



10th June 2018 – 10h00 Sunday Mass

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 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:

The Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França was founded by Antonio Dantas in 1622, and originally built to minister to the soldiers of the small garrison at the Pontinha Redoubt (stronghold) in the bay of Funchal, but the Chapel soon became so famous a shrine that people came to it on pilgrimage from all parts of the Island. In 1721 the chapel was restored and enlarged. When the Diocese of Funchal took possession of the chapel it was used as the Bishop's Summer Residence for many years. In the meantime, the Franciscans had been coming to Madeira to carry out apostolic duties, and in 1935, they 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. Over the years it has been necessary to carry out repair work inside the Chapel, which was made possible through the generosity of a frequent visitor to our English Mass. At the moment, repair work is again taking place on the ceiling above the altar as it was in danger of falling down.

We are blessed by the presence of two dedicated priests here at Penha de França: Father Bernardino, who celebrates the English Mass every Sunday morning at 10h00, and **Father Vitor** who celebrates Mass in Portuguese at 11h30.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS



(Gen 3:9-15 ; Ps 129(130) ; 2 Cor 4:13-5:1 ; Mk 3:20-35)

How well the writer of **Genesis** describes the human condition: we are so curious we do that which is forbidden, just to see what it is like. When things go wrong, we blame others. And many lives are hard: getting food and bringing children into the world requires the sweat of our brow. But in the process "man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil". Not a mistake - God knew what he was doing right from the first! The **Psalms** begs pardon for our sins: as we trust in the Lord's mercy we can also confidently hope in our redemption. And Paul encourages the **Corinthians** to look forward to the eternal glory to come in an everlasting home built by God. We would have a very poor impression of Mary if we had only Mark's gospel, with no nativity and only Jesus' words in today's reading dismissing his mother and brothers as of no account, compared to those who do the will of God. Fortunately the other gospels written later give us a more developed picture: Mary indeed did do the will of God and is honoured as the first believer, the means by which God chose to send the Messiah to show us the way to salvation through suffering - his and ours.

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

TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC

Entry Hymn: "O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder" – n. 419

Offertory Hymn: "All that I am, All that I do" - n. 21

Communion Hymn: Instrumental

Thanksgiving: Instrumental

Final Hymn: "All over the world the Spirit is moving" - n. 19



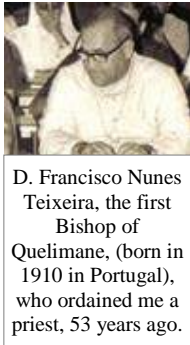
AN EXCITING AND PASSIONATE 53 YEAR JOURNEY – Part 1



Cathedral of Quelimane



1965 – My first mass after my ordination



D. Francisco Nunes Teixeira, the first Bishop of Quelimane, (born in 1910 in Portugal), who ordained me a priest, 53 years ago.

Yes! It happened on **June 12, 1965**. It was 53 years ago this week! In a sports field, in the city of Quelimane, Diocese of Quelimane, Mozambique (Africa), the **Bishop D. Francisco Nunes Teixeira**, who always maintained with me a father and son relationship, **imposed his hands on me and on two other young African men (Vasco and Benjamin), anointed our hands and told us that we were ordained priests forever.**

Since then I have embarked on a fascinating and passionate journey. I felt like when God called Abraham, telling him: «Go... to the land I will show you» (Gen. 12:1). No maps, no GPS, no travel checks, no hotel reservations, no Insurance plans. He just said «Go». And Abraham went. He just said «Go». And I went without knowing the roads and not knowing where I was going to. Abraham just knew one thing: Abraham knew Whom he was walking with. I knew just one thing: I knew Whom I was walking with. I was walking with God, Who is my Father and my Mother and my Abba, and Who was guiding me and had a special plan for me.

2.

The youngest of eleven children, I was born in Madeira Island, in Ponta do Sol, on November 29th, 1937. I came from a place where very few children attended school. Most of the adults were illiterate, including my parents and my oldest brothers. It was a poor farming community. Most of the children had no shoes to go to school or to walk around. But we didn't know that we were poor because all of us had the same way of life. Some rules and traditions like family meals, daily Rosary and Sunday Mass were not negotiable. The children had no toys but we knew games and how to play together.

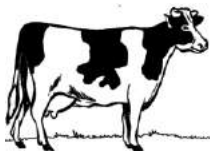
The only Christmas gift I had in my childhood was an orange. I don't remember where it came from. Also I don't remember if I ate that orange. It looked so yellow, so beautiful, so attractive that I spent my Christmas day showing it to my friends who were surprised to see such a beautiful Christmas Gift. I never had a dream of continuing my studies after my four years of primary school. I didn't even know why I had to go to school when I «knew» that I would have no choice in my life but digging the land, watering the plants and everything my parents and my brothers and sisters were doing.



3.

Then all of sudden something happened. One day, without any plans, I was in my kitchen in the company of my mother and my sister, Agostinha. I don't remember what I was doing. I was 12 years old and had finished my four years of my primary school and I was very happy that I didn't have to go to school again.

My philosophy was that I didn't need studies to milk a cow (my father had just one cow to milk, and one cow to work), to plant potatoes, beans, corn, sugar cane and so on. But **that day my sister asked me a very unexpected question.**

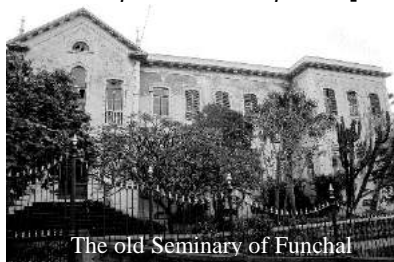


She just asked: - «*Bernardino, wouldn't you like to be a priest?*»? Without thinking, my answer was «Yes». I don't know why she asked me that strange question and I still don't know why I gave her that quick and strange answer. I was just 12 years old.

[One day, in America, a news reporter asked me: «*But when you were 12 years old, what did you understand about priesthood?* » My answer was: «*Now I am almost 70 years old and I still do not understand. Priesthood is a mystery that is being revealed to me daily, through prayer, through my ministry to the world and especially to my service to the poorest of the poor.* »]

My mother started inquiring about the requirements to enter the Seminary and on October 15th, 1950, my father and my mother took me to the Seminary of Funchal. It was an agonizing transition. I was just a child and *Ponta do Sol*, because of lack of communications, was so far away from *Funchal*.

----- (to be continued in next week's issue)



Love and Peace,
Fr. Bernardino Andrade

THE MADEIRA ATLANTIC FESTIVAL – Fireworks every week in June!

Source: www.visitmadeira.pt/en-gb/what-to-do/events/search/atlantic-festival



The Madeira Atlantic Festival (*Festival do Atlântico*) is a yearly event in June that sets the beginning of the summer season in Madeira. **On 4 consecutive Saturdays during the month (the 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th of June) at 10:30 pm there will be a glorious fireworks show** that lights up Funchal's night sky at the pier of Funchal's harbour. These wonderful and exciting performances, lasting about 20 minutes each, combine fireworks and music in a unique experience

for tourists and residents. **This year, pyrotechnic companies representing Austria, South Africa, Mexico, and Portugal** will compete for a trophy awarded by public vote through the Internet and boxes located in strategic places in Funchal city (*City Pier – day of the show, La Vie Shopping Centre, Marina Shopping Centre, and Avenida Arriaga Tourism Office*). **Each week there is a different country:** the 1st fireworks show was held yesterday, by a pyrotechnic company from Austria. Next Saturday will be South Africa, followed by Mexico on the 23rd, and the last fireworks show (*on June 30th*) will be done by a Portuguese company! It's a beautiful event, not to be missed!

POPULAR SAINTS FESTIVAL (*Festa dos Santos Populares*): 12-29th June

The Popular Saints Festival (*Festa dos Santos Populares* – in Portuguese) takes place all over the island in the month of June, and is strongly rooted in the traditions of Madeira. They are the high social point of many regions on the island. **These festivities are dedicated to the 3 popular saints: St. Anthony (*Santo António*), St. John (*São João*) and St. Peter (*São Pedro*).** The celebrations begin with St. Anthony, traditionally the saint of love, and a match-maker, but St. John is the most popular saint. From 19th - 24th June, **local shops prepare and show off their creativity by decorating small altars in honour of the 3 saints.** There are also lively musical performances in the city centre.



PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE (PHP)



"You should wash each other's feet"
(John 13:14).

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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Bible Group:

Joint Anglican - Roman Catholic Bible Group:

Thursdays 2:00pm-3:30pm at Holy Trinity Church, in the Library.

Where: Rua do Quebra Costas nr.20, Funchal.

Studying: the Pilgrim Course. 7 & 14th June – no Bible Group 21st June onwards - "The Beatitudes". Everyone welcome. Further questions contact Jean Faulkner at: shallomhouse@freeuk.co.uk

Tea and Coffee After Mass

Please join us in the Social Hall across the garden for a cup of coffee and a chat.



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! Our Social Hall has a Free Little Library: a cabinet full of books. You're welcome to take a book, leave one in exchange, or contribute with a small donation for the book you take ☺



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