



**20<sup>th</sup> of August 2017 – 10h00 Sunday Mass**

**20th 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!** We are blessed by the presence of two dedicated priests here the Chapel of Our Lady of 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.

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

*(Isa 56: 1, 6-7 ; Ps 66(67) ; Rom 11: 13-15, 29-32 ; Mt 15:21-28)*

Third Isaiah was writing after 515 BC, when the Jews had returned from exile in Babylon and had rebuilt the Temple. But there is idolatry and injustice. Isaiah looks forward to a time when all peoples will be able to worship in the Temple, both foreigners and individuals with imperfect bodies. All that matters is justice and keeping the covenant. Paul kept hoping his people would accept Jesus as the Christ. In his letter to the Jewish Christians in Rome he insists that God has not rejected his people: the Gentiles are a branch grafted onto the tree of Israel. In today's reading he sees the Gentile mission as trying to make Jews envious and so also come to accept God's mercy, as he has. But the Gentile branch can be broken off if they lose their faith. In Matthew's Gospel Jesus has criticised the Jewish leaders for insisting on external purity while disobeying God's commandments. Nothing entering one's mouth defiles, only what comes out. In Phoenicia, the only scene outside Israel in this gospel, Jesus heals the Canaanite child. But first he utters the memorable insult that "it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs".

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**PSALM RESPONSE: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**

## TODAY'S HYMNS:

**Prof. Cátia Marques & Prof. Helena Marques**



- [1] **Entry Hymn:** *Let there be love* – No. 317
- [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:** *Portuguese Hymn*
- [8] **Thanksgiving:** *Instrumental*
- [9] **Final Hymn:** *How lovely on the mountains* – No. 235

## FROM MY HEART TO YOUR HEART: Repeated Homilies

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

When Father Luke was appointed the new pastor for the Good Shepherd Parish he asked the Bishop if he could take a two-month vacation before entering his new parish. The Bishop made some arrangements and said yes.

Fr. Luke didn't rest during those two months. He just spent that time trying to study his new parish: visited people, attended a few Sunday and weekday Masses, asked many questions, visited a few homes and took many notes. He got in touch with a few institutions, visited a few bars and a few large and poor families; spent time with the homeless, the *drogatics* and some people who were excluded and avoided by the society. During Sunday Masses he could see some «good choirs» performing beautiful hymns but the people were just listening. People were not involved in singing. The readers and ministers of Communion were the same Sunday after Sunday. Two or three people acted like they owned the Church. Hospitality was not the strength of the Good Shepherd Church. He also saw many beautiful and exciting things he wanted to preserve. He was careful in writing everything down... things that needed to be changed... but he was also surprised by some beautiful things and events that were great contributions towards a living Parish.



Finally the day arrived. People were prepared to welcome their new Pastor. Father Luke said a few Masses but there was one of them that was his inaugural celebration with a beautiful choir, lots of flowers and a very well organized procession. The highlight of the day was his homily. Everybody listened with amazement and admiration to his homily. It was beautiful. From the beginning they realized that their pastor was a great preacher. After Mass, all those who could approach him congratulated Fr. Luke for his beautiful homily. Actually, Fr. Luke's first homily was the theme of the week.

Then the second Sunday arrived. Everybody was excited to hear Fr. Luke. Even those who were not regular Mass attendees were curious to hear him. As usual, after reading the Gospel, Father Luke gave his inspiring homily. Most of the people enjoyed it but were surprised and disappointed that Fr. Luke repeated word for word the homily he had given on the Sunday before. After Mass the compliments were not so abundant and most of the people were not so happy.

The third Sunday arrived. The Mass was beautiful, the same homeless were begging outside the church, the choir kept singing and people listening. This was the Good Shepherd Church. Then came the time for the homily of the so-called great preacher. Beautiful, but nothing new. Father Luke repeated the same homily again, word for word. Of course, the disappointment was becoming very uncomfortable.

Finally a parish organization (including the owners of the church) decided to talk with their new pastor: « *Father! We hope you don't mind but we want to tell you that many people, including us, are very disappointed with your homilies. Everybody enjoyed your first homily. But have you realized that it is the third time that you are giving exactly the same homily that you gave on your first Sunday at our Parish?* ».

« *Yes, I have realized that. But I have not seen, yet, anybody doing anything about what I said on my first Sunday* ».



**Love and Peace**

Fr. Bernardino Andrade



As you wait for Mass to begin, or if you are reading this newsletter online, please say a short prayer for all those whose names appear on our prayer list below... your prayer for healing and/or spiritual strength will make a difference in their lives:

**Please pray for:**

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

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

We have received “Thank you” emails from those whose names were on the list, and who felt great comfort and strength from every prayer! So thank you in advance for taking a few moments to pray right now. Your prayer can make a difference in someone’s life today!

**TRAGEDY IN MONTE: Pope Sends his Condolences to Victims in Madeira**

Source: [http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2017/08/18/pope\\_sends\\_condolences\\_to\\_victims\\_of\\_portugal\\_accident/1331448](http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2017/08/18/pope_sends_condolences_to_victims_of_portugal_accident/1331448)

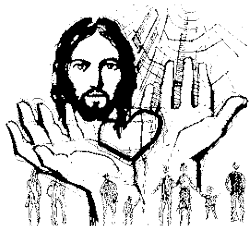
Last Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, a large tree fell on a crowd of Catholic faithful as they prepared to participate in a procession to celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary in the parish of *Monte* on our island. 50 people were injured, while 13 people died (including a 15-month-old baby, and 2 tourists who were on holiday in Madeira).



Pope Francis has sent his condolences to the victims of the tragic accident. He conveyed his grief for the loss of life to the Bishop of Funchal, Dom António Carrilho, in a telegram which was signed by Cardinal Secretary of State Pietro Parolin. The Pope expressed his distress at the many dead and wounded “in *the misfortunate accident at Our Lady of the Mount Parish*” and entrusted “*our deceased brothers and sisters to the mercy of God*”.



Pope Francis also asked the Bishop of Funchal to convey his sense of sorrow to their families, and to the injured.



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**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

« He who carries God in his heart  
bears Heaven with him wherever he goes. »

- **St. Ignatius of Loyola**

## PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE (PHP)



"You should wash each other's feet"  
(John 13:14).

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

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.



### Please sign our Visitor's book

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

We also have a **map** where you can place a pin on your home town!

You'll find the **book and map** in the Social Hall...  
(across the garden)

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