


15th of October 2017 – 10h00 Sunday Mass

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

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

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THE CATHOLIC ENGLISH MASS IN MADEIRA:

Welcome to the Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França, which was founded by Antonio Dantas in 1622. The special intention of this morning's Mass is for **Abel de Lima Pedreiro** and his **son Dino**. They are lovingly remembered by their family and all who knew them. **May their Souls rest in peace** ✠
Our priest for the 10h00 English Service Mass on Sunday mornings is *Father Bernardino*. The 11h30 Mass in Portuguese is celebrated by *Father Vitor*.



Abel Pedreiro
(† 16.10.2016)



Dino Pedreiro
(† 06.09.1996)

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(*Isa* 25:6-10; *Ps* 22(23) r.6; *Phil* 4:12-14, 19-20; *Matt* 22:1-14)

After the desolation of the earth and the final judgement, Isaiah describes in mouth-watering detail the great banquet the Lord will provide. It will be on Mount Zion and all peoples are invited. Not only will all sorrows be wiped away, but also the ultimate worry – death – will be destroyed. The familiar psalm expresses our personal confidence that the Lord is preparing a beautiful surprise for us to enjoy after death. Our readings from Paul's letter to the Philippians conclude with Paul again thanking them for their continued support and the money they had sent him. God's help enables him to be content whatever his problems, but their thoughtfulness is especially welcome now that he is in prison. He ends his letter with a fond farewell: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit". Matthew compares the kingdom of heaven to a wedding feast – the heavenly banquet to which all are invited. But if we accept the invitation we must prepare adequately and be willing to participate fully. Otherwise we may still be thrown out. Our membership must be visible to others. We must do more than just belong. Like the Philippians we must share what we have with the community we have joined, and with those in need.

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PSALM RESPONSE: In the Lord's house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

HYMN NUMBERS: Organ / Voice – Professor Fátima Cátia Marques
Voice – Professor Helena Paula Marques

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| [1] Entry: <i>Bind us together</i> – No. 65 | [6] Agnus Dei: <i>Lamb of god</i> – No. 737 |
| [2] Penitential Act: <i>Lord, have mercy</i> – No. 659 | [7] Communion: <i>Amazing grace</i> – No. 32 |
| [3] Gospel Acclamation: <i>Aleluia</i> | [8] Thanksgiving: <i>Instrumental</i> |
| [4] Offertory: <i>Portuguese Hymn</i> | [9] Final Hymn: <i>Go, the Mass is ended</i> – No. 175 |
| [5] Sanctus: <i>Holy</i> – No. 704 | |

FROM MY HEART TO YOUR HEART – The Least Compassionate People

- *Brought to you by* Fr. Bernardino Andrade
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Michael Slaughter in his book «*Unlearning Church*» tells us about a religion editor from a local newspaper who came to his Church to interview him about a conference they were having.

At the end of the interview, he asked if she (*the editor*) went to Church. He assumed she did since she was a religion editor. She replied: " *No, I am a Buddhist. I was raised in the Church, but about ten years ago I became interested in Buddhism because the highest value of Buddhism is the value of compassion.*" (Michael Slaughter said that her next comment made him feel as if she had put her hand in his chest and squeezed his heart) - "*The people I grew up around in the Church,*" she added, "*were some of the least compassionate people I ever knew.*"

"*Ouch!*," says Michael Slaughter, and then he adds "*yet Jesus is compassion made visible.*"

And he's right. Jesus is compassion made visible. Having Jesus' name, but not his heart is a dangerous combination. It can make us turn away people that Jesus is calling us to embrace.

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Brian, a very good friend of mine, is Mormon. One day we were talking about two women who worked with me in two different Parishes. I will call them Harriet and Tammy (*not their real names*). Their main job was to make my life miserable and put people against people. I will never forget what Brian told me: «*Wherever you go, Bernardino, you will always find a Harriet and a Tammy*». And I have.

Mother Teresa used to say: «*I prefer a person making a mistake with kindness than doing something right with rudeness*».

I believe that this kind of rude and intolerant people in our Churches are the ones who are emptying our Catholic Churches, transforming them into interesting pieces of museum where people stopped joining other people to pray together and to worship together in order to build and heal relationships. Our church is about relationships. Our Church is the Body of Christ where people take good care of one another. This is the main reason why we come to church.



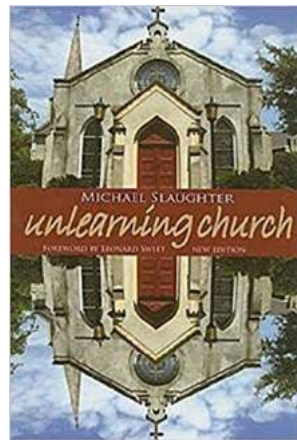
Love and Peace,
Fr. Bernardino Andrade

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My niece, Alina, and her husband, Énio, will be renewing their vows on their 13th Wedding anniversary during this Sunday's Mass.

"Alina & Énio Freitas united forever in Matrimony on October 16, 2004". Their love for each other has 2 names: Maria (5 years) & Inês (4 years).

- HAPPY ANNIVERSARY -



The Third Largest Statue in The U.S.A. is A Marian Image in The ROCKY MOUNTAINS

Source: <https://aleteia.org/2017/06/12/the-third-largest-statue-in-the-united-states-is-a-marian-image-in-the-rocky-mountains/>

In 1979, **Bob O'Bill**, one of the residents of Butte, Montana, **made a vow to the Virgin**: if his wife, who was then on the verge of dying of cancer, recovered, he would build an image of Mother Mary, just about five feet high, in their courtyard.

Bob, who had worked for years as an electrician in the city's copper mines was going through the worst economic situation of his life: mining companies had abandoned the city, employment opportunities were scarce and the general mood of what is said to be the most Irish city in the United States was practically on the ground. But Bob's wife recovered fully, and a promise is a promise. And the whole community helped to fulfill it.

If the city lacked resources, it overflowed in solidarity: as families lost their jobs, more hands



added to the work, which had gone from being a statue in the backyard of a house to a three-piece statue weighing over 60 tons. Ten miles away from the town, on top of a mountain, more than 3,500 feet above the surrounding valley, stands the image of **Our Lady of the Rockies**. Its a snowy-white statue that stands almost 30 meters tall. The image, which at first was supposed to be only five feet tall, ended up becoming the icon of an entire town.



THE MIRACLE OF THE SUN – 13th October 1917 – 100 years ago in Fatima

“The Miracle of the Sun” is a miraculous event which occurred on the 13th of October 1917 in the *Cova da Iria* fields near Fátima, Portugal. It was witnessed by as many as 100,000 people who had gathered to observe what the three shepherd children: Lúcia, Jacinta, and Francisco, had predicted was going to happen at 12 noon. **The children had said that Our Lady, who had appeared to them several times, had promised them that she would perform a great miracle “so that all may believe”.** According to many witness statements, **after a downfall of rain, the dark clouds broke and the sun appeared as an opaque, spinning disc in the sky.** It was said to cast multi-coloured lights across the landscape, the people, and the surrounding clouds. The sun was then reported to have careened towards the earth in a zig-zag pattern, frightening some of those present who thought it meant the end of the world. Some witnesses reported that their previously wet clothes became « *suddenly and completely dry* ».



DO YOU HAVE A MOBILE PHONE OR COMPUTER YOU DON'T NEED?



There are two poor families in need of a mobile phone, and another family is in need of a computer. If you have an extra one that you don't need and would be willing to donate it to someone less fortunate, please contact Fr. Bernardino Andrade on 916192783, or by email (bernardinodandrade@gmail.com) Thank you in advance!



"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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- ☞ 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.



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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