




12th November 2017 – 10h00 Sunday Mass

32nd 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! 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 Mass Collection will go towards the repair and restoration of the chancel ceiling and the roof of the Chapel.**

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(Wis 6:12-16 ; Ps 62(63):2-8 r.2 ; 1 Thess 4:13-18 ; Matt 25:1-13)

The Book of Wisdom was written in Greek, probably in Alexandria during the century before Christ. **It seeks to strengthen faith by recalling the ways in which God rewards his people.** But our just God **also punishes individuals who act unjustly.** We must learn wisdom to live justly in accord with God's justice, and so imitate and be drawn into the life of God. **The psalm expresses our homesickness for God's sanctuary, our true home,** confident that God will help us overcome all our enemies. Good advice: when our minds are empty, as at night – fill them with thoughts of God. The parousia, when Christ will return – or be revealed in glory – was expected almost daily by the early Christians. But some believers had already died, so Paul reassures the Thessalonians that they will not “miss out” – they will join everyone else in the resurrection of the dead. Two thousand years later we may now see the parousia at the end of time being anticipated by Jesus revealed to us in every Mass. Matthew's gospel links the two readings together: **we must live justly every moment of our lives so that we may be ready when the Lord calls us to him. We cannot rely on a last chance to repent.**

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PSALM RESPONSE: For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

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:** *Portuguese Hymn*
- [5] **Communion:** *Our God loves us* – No. 454



- [6] **Thanksgiving:** *Instrumental*
- [7] **Final Hymn:**
Go, the Mass is ended – No. 175

FROM MY HEART TO YOUR HEART – Operation smile

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

I saw Dr. William Magee Jr. crying in a TV program. It was the program Hour of Power with the Rev. Dr. Robert Schuler in California. Both could not contain their tears in this TV program.



Dr. William Magee
and his wife

Dr. William Magee Jr. was a plastic surgeon in Norfolk, Va. In 1981 when he decided to travel to Philippines to operate on children with cleft lips and other facial deformities. Unfortunately, there were so many children with this deformity, a deformity that can render it impossible for them to speak or eat, that hundreds had to be turned away. This caused Dr. Magee and his wife, Kathy S. Magee, a nurse, to found an organization called *Operation Smile*.

Operation Smile sends volunteer doctors to perform reconstructive facial surgery for children worldwide. «It wasn't a strategic plan», said Magee. «*It was just a matter of emotion and passion to make sure children didn't have to live this way.*» The group, which already has treated 50,000 children worldwide, also trains doctors in other nations to perform the procedure. Magee hopes to use satellite technology in the future, so he can teach a greater number of medical professionals the necessary techniques.

Dr. Magee didn't have to do that. He could have justified himself. «What's in it for me? There are so many children in my own city whose parents or whose insurance company could pay for this surgery. I'm a busy doctor here. I don't have to go half way around and minister to indigent children. No my problem». I doubt if Dr. Magee even wondered if this act of service would get him into Heaven. He simply saw a need and filled it. He became a Good Samaritan, encouraging fellow surgeons to become Good Samaritans.

God loves you and so do I.

Fr. Bernardino Andrade

You can read more about Operation Smile on their website:

<https://www.operationssmile.org/vision/our-story>

SAINT MARTIN'S DAY – NOVEMBER 11th – The Madeiran Tradition



November 11th is traditionally celebrated in Madeira as Saint Martin's feast day ("São Martinho" in Portuguese). The Saint Martin Festivity is very illustrative of the faith and traditions of the people of Madeira. Families eat roasted chestnuts ("*castanhas assadas*"), and tradition dictates that on the eve of Saint Martin the wine is tasted and the roasted cod ("*bacalhau assado*") is enjoyed.



DID YOU KNOW: The woman who hid Anne Frank was Catholic

Sources: <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/blog/did-you-know-the-woman-who-hid-anne-frank-was-catholic>
and <http://www.jpost.com/Christian-News/The-Roman-Catholic-Dutchwoman-who-hid-Anne-Frank-and-family-478098>

The story of Anne Frank is well-known, thanks to the diary left behind by the 15-year-old Jewish girl recounting her two years in hiding during World War II. Less well-known is the story of **Miep Gies, the Dutch Catholic woman responsible for helping to hide Anne's family, and for later preserving her diary.**



As an Austrian child in an impoverished family, Miep (then known as *Hermine Santruschitz*) was offered to leave Austria for the Netherlands, by virtue of a Dutch workers' association aid program to help malnourished children in the aftermath of the war, and that was the first time that Miep was witness to the exceptional power of kindness.

In December 1920, at the age of 7, she arrived at Leiden, Netherlands, being taken in by a Christian working family. But due to her poor physical condition she ended up staying in the Netherlands past the date the workers association had told her foster family. But with their and her parents' permission, she would stay with her foster family in the Netherlands until she would become an adult.

In 1933 she found work with a Swiss-German businessman, **Otto Frank** – Anne's father – during the depression, selling pectin to make jam, and their families became friends.



Miep Gies and her husband showing the hiding place

Miep and her husband, along with their other Dutch acquaintances, helped to hide the Frank family in the annex of their business premises during World War II. - *"We felt deep anxiety for our Jewish friends. I was eaten by a feeling of terrible regret. How had we been so naive as to think that our neutrality would be respected by an immoral man like Adolf Hitler? [...] When Mr. Frank had confided in me about the hiding plan, I had that very night told Henk (pseudonym for Gies's husband Jan Gies)*

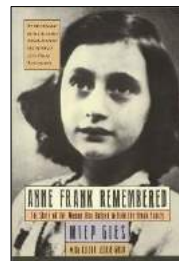
about our conversation. Without discussion, Henk had affirmed his unconditional assistance to the Franks and agreed that the plan was a sound one." They succeeded in sustaining the Frank family, along with another family, for two years, before they were discovered by the Nazis on August 4, 1944. The only one to survive was Otto Frank. Miep had preserved Anne's diary and passed it on to her father after the war. And as we know Anne's diary would eventually put the Frank family into the spotlight.

Years later, Miep co-authored a book about her experiences hiding Anne Frank and her family: *"Anne Frank Remembered: The Story of the Woman Who Helped to Hide the Frank Family"*.

March 8, 1972, she was honored as a *Righteous Among the Nations* (an honorific used by the State of Israel to describe non-Jews who risked their lives during the Holocaust to save Jews from extermination by the Nazis.)



She died at the age of 100 on January 11, 2010.



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).



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

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Tea and Coffee After Mass

Please join us in the Social Hall across the garden.



Please sign our Visitor's book in the Social Hall 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 Social Hall across the garden from the Chapel

Bible Group:

Joint Anglican-Roman Catholic Bible Group:

Thursdays 2.00 pm in The English Church Library. "Exploring the Old Testament"



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