





4th March 2018 – 10h00 Sunday Mass

3rd Sunday of Lent - Year B

Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França,
Rua Penha de França nr. 3, Funchal, Madeira

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Good morning! Welcome to the Chapel of Penha de França.
The special intention of this morning's Mass is for **Sarah Boyce** (who is ill), and for **Robert Johnston** (recently deceased). May his Soul rest in peace. †



We are blessed by the presence of two dedicated priests on Sundays: *Father Bernardino* who celebrates the English service Mass at 10h00, and *Father Vítor* who celebrates Mass in Portuguese at 11h30.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(Exodus 20: 1-17 ; Psalm 18(19) ; 1 Cor 1: 22-25 ; John 2: 13-25)

In Genesis, God promised to shower blessings on Abraham and his descendants. Today Exodus spells out the people's part of the covenant. In the Law given to Moses on Sinai the Ten Commandments are followed by 10 chapters of detailed rules about behaviour and ritual. Meanwhile, back at the foot of the mountain, the people became bored, and built a golden calf to worship! The psalm praises God's moral law, underlining the irony of worshipping a golden calf: God's decrees "are more to be desired than gold". Paul began his letter to the Corinthians by telling them to stop squabbling among themselves. They should not divide into opposing groups, saying "I belong to Paul" or "I belong to Apollos", and so on. They must follow only the crucified Christ, who brought the Law of Moses to completion by his command to love one another. He demonstrated this love by dying on the Cross - "a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles". In John's gospel, Jesus cleanses the Temple at the beginning of his ministry, instead of towards the end, as in the other gospels. Jesus claims he will rebuild the Temple in three days, replacing it with himself and antagonising the Jewish leaders. From the start of John's gospel, Jesus' death and resurrection are foreshadowed.

(By: Chris Oliver)

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PSALM RESPONSE: You, Lord have the message of eternal life.

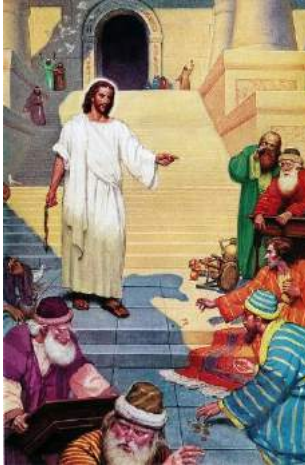
HYMN NUMBERS:

Organ / Voice – Prof. Fátima Cátia Marques
Cello – Prof. Helena Paula Marques

- [1] **Entry Hymn:** *Let there be love* – No. 317
- [2] **Penitential Act:** *Lord, have mercy* – No. 659
- [3] **Gospel Acclamation:** *Glory and praise to You* – No. 690
- [4] **Offertory Hymn:** *Portuguese Hymn*
- [5] **Sanctus:** *Holy* – No. 704
- [6] **Agnus Dei:** *Lamb of God* – No. 737
- [7] **Communion Hymn:** *Portuguese Hymn*
- [8] **Thanksgiving:** *Instrumental*
- [9] **Final Hymn: Lent Hymn:** *How lovely on the mountains* – No. 235



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From today's Gospel: «*In the temple, Jesus found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple...*», Jo. 2, 14-15)

THE ABUSES THAT INFURIATED JESUS

- 1) The merchants selling animals and the money changers had converted the Court of the Gentiles into a noisy market making it impossible for the Gentiles to worship Yahweh.
- 2) The merchants sold the animals and birds for sacrifice at unjust and exorbitant prices (18 to 20 times the regular price outside the Temple).
- 3) The animal-inspectors, bribed by the merchants, disqualified even the healthy animals brought by poor shepherds and farmers for sacrifice. This was an unjust extortion at the expense of poor and humble pilgrims, who were practically blackmailed into buying animals and birds from the Temple booths. Jesus considered this a glaring social injustice aggravated by the fact that it was perpetrated in the name of religion.
- 4) The Temple authorities, by sharing the profit made by merchants and money-changers, converted it into a "hideout of thieves" (Mark & Luke).
- 5) Roman coins, bearing the images of pagan gods and the emperor, were forbidden as offering in the Temple. The money-changers, who exchanged the Temple coin (Galilean shekel) with Roman coins, demanded 1/6 of the value of the coin as their commission, even from the poor people who had to pay one and a half days of their daily wage as their annual Temple tax.
- 6) What especially enraged Jesus was not that a fee was being charged, but that the amount being charged to the poor was exorbitant and, hence, unjust. What was happening was a great social injustice done in the name of religion. In fact, the money-changers were street-level representatives of a corrupt Temple banking system which had become an instrument of injustice, fleecing the poor to benefit the powerful. By chasing the money-changers and merchants from the Temple, Jesus was questioning the validity of the entire sacrificial system itself -- of Israel's ability to atone for its sins, be forgiven and stand in right relationship with God. "Jesus' symbolic attack on the Temple would (in His culture) have had a meaning not unlike that of the terrorists who flew planes into the World Trade Centre - symbolically attacking a building that was widely seen as the "nerve center" of an entire network of political, economic and religious power. In addition to its key religious functions, the Temple had also taken on political and economic roles in Judaea. Apparently, its Treasury was used by many wealthy Jewish people as the "central bank of Jerusalem," where they stored their wealth, considering it safe from theft or pillaging." (Dr. Murray Watson).

Love and Peace

Fr. Bernardino Andrade

CONFESSIONS DURING LENT - Father Bernardino is available



During Lent **Father Bernardino will be available to hear Confessions.** As the Chapel is very small and there is no area that is private enough for this, Tadhg and Sinead, the owners of *Moynihan's Irish Bar* have graciously allowed Father to use the upper section of their restaurant to hear confessions after Mass. So, this morning, after celebrating Mass here at the Chapel, Father Bernardino will make his way up the road from the Chapel to Moynihan's so that he will be available to hear confessions if anyone so wishes.

Moynihan's Irish Bar is just up the road from the Chapel. You can't miss it.

SAINT OF THE MONTH: MARCH - Saint Joseph

March is the month of devotion to Saint Joseph, whose Feast Day falls on 19 March. March 19th is also Father's Day in some Catholic countries, mainly Spain, Portugal, and Italy.

In a society that seems to denigrate the importance of marriage and fatherhood, Saint Joseph, the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the man charged with the responsibility of raising Jesus, is an important role model of what an obedient, faithful and Christian father should be.

Saint Joseph is regarded as the **patron saint of workers** and Pope Pius IX declared him to be both the patron and the **protector of the Catholic Church**, in addition to his patronages **of the sick and of a happy death** (due to the belief that he died in the presence of Jesus and Mary).

In popular piety, Joseph is regarded as a model for fathers and has also become patron of various dioceses and places.

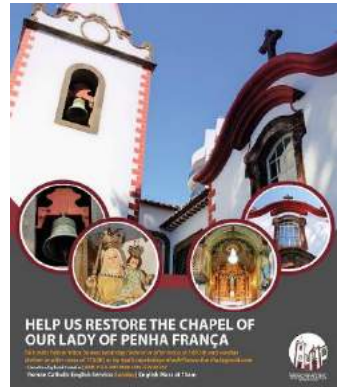


FUNDRAISER – Help Us Restore The Chapel Of Our Lady Of Penha de França

Father Vitor Sousa (our chaplain) has been raising funds towards repairs which are urgently needed to preserve and help restore our beautiful Chapel. **Raffle tickets** are available for sale at the Chapel at a cost of **1 euro** each, with the purpose of helping to pay for the restoration work which needs to be done. (The Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França is almost 400 years old!) The chancel ceiling above the altar is especially in need of intervention.

The draw was authorized by the Regional Authority for Economic Activities (ARAE) and will take place on Sunday April 15th, at 12h30, in the Social Hall of the Chapel, where Fr. Vitor will hand out the 27 Prize vouchers. Please support the Raffle. Some of the prizes available are:

- * Dinner for 2 at *The Vine* hotel
- * Official T-shirt of the soccer team *Club Sport Marítimo*
- * Tea for 2 people at *Belmonte Reid's Palace Madeira*
- * A meal for 2 people at *Istanbul Turkish Restaurant*
- * Lunch for 2 people at *Design Centre Nini Andrade*
- * 2 tickets to watch a *Club Sport Marítimo* soccer game
- * Embroidered cloth of a Poinsettia flower from *Casa do Turista*



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).

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PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

Where we helped this Week: 18-24 February 2018

Description	+ €	- €	Total €
Balance B/F from 17/02			- 264,14
PHP Mass Collection	411,00		146,86
Donations	200,00		346,86
Expenses Paid:			
1. House Rents		325,00	21,86
2. Medication		175,00	- 153,14
3. Doctor's Consultations		0,00	- 153,14
4. Bus fare		0,00	- 153,14
5. Water		0,00	- 153,14
6. Electricity		60,00	- 213,14
7. Gas		0,00	- 213,14
8. Telephone		0,00	- 213,14
9. Food & Groceries		70,00	- 283,14
10. Miscellaneous		265,00	- 548,14
Balance at 24 th February			- 548,14

Tea and Coffee After Mass

Please join us in
the Social Hall



Bible Group:

Joint Anglican - Roman

Catholic Bible Group:

The Lent Course.

Time: 2pm - 3.30pm.

Where: Trinity rooms of the English Church.

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