


29th of October 2017 – 10h00 Sunday Mass

30th 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! We are blessed by the presence of two dedicated priests here at the Chapel: *Father Bernardino*, who celebrates the Mass in English every Sunday morning at 10h00, and *Father Vitor*, who celebrates Mass in Portuguese at 11h30. 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 been repaired and the ceiling restored through the generosity of a frequent visitor to our English Mass. The Diocese has also recently done some repairs in the social hall, and fixed the 3 bells in the Chapel's bell tower.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(*Exod* 22:20-26 (& cf 24:9-11) ; *Ps* 17(18):2-4. 47. 51. **R.2** *1 Thess* 1:5-10 ; *Matt* 22:34-40)

In our reading from **Exodus**, the Lord expands the rather general Ten Commandments into detailed rules for living, with practical laws and punishments. In this covenant or treaty the Lord promises his favour and the people accept certain obligations. Moses sprinkled blood on the people to seal this covenant with the Lord. The sacrificial meal, eating and drinking in the Lord's presence, ritually confirms the people now belong to the family of the Lord. Five verses sum up this very long **psalm**, thanking God for his help against enemies while welcoming his justice. Continuing our reading from the earliest surviving Christian document, Paul concludes his address to the **Thessalonians** with fulsome praise for them. He knows they are chosen and loved by God because others have told him the examples they give. Especially their imitation of Christ, and their acceptance of the word of the risen Lord, in spite of suffering persecution.

In **Matthew's Gospel** it is now the turn of the Pharisees to test Jesus. But they fare no better than the Sadducees heard last week. Again Jesus shows that he is the authoritative interpreter of the Jewish Scriptures. Even the detailed rules given to Moses can be summed up in the requirement to love God and your neighbour.

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PSALM RESPONSE: I love you, Lord, my strength.

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

[1] **Entry:** *How lovely on the mountains* – No. 235

[2] **Penitential Act:** *Lord, have mercy* – No. 659

[3] **Gospel Acclamation:** *Aleluia*

[4] **Offertory:** *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 – Is God Catholic or Protestant?

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

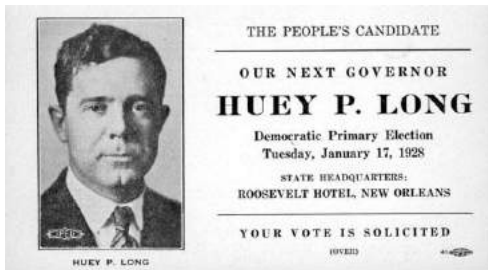
Huey Long was a very colorful Louisiana politician who had hopes of running for the presidency in 1936. He began as an unschooled farm boy and ended up in the governor's mansion, one of the most popular politicians in the history of the state.

Long was born in the central part of Louisiana, and when he first campaigned for governor, he was given some advice about the voters in the New Orleans area: « *South Louisiana is different from the northern part of the state*, », he was told, « *We have a lot of Catholic voters down here.* » Long nodded knowingly and went out to make his speech. It began, "When I was a boy, I'd get up at six every Sunday morning, hitch our old horse up to the buggy, and take my Catholic grandparents to Mass. I'd bring them home and then take my Baptist grandparents to Church." The speech was a rousing success.

Afterward, a New Orleans political boss said, "Huey, you've been holding out on us. We didn't know you had Catholic grandparents." Huey looked at him slyly and said, "We didn't even have a horse!"

Don't let anybody mislead you. Around the banquet table of God there won't be Baptists, or Catholics, or Methodists. There won't even be a head table reserved for the very saintly. There will only be sinners for whom Christ died. That includes you and me. Everyone is invited.

Love and Peace,
Fr. Bernardino Andrade



BOOK SALE - A Special Thank You!

Last week Sunday, after the 10am English Mass, we had a special "book sale" here at the Chapel. **Mrs Jane Caldwell**, from England, **wrote a novel called «Frozen Stiff»**, and generously donated all proceeds from the sale of her book to "People Helping People", a charity which was started here at the Chapel after the devastating floods in 2010. (*More info about that on the last page of this newsletter*). Thank you to all who supported the book sale last week Sunday! **18 books were sold and 180 euros was raised**, all of which will go directly towards helping those in need. A huge thank you especially to Mrs. Caldwell and her husband for their wonderful generosity and for supporting this worthy charity! "Frozen Stiff" by "Agatha Frisky is **“...a light hearted, slightly romantic detective story, set in some places people may recognize; it is a typical holiday read”**.

If you were not at Mass last Sunday and would like to have a copy of the novel, no problem, it will be **on sale again - this morning after Mass!** The novel costs 10 Euros; *absolutely every cent will go directly to "People Helping People"*.

Alternatively, it is available as a Kindle e-book for £3:50.

Happy Reading!

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Mrs. Caldwell with her husband, Peter, & the novel: "Frozen Stiff"





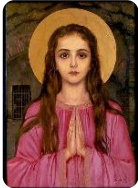
This coming Wednesday is **All Saints Day**. It is a **Holy Day of obligation** celebrated annually in the Catholic Church on the **1st of November**. We will be celebrating All Saints Day with Mass in English at **10:00 AM** in this Chapel - Wednesday morning. All are welcome!

PRAYING FOR THE IMPOSSIBLE? – Try These Three Saints

- **Source:** <https://epicpew.com/praying-impossible-three-saints/>

On the journey to Heaven, many of us will face situations that seem hopeless and impossible.

In moments like these, it can be easy to give in to despair and to give up hope. Your cross may seem unbearably heavy. If you're praying for what seems like an impossible petition, you're not alone. There are many saints who are the patrons of impossible causes. You can read three of their life stories below, and find a prayer for their special intercession!



Not much is known about **Saint Philomena**, whose name means "daughter of light." When she was a young teenager, she took a vow of virginity. The Emperor Diocletian wanted to marry her, but she refused and was thrown into prison. She endured awful torture, and beheaded. There are many miracles attributed to her intercession. We petition her intercession praying:

"O faithful and glorious martyr, Saint Philomena, who works so many miracles on behalf of the poor and sorrowing, have pity on me. You know the multitude and diversity of my needs. Behold me at your feet, full of misery, but full of hope. I entreat your charity, oh great saint! Graciously hear me and obtain from God a favorable answer to the request which I now humbly lay before you (here specify your petition). I am firmly convinced that through your merits, through the scorn, the sufferings and the death you endured, united to the merits of the Passion and death of Jesus, your Spouse, I shall obtain what I ask of you, and in the joy of my heart I will bless God, who is admirable in His Saints. Amen." Saint Philomena, powerful with God, pray for us!

Saint Rita of Cascia desired to enter religious life but her parents arranged her marriage to a man who was unfaithful and cruel. She prayed 20 years for his conversion, but shortly after he came to know the faith, he was murdered. Then her 2 sons died. After many attempts, she was allowed to enter into an Augustinian convent. She tended to those dying from the plague. We request her intercession for impossible causes:

"O powerful St. Rita, rightly called Saint of the Impossible, I come to you with confidence in my great need. You know well my trials, for you yourself were many times burdened in this life. Come to my help, speak for me, pray with me, intercede on my behalf before the Father. I know that God has a most generous heart and that he is a most loving Father. Join your prayers to mine and obtain for me the grace I desire (here mention your request). You who were so very pleasing to God on earth and are so much so now in heaven, I promise to use this favor, when granted, to better my life, to proclaim God's mercy, and to make you more widely known and loved. Amen."

Saint Rita of Cascia, pray for us!



Saint Jude was one of the 12 called by Christ to follow Him as an apostle. He preached the Gospel after Christ's Ascension and was martyred for his faith. He is the patron saint of impossible causes because he urges Christians to stay close to Christ during hard times. We petition his intercession, praying:

"Most holy Apostle, Saint Jude Thaddeus, friend of Jesus, I place myself in your care at this difficult time. Help me know that I need not face my troubles alone. Please join me in my need, asking God to send me: consolation in my sorrow, courage in my fear, and healing in the midst of my suffering. Ask our loving Lord to fill me with the grace to accept whatever may lie ahead for me and my loved ones, and to strengthen my faith in God's healing powers. Thank you, Saint Jude Thaddeus, for the promise of hope you hold out to all who believe, and inspire me to give this gift of hope to others as it has been given to me." Saint Jude, apostle of hope, pray for us!

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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- ☞ leave us your comments,
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- ☞ 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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