




**19th November 2017 – 10h00 Sunday Mass**

**33<sup>rd</sup> 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!** The special intention of this morning's Mass is for **Gerardus de Jong** from Holland, who passed away at the age of 90. **May his Soul Rest in Peace** † *Father Bernardino*, who celebrates our Mass in English every week, has gone on a one-month well-deserved holiday to California, and we are blessed to have *Father Aires Gameiro, OH, Brother of Saint John of God* celebrating Mass in his absence. The 11h30 Mass in Portuguese is celebrated by *Father Vitor Sousa*. Our 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

(*Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 ; Ps 127(128):1-5 r.1 ; 1 Thess 5:1-6; Matt 25:14-30*)

The Book of Proverbs united ancient values and ideals with Israel's understanding of God. Written at the time of the exile, about 500 BC, it was intended for serious study in the effort to gain wisdom. **Today's reading is more than a song praising both the housekeeping and commercial activities of a good wife – it is Wisdom in action.** And it recognises that a wife should share in the benefits of her work. And the psalm celebrates the blessings of family life, wishing such a family prosperity and long life. The reading from Paul's letter to the Thessalonians continues from last week's reading, reminding his hearers that the "Day of the Lord" will come when we least expect it. So we should learn wisdom and live every day in justice and integrity, as if it will be our last. Matthew's parable of the talents, like the gospel last week, also urges us to live wisely and justly while waiting for the day of judgement, which will certainly come. But we must do more than use the resources we have been given for God's purposes: just as it needs effort to learn wisdom, so we must work at developing our faith, otherwise we may lose it.

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**PSALM RESPONSE: O blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

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

[1] **Entry:** *Bind us together* – No. 65

[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

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



Dear Friends!

*I am in California to spend one month in my former field of work that I loved and where I felt loved. I am going to relive part of my story. I really love stories. Each one of us is a story written by our loving God. Even if we try to sabotage his work God never quits on us. And in spite of all my failures God has been the main author of my story and that's why I also love my story. From Madeira to Africa, from Africa to California and from California to Madeira... If I could go back in life I would choose to travel the same road with less mistakes.*

*This Sunday is the 1st WORLD DAY OF THE POOR, established by Pope Francis at the close of the Year of Mercy. The poor are the heart of the message of Jesus. Here is something that I found in the Ecclesia Agency website about the 1st WORLD DAY OF THE POOR...*

### **Vatican: Pope makes a surprise visit to small field hospital for people in need**

Vatican City, Nov 16, 2017 (Ecclesia) - Pope Francis made a surprise visit today to the small field hospital set up on Pius XII Square (St. Peter's Square) near the Vatican on the occasion of the 1st World Day of the Poor to be celebrated on Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup>.

The space, with several tents, offers medical and nursing consultations to needy people living in the Italian capital. The Pope greeted the medical staff, volunteers and several people standing in line waiting for a free consultation. Pope Francis also spoke with volunteers from the Italian Confederation of Mercies, who offered him, as they do to everyone who moves into that space, a hot drink to fight the cold. This is one of the initiatives promoted by the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization (Holy See), which on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November, brings together around 1500 people for a festive lunch on the First *World Day of the Poor*.

The Holy See informs that the meal will take place in the Paul VI Audience Hall, after the celebration of the Mass and the recitation of the *Angelus*, and will gather together, people in need, accompanied by volunteers. The Pontifical Council that promotes the event also says that the Mass presided by the Pope in the Basilica of St. Peter, from 10am will count on the participation of 4000 poor people from Rome and other dioceses in the world. The creation of World Day of the Poor was a decision announced by Pope Francis at the conclusion of the Jubilee of Mercy (December 2015 - November 2016).



Pope Francis greets participants in the World Day of the Poor in Rome.

**Nov. 16, 2017.**

Credit: L'Osservatore Romano.



*(Translated into English from the article on the Ecclesia Agency website in Portuguese:*

<http://www.agencia.ecclesia.pt/noticias/vaticano/vaticano-papa-faz-visita-surpresa-a-pequeno-hospital-de-campanha-para-pessoas-necessitadas/>

## SAINT OF THE MONTH – NOVEMBER: Saint Malachy

Feast Day: November 3rd



Saint Malachy became an Irish Saint, prior to which he was the Archbishop of Armagh. He is credited with several miracles and the 'Prophecy of the Popes' - a document based on a prophecy of the next 112 Popes. Reportedly, he made a visit to Rome in which he had a vision of the future popes and wrote them down. There appears to be endless fascination in juggling semantics in an attempt to match the mottos used by individual Popes (enunciated under mystical titles by St. Malachy). For example:

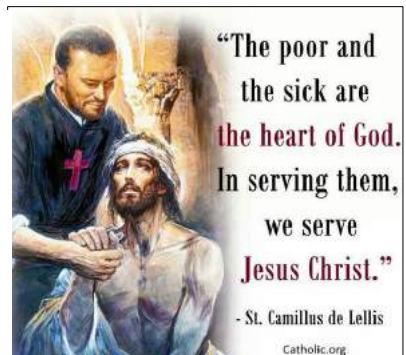
- *Pastor et Nauta* (The Shepherd and the Sailor) - John XXIII (1958 - 63). He was Patriarch of Venice - a seafaring city.
- *Flos Florum* (flower) - Paul VI (1963 - 76). His arms display three lilies, or Fleur di Lis.
- *De medietate Lunae* (Half moon) - John Paul I (1976). His reign as Pope lasted only from one half-moon to the next.
- *De labore Solis* (From the labour of the sun) - John Paul II (1976 - 2005). He was born during a solar eclipse and his funeral took place during another.
- *Gloria Olivae* (Glory of the Olive) - Benedict XVI (2005). A branch of the Benedictine Order is called the Olivetans.

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## WORLD DAY OF THE POOR – November 19<sup>th</sup> 2017

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To change the world, we must be good to those who cannot repay us.  
– Pope Francis



You pray for the hungry. Then you feed them. That's how prayer works.  
– Pope Francis



**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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### Tea and Coffee

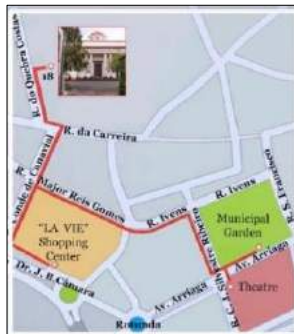
After Mass

**Please join us in the Social Hall across the garden.**



### Bible Group:

Joint Anglican-Roman Catholic Bible Group:  
Thursdays 2.00 pm  
in The English Church Library.  
"Exploring the Old Testament"



### 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

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