




27th of August 2017 – 10h00 Sunday Mass

21st 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

(Is 22:19-23 ; Ps 137 ; Rom 11:33-36 ; Mt 16:13-20)

Today's Old Testament reading powerfully illuminates the New Testament reading. In Matthew's gospel reading today Jesus gives Peter power to "bind and loose". Isaiah, predicting the expulsion of self-seeking officials, describes what this power means: Eliakim, newly appointed as "master of the palace", is given complete authority to decide who may enter the House of David – and who may not. And he is to be "a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and the House of Judah". Like Eliakim, Peter, and – in chapter 18 – all the apostles, are given authority to make eternal decisions, which will be upheld by God.

In last Sunday's reading from chapter 11 of Romans, Paul suggested that he was sent as the apostle to the pagans "in order to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them". Israel, even while attacking the gospel, is still God's "beloved", since God never takes back his promises. This week Paul brings us to gasp in awe and wonder at the daring brilliance of God's plan, which we can never fully comprehend.

This chapter of Matthew's gospel began with Jesus finally breaking off discussions with the Jewish authorities. Now recognised as divine, Jesus, begins to form his disciples into a community to continue his work after his death.

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PSALM RESPONSE: Your love, O Lord, is eternal: discard not the work of your hands.

TODAY'S HYMNS:

Prof. Cátia Marques & Prof. Helena Marques



- [1] **Entry Hymn:** *Bind us together* – No. 65
- [2] **Penitential Act:** *Lord, have mercy* – No. 659
- [3] **Gospel Acclamation:** *Aleluia* – No. 679
- [4] **Offertory Hymn:** *Take our bread* – No. 528
- [5] **Sanctus:** *Holy* – No. 704
- [6] **Agnus Dei:** *Lamb of God* – No. 737
- [7] **Communion:** *Portuguese Hymn*
- [8] **Thanksgiving:** *Instrumental*
- [9] **Final Hymn:** *Go, the Mass is ended* – No. 175



FROM MY HEART TO YOUR HEART

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

1- “*Throw them out! Throw them out!*”

The year was 1770, and in a small Italian church, two altar boys prepared for Benediction. Annibale Della Genga and Francesco Castiglioni entered the sacristy, put on their albs, and grabbed the heavy brass candlesticks.

And then they began to bicker, arguing over who would stand on the priest’s right for the procession. Their quibble escalated into a shouting match. Alarmed parishioners turned their heads to the back of the Church to see the commotion, and that’s when it happened: Castiglioni cracked Della Genga over the head with his candlestick. Blood dripped from Della Genga’s injury, and both boys began shoving each other.

Shocked, parishioners screamed: «*Throw them out! Throw them out!*». So, the embarrassed priest grabbed the boys, led them to the door, and tossed them out of the church.

Now fast-forward several decades to 1825... Half a million-people gathered in Rome for the great Jubilee celebration. The Jubilee occurred every 25 years, and its grand climax was the opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter’s Basilica. Traditionally, the Pope would knock on the door three times with a large silver hammer and sing: «*Open unto me the gates of justice!*»; on the third knock, the door would swing open and the Pope would lead his people through. The symbolism was rich: pilgrims from all over the world coming back home to the Church, following their leader through the great *porta fidei*, the “door of Faith”.

That Jubilee year, in front of thousands of pilgrims, Cardinal Della Genga made his way to the door. It was fifty-five years after the candlestick incident. Cardinal Della Genga who had become Pope Leo XII neared the door. Turning to the Cardinal beside him – Cardinal Castiglioni –, the Pope said: «*Let me have the hammer.*». With a sly grin, Castiglioni replied «*Just like I gave you the candlestick?*».

Amazingly, four years later Castiglioni succeeded his friend and became Pope, taking the name Pius VIII. Now if you told any of those pew sitters back in 1770 that they had two future-Popes in the back of their church, they’d have laughed you out of the building: “*Those two boys? The ones shoving and whacking each other with candlesticks?*”.



Pope Leo XII



Pope Pius VIII

2 - I Am Also A Suspect



A Bishop was sailing for Europe on one of the great transatlantic ocean liners. When he went on board, he found that another passenger was to share a cabin with him. After unpacking his bags, he went to the purser and inquired if he could leave his gold watch and other valuables in the ship’s safe. He explained that he had just met the man who was to occupy the other berth in his cabin and he was afraid that the man might not be trustworthy. The purser smiled, accepted the valuables and remarked: «*It’s all right, Bishop, I’ll be very glad to take care of them for you. The other man has just been up here and left his valuables for the same reason!*»

A POEM: Hokusai Says by Roger Keyes

Hokusai says look carefully.
He says pay attention, notice.
He says keep looking, stay curious.
He says there is no end to seeing...
He says everything is alive—
shells, buildings, people, fish, mountains, trees.
Wood is alive. Water is alive.
Everything has its own life.
Everything lives inside us.
He says live with the world inside you.
He says it doesn't matter if you draw, or write books.
It doesn't matter if you saw wood, or catch fish...
It matters that you care. It matters that you feel.
It matters that you notice.
It matters that life lives through you.



The Vatican Pharmacy

Source: <https://zenit.org/articles/the-vaticans-drugstore-between-tradition-and-innovation/>



The Vatican Pharmacy is the only pharmacy in the Vatican City. It was founded in 1874 by Eusebio Ludvig Fronmen, a Fatebenefratelli monk from the Hospitaller Order of the Brothers of Saint John of God; abbreviated as O.H.. They are known commonly as the *Fatebenefratelli*, meaning "Do-Good Brothers" in Italian, the Brothers of Mercy, and the Merciful Brothers. The Order carries out a

wide range of health and social service activities in 389 centres and services in 46 countries. The pharmacy, run by the Hospitaller Brothers of St. John of God, offers a dazzling display of high-end perfumes and beauty-care products under a smiling portrait of the pope, as well as prescription medicines that are approved much faster than in the rest of Italy. **According to Vatican sources, it is the busiest pharmacy in the world, with 2000 customers per day!**

PLEASE PRAY

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
Nelita da Silva
José Manuel Reis

Marina Kovalchikova
John Hinchliffe
The Vallat family

Janice & Larry Contreras
Rosemary & João de Ponte



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!



"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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Chapel
when leaving the
Sanctuary



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*)

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.



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