


25th March 2018 – 10h00 Sunday Mass

Palm Sunday - Year B

Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França, Rua Penha de França 3,
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THE CATHOLIC ENGLISH MASS IN 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 Guido Dos Santos who passed away very unexpectedly 1 year ago this month. Guido will always be remembered for the happy,

fun, bubbly, charismatic and giving person that he was.

May his Soul rest in peace. ✚

Our priest for the 10h00 English Service Mass this Sunday morning is Father Bernardino. The 11h30 Mass in Portuguese is celebrated by Father Vitor.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(Is 50:4-7; Ps 21(22); Phil 2:6-11; Mark 14:1 – 15:47)

Second Isaiah was writing during the exile of the Israelites in Babylon after Jerusalem was destroyed. The people are discouraged, in despair, and tempted to give up their faith in God. In today's 'servant-song', Isaiah offers consolation, recommending non-resistance and trust in the Lord. Isaiah's words express our horror at the way Our Lord was treated. But, trusting confidently in his Father, Jesus "sets his face like flint", even though it is covered with spittle. **The Psalm** moves from this mood to express unshaken faith, praising God for our redemption and the promised conversion of all peoples. The hymn in **Philippians** rejoices that – unlike Adam – Jesus did not seek to be equal to God. But God raised him high, so that all creation should "acclaim Jesus as Lord, to the glory of God the Father". Jesus died just before Passover, when Jews celebrated their freedom from slavery. The soldiers, the Jewish leaders, the inscription on the Cross, all ironically give Jesus his true title of "King of the Jews", the Messiah, who frees us from death. When Jesus dies, the first human being in Mark's gospel to recognise Jesus as "Son of God" is a Gentile, the centurion. All the disciples had run away when Jesus was arrested. Only some women watched, and they saw where he was buried.

PSALM RESPONSE: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

HYMN NUMBERS:

Organ / Voice – Professor Fátima Cátia Marques

Cello – Professor Helena Paula Marques

- [1] **Entry Hymn:** Palm Sunday Hymn: *All glory, laud and honour* – No. 14
- [2] **Penitential Act:** *Lord, have mercy* – No. 659
- [3] **Gospel Acclamation:** *Glory and praise to You* – No. 690
- [4] **Offertory Hymn:** Lent Hymn: *Lord Jesus think on me* – No. 340
- [5] **Sanctus:** *Holy* – No. 704
- [6] **Agnus Dei:** *Lamb of God* – No. 737
- [7] **Communion Hymn:** *Portuguese Hymn*
- [8] **Thanksgiving:** *Instrumental*
- [9] **Final Hymn:** Palm Sunday Hymn: *Lauda Jerusalem* – No. 304



FROM MY HEART TO YOUR HEART – Do you want to become a Nobody?

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

I don't know in other places but, in the USA, it is common to advertise in the newspapers that there are seminaries, convents and opportunities for those who feel the call to become priests, nuns or to join the religious life that we also call «Consecrated Life».

Of course most of those of advertisements try to impress and attract young people by giving attractive reasons why they can consider joining those communities and that lifestyle. And it works because most of the young people have no proper information about this alternative for their lives. Unfortunately, most of the information they hear is negative, and also through jokes that denigrate a way of life that can be the best answer for their living, which is their love for God transformed into service for others.

I believe that most of us are aware of Mother Teresa and the thousands of young girls who decided to follow her and also of so many many priests and nuns who have lived their lives passionately in love with Jesus and his project. And most of them have lived a very happy life.

But ironically, there was a special religious order that had a very unattractive advertisement with a very high rate of success. The advertisement went like this:

«IF YOU WANT TO BECOME A NOBODY, JOIN US».

Join Us!

Holy Week is the best picture of what a «NOBODY» can be in a Christian life. And those who want to follow him must be open to become a *nobody* like Him. In the second reading of Palm Sunday Mass, St. Paul (Philippians 2: 6-11) says: «*His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave*». A slave was a «nobody» with no rights and no dignity. An animal would have more rights than a slave. Is this attractive?

The prophet Isaiah, in reference to the Messiah, says something very unattractive and in a way almost repugnant. Who wants to be like this? «*He had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases*».

(Isaiah 53). JESUS BECAME A NOBODY. If you want to become a *nobody*, follow him. I have tried and I don't know if I have been a good priest but I know that, for almost 53 years, I have been a very happy priest. If I could go back in life I would follow the same road.

Happy Holy Week

Fr. Bernardino Andrade



HOLY WEEK MASS SERVICES



Holy Week Mass services here at the Chapel of Penha de França:

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



Holy week Mass services 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
- Sunday April 1st – **Easter Sunday** – 9h00, 11h00, 17h00, 18h15

PALM SUNDAY / PASSION SUNDAY

The Church celebrates today as both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. Today's liturgy combines contrasting moments of glory and suffering – **the royal welcome given to Jesus by his followers** and **the unjust drama of his trial culminating in his crucifixion**.



Holy Week challenges us to remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation, to appreciate gratefully the price Jesus paid for our salvation, and to return God's love for us (expressed through the suffering and death of Jesus), by loving others. The meditation on these Paschal mysteries should enable us to do our own dying to sin and rising with Jesus, which will result in our healing,

reconciliation, and redemption. Proper participation in the Holy Week liturgy will also deepen our relationship with God, increase our Faith and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus.

I ABSOLVE YOU... - Confession During Lent

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!)



BOOK SALE – Get your copy of “Frozen Stiff”



Mrs Jane Caldwell and her husband have been regular visitors to our island for the past 15 or so years. Mrs Caldwell is an author, and after learning about the poverty on the island, decided to write a novel to help the “People Helping People” project which was started here at the Chapel (more info about this project on the last page of the newsletter).

The novel is called “Frozen Stiff” and is a **light-hearted, slightly romantic detective story; a typical holiday read**. It will be on sale today after Mass here at the Chapel for 10 Euros; absolutely every cent will go directly to helping those in need through “People Helping People”. **Happy Reading!**



Jane Caldwell (janecaldwell902@gmail.com).

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 morning, Father Bernardino had a surprise for 3 fathers who attended Mass! As the following day (Monday) was Father's Day in Portugal (19th March), Father Bernardino wanted to honour 3 Fathers with a flower each. He chose the youngest father (53), the oldest father (82), and the father with the most children (4), and gave them each a flower! The oldest and the youngest grandfather received a flower too!



Tea and Coffee After Mass

**Please join us in
the Social Hall**



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!



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