


4th of February 2018 – 10h00 Sunday Mass

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

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! *Father Bernardino Andrade* is our English mass priest and will be celebrating Mass for us this morning. The 11h30 Mass will be celebrated in Portuguese by *Father Vitor Sousa*. 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 and the ceiling were repaired and restored a few years ago 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. More repairs are urgently needed to preserve the beauty of this Chapel.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(*Job 7: 1-4, 6-7 ; Psalm 146(147):1-6 ; 1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23 ; Mark 1: 29-39*)



In this Wisdom Book, the blameless Job laments his sufferings at great length. The Lord allowed Satan to afflict Job any way he chose, except death. Today's reading describes the drudgery that many people see in their lives, with only death to look forward to. Job refuses to curse God, but challenges God to say what he has done to deserve these sufferings. Then he accepts that "I have dealt

with great things that ... I cannot know". But Job's challenge is not answered. The psalm sings the praises of God who restored Israel to Jerusalem after their exile, and who sustains the needy. Our readings from Paul's letter to the Corinthians have omitted a long argument that Christians should not behave in a way that might be a stumbling block to others. Today Paul gives an example: he does not claim justifiable payments for spreading the gospel in case people doubt his motives - and so doubt the gospel message. In Mark's gospel the demoniac was healed by word, now Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law by touch - well enough for her to get supper immediately. Jesus heals many more, but again the demons are not allowed to say who Jesus is - Jesus cannot be understood until the Cross demonstrates God's infinitely merciful love for mankind.

(*Brought to you by: Chris Oliver*) www.bible-groups.info

PSALM RESPONSE: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

HYMN NUMBERS:

Organ / Voice – Professor Fátima Cátia Marques Cello – Professor Helena Paula Marques

[1] **Entry Hymn:**

Let there be love – No. 317

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

[3] **Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia*

[4] **Offertory Hymn:** *Portuguese Hymn*

[5] **Sanctus:** *Holy* – No. 704

[6] **Agnus Dei:** *Lamb of God* – No. 733

[7] **Communion Hymn:** *Portuguese Hymn*

[8] **Thanksgiving:** *Instrumental*

[9] **Final Hymn:** *Our God loves us* – No. 454

FROM MY HEART TO YOUR HEART - Just Love Them

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

Today I took my iPhone and "pretended" that I knew something about technology. Believe it or not it worked.

I asked the Siri for "*How many Portuguese People are in California*"? The answer was: In California there are 79.572 Portuguese people.

The Portuguese Community in California has always been very large. And the Portuguese, like the other ethnic migrant communities, wherever they go, they take with them their language, their traditions, their culture, their food, their dances and, especially, their faith. For this reason it is common to find, in a few cities, Catholic Churches built by the Portuguese to practice their faith.

One of the examples is the Five Wounds Church in the city of San Jose with its beautiful old architecture, built over 100 years ago. This church became a Parish Church and from the beginning



has always had a Portuguese Priest as its Pastor who would say Mass, preside to the Sacraments and Funerals and also all other services in Portuguese, even if it was also available for other languages especially the English language.

There was a time when there was no Portuguese Priest available to continue that tradition. The Bishop assigned an American priest to be the pastor of the Five Wounds Portuguese Parish.

One day I visited the Five Wounds Church and spent some time talking with the American Pastor who was presiding to a Portuguese Community without knowing how to speak the language.

That's when he told me about the way the Bishop approached him for this assignment. He said that he had reacted to the Bishop saying:

- But, Bishop I don't know how to speak any Portuguese and that is a big responsibility. I don't feel prepared for that job. What am I going to do when they need me?

The Bishop answered:

- "*Just love them*". It worked.

Love, Fr. Bernardino Andrade

PHP BOOK SALE - A Special Thank You!

For the last two Sundays after the 10am Mass, we have had a special "book sale" here at the Chapel. Mrs Jane Caldwell, from England, has written a murder mystery novel called

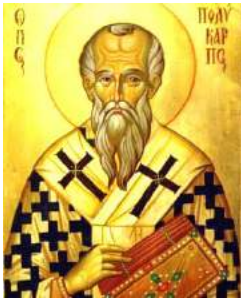
«Frozen Stiff», and has generously donated all proceeds from the sale of her book to the "People Helping People" charity. (You can read more about *People Helping People* on the last page of this newsletter).

Thanks to all who supported the book sale last week Sunday, **20 books were sold and 200 euros was raised!** All of the money raised went directly towards helping those in need. A huge thank you especially to Mrs. Caldwell and her husband for their wonderful generosity in supporting this worthy charity! Copies of the book are still available today for anyone who may be interested, at a cost of **€10 euros**. **Alternatively, it is available online as a Kindle e-book for £3:50**



Mrs. Caldwell signing copies of her novel, "Frozen Stiff", last week Sunday after Mass

SAINT OF THE MONTH: February - Saint Polycarp of Smyrna



Saint Polycarp is a lesser known Catholic Saint, although arguably one of the most influential. He was Bishop of Smyrna and one of the foremost leaders of the Christian Church in the second century. Of particular interest to later scholars is that as a disciple of Saint John the Evangelist he sat at the feet of the Apostles and heard from their own lips eyewitness accounts of the life of Jesus and his teachings.

Sadly, he met with opposition once the Apostles died and their first-hand accounts of Jesus and his teachings were no longer available. Heresies arose, persecution was relentless and there were endless controversies over the correct form of the liturgy. Inevitably, Polycarp suffered martyrdom and was burnt at the stake for refusing to recant his beliefs.

6 WAYS TO PRACTICE BEING KINDER

Source: www.aleteia.org

Begin now and by the end of this year, you'll be a better person.

Kindness is trendy lately. Groups like *Kindness.org*, *The Random Acts of Kindness Foundation*, and *Acts of Kindness* all share videos and memes daily promoting the idea that “*Sometimes it only takes one act of kindness and caring to change a person's life*” and “*I'm here ... for you.*” Most people see these videos, share them with friends and vow to be exactly like the guy in the coffee shop who took the homeless man home for dinner or gave the frazzled waiter a \$300 tip. But there are many that have a hard time being kind because it's sometimes hard and it takes risk, especially with strangers. So to help one another to “take the risk” of being kind here are some suggestions:

1. Use manners more
2. Yell less
3. Spend less time on your phone (and more time with them)
4. Look for small kindness “opportunities”
5. Stop road raging
6. Share a daily act of “kindness” at the dinner table

Kindness is free

Kindness is addictive, after all.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK - February 11th 2018



Next Sunday is World Day of the Sick. This was initiated by Pope John Paul II in 1992 to encourage people to pray for those who suffer from illness, and for their caregivers. The Pope himself had been diagnosed with Parkinson's a year before, in 1991, and it is considered that his own illness was impetus for his designation of the day. Every year the pope sets a theme for the World Day of the Sick.

The theme for this year is provided by the words that Jesus spoke from the Cross to Mary, his Mother: “*Woman, behold your son*” and to John: “*Behold your mother*”. And from that hour the disciple took her into his home” (Jn 19:26-27). The day also coincides with the commemoration of the Feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Read the full message of Pope Francis for World Day of the Sick on the internet, here:
<http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/sick.index.html>

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE (PHP)

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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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

Please 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 for a cup of coffee and a chat.



Bible Group:

Joint Anglican - Roman Catholic Bible Group:
Thursdays 2.00 pm in The English Church Library.

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Rua do Quebra Costas nr.18, Funchal.

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