


18th March 2018 – 10h00 Sunday Mass

5th Sunday of Lent - Year B

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

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THE CATHOLIC ENGLISH MASS IN MADEIRA:

Good morning! Welcome! We are blessed by the presence of two dedicated priests here at the Chapel of Penha de França: Father Bernardino celebrates the English Mass every Sunday morning at 10am, and Father Vitor celebrates Mass in Portuguese at 11h30am.

As many of you may know, yesterday, March 17th, was St. Patrick's Day. Saint Patrick is one of the world's most well-known Saints, and the foremost patron saint of Ireland. Here at the Chapel of Penha de França every year we celebrate St. Patrick's Day with our Irish community and visitors! Every week we have people from different parts of the world visiting our Chapel, and this morning our Hymns will be in 3 different languages: English, Irish and Portuguese!

Please feel free to join in the singing of St. Patrick's Hymn! The words are on this page.

The words to this morning's Thanksgiving Hymn:

HAIL, GLORIOUS ST. PATRICK



Hail, glorious Saint Patrick, dear saint of our Isle,
On us thy poor children bestow a sweet smile;
And now thou art high in the mansions above,
On Erin's green valleys look down in thy love.

(Chorus)

*On Erin's green valleys, on Erin's green valleys,
On Erin's green valleys look down in thy love.*

Hail, glorious St. Patrick, thy words were once strong
Against Satan's wiles and an heretic throng;
Not less is thy might where in Heaven thou art;
O, come to our aid, in our battle take part.

(Chorus)

In a war against sin, in the fight for the faith,
Dear Saint, may thy children resist to the death;
May their strength be in meekness, in penance, and prayer,
Their banner the Cross, which they glory to bear.

(Chorus)

Thy people, now exiles on many a shore,
Shall love and revere thee till time be no more;
And the fire thou hast kindled shall ever burn bright,
Its warmth undiminished, undying its light.

(Chorus)

Ever bless and defend the sweet land of our birth,
Where the shamrock still blooms as when thou wert on earth,
And our hearts shall yet burn, wherever we roam,
For God and Saint Patrick, and our native home.

(Chorus)

TODAY'S HYMNS:

Brought to you by:

Organ / Voice – Prof. Cátia Marques

Cello – Prof. Helena Marques



- [1] **Entry Hymn:** Irish Hymn: "*Dóchas Linn Naomh Pádraig*" (St. Patrick is our hope)
- [2] **Penitential Act:** No. 659 - *Lord have mercy*
- [3] **Gospel Acclamation:** No. 690 - *Glory and praise to you*
- [4] **Offertory Hymn:** Portuguese Lent Hymn: "*Eis o tempo de conversão*" (This is the time of conversion)
- [5] **Sanctus:** No. 704 - *Holy*
- [6] **Agnus Dei:** No. 737 - *Lamb of God*
- [7] **Communion Hymn:** Irish Hymn: "*Ag Críost an síol*" (To Christ the seed)
- [8] **Thanksgiving:** "*Hail, Glorious St. Patrick*" (St. Patrick's Hymn)
- [9] **Final Hymn:** Instrumental: Traditional Irish music: "*Trasna na d'ionnta*" (Over the waves)

FROM MY HEART TO YOUR HEART – Eating «Dead» Wheat

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

The Bishop who ordained me almost 53 years ago, whose name was Francis, said something that impacted me deeply. Actually it brought me closer to Jesus or maybe it brought Jesus closer to me. It was about Jesus' language. He said that if we compared the language of Jesus with the language of St. Paul, it was like comparing a fourth grade student with a University professor.

Related with this side of Jesus, I had a colleague in the Seminary (who is still in ministry), who collected the nouns most used by Jesus. His name is Fr. José Pereira. He was fascinated (so was I) to realize that all the words Jesus used to teach His deepest messages were very very simple that even the most illiterate people could understand. It was like: *wheat, bread, fish, water, birds, flowers, sky, trees, food* and so on. Nobody needs to go to school to understand these words and what they mean. This is what came to my mind when I was reading today's Gospel (V Sunday of Lent B, John 12: 20-33) and found Jesus saying: «unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies it yields a rich harvest». Then I found interesting that the bread I eat daily is no more than the result of a «dead grain» of «dead wheat». The same about potatoes, corn, apples, and all the food I encounter on my table. All of them are the result of a dead seed. And if by any chance the seed refuses to die it is good for nothing.

Especially during this time of Lent I need to deeply meditate about my life and if I want to be «food» and «medicine» to the world. If I want to be a follower of Jesus to build the Kingdom of the Father, I have to be like the grain of wheat. I need to die to myself and let Jesus live in me. I need to stop looking for my personal success, and become just an instrument in the hands of my favorite Carpenter called Jesus.



Love and Peace

Fr. Bernardino Andrade

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(*Jer 31: 31-34 ; Psalm 50(51) ; Hebrews 5: 7-9 ; John 12: 20-33*)

(*Brought to you by: Chris Oliver*)

Jeremiah warned Israel against their idolatry and failure to respond to God's love, breaking God's covenant. At the time of the exile to Babylon Jeremiah proclaimed this great oracle of the "New Covenant", promising that God's Law will be written on men's hearts, giving them for ever the power – or "grace" – to respond with love to God's love. This most famous penitential psalm echoes David's humble admission of his sin with Bathsheba: every sin is an offence against God. The Letter to the Hebrews emphasises that Jesus is truly human: He shared our humanity and our weaknesses and afflictions. So he sympathises patiently with us in our sinfulness and is well able, as a high priest, to intercede with God for us, and to offer sacrifice on our behalf. He prayed with such love and respect that God heard his prayer. In the gospel of John some pagan Greeks ask their fellow Greek, Philip, to help them meet Jesus. The gospel message is now reaching out to Gentiles and this is taken by Jesus as the signal that his work is nearing its inevitable climax. Jesus' life has shown the way to salvation, but the human Jesus is very troubled by anticipation of his coming suffering, also described by the other Gospels in the Garden of Gethsemane

PSALM RESPONSE: A pure heart create for me, O God.

WEAR RED NEXT SUNDAY - Palm Sunday, March 25th

During Lent, the colour of Catholic priests' vestments are **purple**. But on the 4th Sunday of Lent the color is **rose** and on Palm Sunday it's **red**. Father Bernardino has a tradition of every year inviting anyone attending Mass on Palm Sunday to wear something red (shirt, blouse or whatever). So if you are attending Mass here at the Chapel next Sunday, we'd love to see you in red! ☺



POPE FRANCIS, A MAN OF HIS WORD – A documentary film

A new **documentary** film featuring face-to-face conversations with Pope Francis was **released on March 13, 2018**, on the 5th anniversary of His election as Pope. The film is called "Pope Francis – A Man of His Word". The movie is intended to be a personal journey with Pope Francis, rather than a biographical documentary about him. The pope's ideas and his message are central to this documentary. Here are some of the messages that Pope Francis leaves in the movie:



- No one can serve two masters. We either serve God or we serve money.
- Families quarrel, and sometimes plates fly. I won't speak about mothers-in-law! (Pope joking).
- In the family there are difficulties but those difficulties are overcome with love.
- We need to learn to listen. Differences always scare us because they make us grow.
- Tenderness is not weakness. It's strength.
- We have so much to do. And we must do it together.

I ABSOLVE YOU... - Confession During Lent



A sinner like us, going to Confession like us.

During Lent, **Father Bernardino will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Confessions**. As the Chapel is very small and there is no area that is private enough for this, the owners of *Moynihan's Irish Bar* have graciously allowed Father to use the upper section of their restaurant to hear confessions after this morning's 10am Mass. Father Bernardino will be available there for anyone who wishes to go to confession.

(Moynihan's Irish Bar is at the top of the road, only a short walk up from the Chapel... you can't miss it!)

FUNDRAISER – Buy a Raffle Ticket & Help Restore the Chapel



Father Vitor Sousa (our chaplain) has been raising funds to repair the ceiling above the altar (which has been in danger of falling). Two weeks ago, the restoration work was started. **Raffle tickets** are being sold in the social hall of the Chapel at a cost of **1 euro** each, with funds going towards this restoration. Thank you to all who have supported the raffle so far! If you haven't bought a ticket yet, why not try your luck and stand a chance of winning one of 27 prizes! The final draw is on Sunday April 15th at 12h30 in the Social Hall of the Chapel.

EASTER MASS SERVICES

Mass services available here at the Chapel of Penha de França over Easter:

- Sunday March 25th – **Palm Sunday** – 10h00 (English). 11h30 (Portuguese)
- Sunday April 1st – **Easter Sunday** – 10h00 (English). 11h30 (Portuguese)



Other Easter Mass services will be available at the Sé Cathedral (in Portuguese):

- Thursday March 29th – Holy Thursday – 10h00 and 18h00
- Friday March 30th – Good Friday – 9h30, 17h00 and 19h00
- Saturday March 31st – Holy Saturday – 9h30 and 21h30



PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE (PHP)



People Helping People 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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Last Sunday was Mother's Day in the United Kingdom, so Father Bernardino decided to honour some of the mothers who attended Mass by giving them flowers! We could not give a flower to every mother at Mass, so Father chose the youngest mother (48 years old), the oldest mother (81 years old), and the mother with the most children, to give flowers to. The last "title" (mother with the most children) was shared between 3 ladies who had 4 children each!



Tea and Coffee After Mass

**Please join us in
the Social Hall**



Bible Group:

**Joint Anglican - Roman
Catholic Bible Group:**

The Lent Course.

Thursdays: 2pm - 3.30pm.

Where: Trinity rooms of
the English Church.

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