

1st July 2018 – 10h00 Sunday Mass
13th 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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GOOD MORNING!

Welcome to the Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França, which was founded by Antonio Dantas in 1622. 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. 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. 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 has been in danger of falling down.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(**Wisdom 1: 13-15, 2:23-24 ; Psalm 29(30) ; 2 Cor 89: 7-15 ; Mark: 5: 21-43**)



The Book of Wisdom, written in the century before Christ, starts by exhorting us to "love righteousness ... and seek the Lord with sincerity of heart". God made man in his own image: not immortal, for only God is immortal, but God made righteous man "imperishable". Death is not the end. **The Psalm** gives thanks for deliverance from death: prayers during sickness were answered by God, triumphing over death.

The reading from Paul's second letter to the **Corinthians** might have been written today: we should share the earth's resources with other peoples currently in need. We may need help some time! Paul was collecting financial aid for the Church in Jerusalem, since many towns in the rest of the empire had greater resources. Paul's approach is supremely practical: he praises the Corinthians and then challenges them to give generously. But they should always keep a balance, not beggar themselves. We resume our Sunday readings from **Mark's gospel**. During his journey to heal Jairus' daughter, Jesus is interrupted by a woman seeking a cure for her continuous haemorrhage. Jesus tells her her faith has restored her to health. As with the child raised from the dead, God's kingdom breaks through, to help us understand what God has planned for us in his new creation.

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PSALM RESPONSE: I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC

Entry Hymn: "Kum bay a, my Lord, kumba ya" – n. 302

Offertory Hymn: "Take our bread, we ask you" - n. 528

Communion Hymn: *Instrumental*

Thanksgiving: *Instrumental*

Final Hymn: "Daily, daily, sing to Mary" - n. 120



This morning we have a special musician!

Anastacia is 9 years old, and will be joining her mother, Larysa, from the Ukraine!



1.

One of my first small cultural shocks, when I went to live and work in California, happened in one of my first Baptisms. I baptized a beautiful little girl with the name of Victoria. I spent the Mass and the entire ceremony calling her Victoria. When I dropped the sacred waters of her Baptism on her head I knew that I had said: «*Victoria*, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit». I thought, and everybody was saying, that it had been a beautiful and meaningful celebration. However, as soon as the ceremony was over I heard all the people talking to the baby and calling her *Vicky*. «Hi, Vicky!»... «You are so beautiful Vicky!»... «You are an angel Vicky!» That's when I got into some kind of panic. «Oh my God. I baptized the wrong Baby». Then it was when I realized that *Vicky* was a nickname for Victoria. That's when I started discovering that, in other countries, it was OK and cute to use nicknames even with adult people. That's when I learned that *Bill* is William, *Manny* is Manuel, *Jack* is John, *Tony* is António, and so on. That's when I learned that it's part of the Anglo culture to shorten people's names. That's when I started understanding people when they would ask me: «Fr. Bernardino, can I call you *Bernie*»? And my answer was: «Of course you can, but it is not my name». «Fr. Bernardino, can I call you *Dino*»? «Yes, of course, but it is not my name»

You see, when I was a child, changing the name was one of the ways that people, especially children, had to insult one another, and very often that would cause physical fights. But finally I discovered that changing the name was neither right nor wrong. It was cultural. And cultures can only be understood by our hearts. Cultures are a sacred ground.

2.



Later in my life, just to make things easier and faster, I started signing my emails and my letters to my family just like this: «*Tio B.*»...That means «Uncle B.» short for «*Uncle Bernardino*». My two nieces, living in different countries, (*Ana* in the USA and *Noraima* in Aruba), without talking with one another, decided to see in this «B.» a short for «bee», the simple name of a simple insect. What they never knew was that, one day, in a workshop conducted by a priest from Brazil, he asked all present to introduce themselves and say the name of an animal that would most identify us. And guess what. I chose the simple insect bee. And the three of us, without talking with one another, saw the same meaning of the insect bee. It was like an inspiration to program my life and I wish this would become a way of life. The program for my life and for the life of each one of us, would be that when I contacted people it would be like the bees contacting the flowers of the fruit trees. The bees contact the flowers, gently touch them, are nourished by them, take the best of each one of them without hurting them, and then visit other flowers, sharing with them the best of each one of them. And from that hard work, they become powerful sources of life. From that work, the trees produce beautiful, healthy and nourishing fruits. According to my nieces, that should be part of my job description: to touch people, and try to find and take the best of their stories and share with other people to inspire them and give them meaning for their lives; helping them to live their lives in full. This could mean bringing people together to help each other, healing their wounds, alleviating their suffering. This could be called «building common-union». This could be called «building Communion». This could be called «living a permanent Sacrament of the Eucharist». This could be called «Celebrating Mass, 24 hours a day».



THE WORLD'S SMALLEST IMAGE OF THE VIRGIN MARY

Source: www.aleteia.org/2018/06/29/the-worlds-smallest-image-of-the-virgin-mary-our-lady-behind-a-magnifying-glass/



A chapel in the city of Viacha (in Bolivia), is responsible for housing the *Virgin of the Litanies*. This is quite a special image - not only because visiting it involves a trip to a city 4,200 meters above sea level, but also because the image itself is only 4.7 cm tall, making it a contender for the smallest



image of the Virgin Mary in the world. In fact, local authorities proposed that the tiny sculpture be noted in the Guinness Book of World Records.

On very specific occasions during the year, the image is taken to the top of the mountain, where countless devotees from the Bolivian highlands venerate it year after year.

Where does this devotion to the Virgin of the Litanies come from?

Based on various traditions, according to the Bolivian Ministry of Culture, the origin of this devotion dates from the early 19th century, when the Virgin of Litanies appeared to a shepherd girl who was being attacked by a snake, scaring the reptile away. The next day, it is said, the peasants returned to the place and found a small stone with the sculpted image of the Virgin. This miracle led to the building of a chapel on the top of the mountain, on the Hill of the Litanies.

HIGHEST HONOUR IS TO SERVE GOD'S PEOPLE – Pope Francis

Source: www.ncregister.com/daily-news/pope-to-new-cardinals-the-highest-honor-is-to-serve-gods-people

At a ceremony in St. Peter's Basilica on Thursday, June 28th, Pope Francis created 14 new cardinals. *Antônio Augusto dos Santos Marto*, who has served as the Bishop of Leiria-Fátima (in Portugal) since 2006, is one of those fourteen!

During the ceremony, Pope Francis said the best promotion a person can receive is to serve the Person of Christ in the least of his people.

"This is the highest honour that we can receive, the greatest promotion that can be awarded us: to serve Christ in God's faithful people," he said. Speaking to the new and to the existing cardinals, Pope Francis said credible authority stems from "sitting at the feet of others," serving those "who are hungry, neglected, imprisoned, sick, suffering, addicted to drugs, cast aside ... real people, each with his or her own life story and experiences, hopes and disappointments, hurts and wounds."

"None of us must feel 'superior' to anyone," he continued. "None of us should look down at others from above. The only time we can look at a person in this way is when we are helping them to stand up."



During the June 28th ceremony:
Cardinal *Antônio Marto* from Portugal

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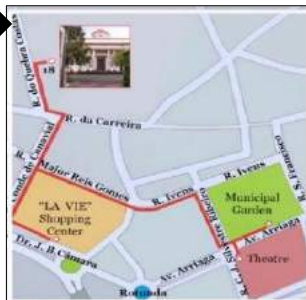
Thursdays 2:00pm-3:30pm at Holy Trinity Church, in the Library.

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

Studying: the Pilgrim Course. 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! ☺



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 ☺
We also have a **map** where you can place a pin on your home town!

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