


22nd of October 2017 – 10h00 Sunday Mass

29th 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 **Maria de Jesus Vieira Pereira**, requested by her daughter Odeta, to whom we offer our condolences. ✝

Our priest for the 10:00 English Service Mass this Sunday morning is *Father Bernardino*. The 11:30 Mass in Portuguese is celebrated by *Father Vitor*.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(Isa 45:1, 4-6 ; Ps 95(96):1. 3-5. 7-10 r.7 ; 1 Thess 1:1-5 ; Matt 22:15-21)

Second Isaiah insists that every event, good or bad, is part of God's plan, including the conquest and exile of Israel by Babylon. And so does the freedom given them about 530 BC by Cyrus, King of Persia, whom God calls his 'anointed' or 'messiah', because he did God's work. Thus all men, including Gentiles, though they do not know him, will know that there is only one God, the Lord.

The Psalm therefore calls on all men – and all creation – to worship and praise the one and just God. For the last 5 Sundays of Ordinary Time we read from Paul's first letter to the church in Thessalonika, which he founded about AD 50. Paul later sent Silvanus and Timothy back to support the new community. Written from Corinth, this letter is the earliest Christian writing we have. Centuries before the idea of the Trinity was formally defined, Paul distinguishes clearly between "God our Father", "our Lord Jesus Christ", and "the Holy Spirit".

Over the next three weeks we hear the final three discussions in Matthew's Gospel between Jesus and the Jewish leaders. They ironically address Jesus as "Teacher", but he silences them: he does have full authority to interpret the Jewish Scriptures.

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PSALM RESPONSE: Give the Lord glory and power.

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

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| [1] Entry: <i>Father, we adore you</i> – No. 136 | [6] Agnus Dei: <i>Lamb of god</i> – No. 737 |
| [2] Penitential Act: <i>Lord, have mercy</i> – No. 663 | [7] Communion: <i>Portuguese Hymn</i> |
| [3] Gospel Acclamation: <i>Aleluia</i> | [8] Thanksgiving: <i>Instrumental</i> |
| [4] Offertory: <i>Portuguese Hymn</i> | [9] Final Hymn: |
| [5] Sanctus: <i>Holy</i> – No. 704 | <i>How lovely on the mountains</i> – No.235 |

FROM MY HEART TO YOUR HEART – Planting Dreams

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

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We plant little flowers that can become gorgeous gardens. We plant small trees that can be transformed into powerful and majestic sequoias, redwoods or oaks. We sow very small grains of wheat that can be transformed into baskets of bread able to feed thousands of people. I think that one of our main missions in our families should be to plant good and healthy ideas and dreams in our children's brains. If we don't do it, TV programs, confused friends, politicians, angry teachers... will do the job for us.

A few months ago a young child told me that he was an atheist. I don't even think that he knows what the word *atheist* means. But what I think is that some «cute» teacher said that word in school and he thought that it would be «cute» to repeat the same thing. And the worst part was that he was not joking.

I don't remember if I ever thought about being a priest but I still remember the day and the place (the kitchen of my parents' house) when my sister *Agostinha* asked me: «*Bernardino, wouldn't you like to be a priest?*». And I said yes. I was 12 years old.

I am almost 80 and I have been a priest for 52 years. I don't know if I have been a good priest but one thing I know: I have been a very happy priest. I never stop thanking God for my sister, *Agostinha*, who planted that seed in my brain that soon traveled to my heart and my life.



Fr. Bernardino
(27 years old) on his
First Mass Day in
1965.

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The venerable servant of God, Canon Cottolengo, when but a boy of five years, was measuring with a cord, one room after another. His mother, rather confused, asked him what he was trying to do.

“Dear mother,” was the reply, *“I want to see how many beds can be placed in this house: when I am grown up I should like to fill the whole house with sick people.”*

A tear of emotion glistened in his mother's eyes.

In 1832 he founded at Turin the 'Little Asylum of Divine Providence', and today it is world famous. It shelters 5000 men and embraces within its precincts a church, a number of houses, terraces and courtyards.

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Please don't be afraid of planting good dreams in your children's brains. That's what Jesus does with us and sometimes He is successful.

Love and Peace,
Fr. Bernardino Andrade

To read more about Canon Cottolengo

please visit this link:

<http://traditionalcatholic.net/Tradition/Calendar/04-29.html>

BOOK SALE THIS MORNING

This morning at the Chapel there will be a book sale straight after our regular 10am Sunday Mass in English. Jane Caldwell, from England, is an author and has written a book to help the "People Helping People" (PHP) project... (more info about PHP on the last page of the newsletter).

«During the past fifteen years we have had many wonderful holidays in this beautiful island. We have been impressed with the friendly and resilient people, but sadly also by the poverty that exists on the island. As a result, we have become staunch admirers of PHP (People Helping People) and I have now written a novel to help the project. **It is a light hearted, slightly romantic detective story, set in some places people may recognize; it is a typical holiday read. "Frozen Stiff" by "Agatha Frisky" will be on sale today after Mass at Capela Penha de França for 10 Euros; absolutely every cent will go directly to PHP. Alternatively, it is available as a Kindle e-book for £3,50. Happy Reading!**



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Jane Caldwell

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Thank you Mrs. Caldwell and thanks to your husband, Peter, for his unconditional support.

CANDLES FOR LOVED ONES - Sé Cathedral

The Sé Cathedral



In Chapel of Penha de França we are still working on a way to make it possible for you to light some candles for your loved ones, but in the mean-time here is our suggestion: the *Sé Cathedral* in the centre of Funchal.

When you go inside the Cathedral, at the entrance, on the right-hand-side you will see a little room where there is a lady selling small candles to light (50 cents each) and also a variety of other candles for you to light at home.



Once you have bought your candle(s), you can go further into the Cathedral where you will see a section to place and light your candle(s).

The candle room is functional **every Monday to Friday from 8:00 to 12:00 and 15:30 to 18:00; and on Saturdays from 8:00 to 12:00.**



Candle lighting section

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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the 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!

Tea and Coffee After Mass

Please join us
in the Social Hall
across the garden.



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 😊



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