedicated to the Assumption of Mary (except in Azores).

Assumption Day is a religious holiday in Portugal.

WORD SEARCH

Hail Mary Word Search

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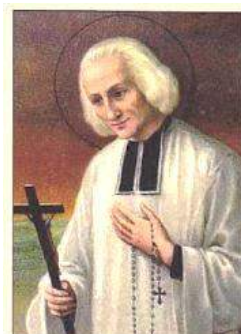
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MARY
GRACE
LORD
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WOMEN
FRUIT
WOMB
JESUS
HOLY
MOTHER
GOD
PRAY
SINNERS
DEATH
AMEN

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Why does God allow us to suffer?
What would you think of a Doctor who lost his
Patient because he was afraid to give him the necessary
but unpleasant treatment?

- St. John Vianney



St. Jean Baptiste Marie Vianney

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 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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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.

In The Social Hall...

(across the garden)

Our Visitor's book

- ☞ leave us your comments,
- ☞ or suggestions,
- ☞ let us know where you're from!☺



Remember 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.

Everyone Welcome



Tall?

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



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. **To subscribe to this newsletter please send an email to: penhafranca.newsletter@gmail.com** You can also download this newsletter from the Chapel's website and blog: www.rcmassmadeira.org