




**8<sup>th</sup> July 2018 – 10h00 Sunday Mass**  
**14th 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:



**Welcome to the Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França.** The special intention of this morning's Mass is for **Maria Goretti Pereira Brás** whom God called to join Him in the Kingdom of Heaven one year ago, today. She is lovingly remembered by her family and all who knew her. **May her Soul rest in peace** ✝

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

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS



*(Ezekiel 2: 2-5 ; Psalm 122(123) ; 2 Cor 12: 7-10 ; Mark 6: 1-6)*

**Ezekiel** was a priest in the Jewish exile to Babylon in 597 BC. Like all prophets, including Christ and Paul, Ezekiel suffered for speaking truth to those who did not want to hear it. Here he is commissioned to speak the Lord's words to Israel – "whether they listen or not". **The psalm** begs the Lord to have mercy on the people, who are suffering humiliating contempt by others.

The last three chapters of Paul's second letter to the **Corinthians**, perhaps a separate letter, contains an impassioned defence against allegations that he was weak, and less committed because he earned his own living. Paul compares his suffering to Christ's, whose sufferings bring believers to accept suffering as the way to the Kingdom. We can only speculate about Paul's "stake in the flesh". But it clearly caused bodily pain, sometimes, as in Galatia, keeping him from his work of spreading the gospel. And it brought humility instead of the pride he might have had from his successful work. But this very weakness was a continual reminder of his apostolic task. In **Mark's Gospel** Jesus, too, finds his words are not listened to, even "among his own relations" and family. Although the later Gospels soften this rejection, it is clear Jesus found it painful.

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**PSALM RESPONSE: Our eyes are on the Lord till he shows us his mercy.**

### TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC

**Entry Hymn:** "Bind us together, LORD" - n. 65

**Offertory Hymn:** "O Lord, my God" - n. 419

**Communion Hymn:** Instrumental

**Thanksgiving:** Instrumental

**Final Hymn:** "Go, the Mass is ended" - n. 175



## FROM MY HEART TO YOUR HEART - Life After Delivery

- Brought to you by Fr. Bernardino Andrade: ([bernardinodandrade@gmail.com](mailto:bernardinodandrade@gmail.com))

**In a mother's womb were two babies;** one asked the other: «*Do you believe in life after delivery?*». The other replied «*Why, of course. There has to be something after delivery. Maybe we are here to prepare ourselves for what we will be later.*» ...



«*Nonsense*», said the first, «*There is no life after delivery. What kind of life would that be?*».

The second said «*I don't know, but there will be more light than here. Maybe we will walk with our legs and eat from our mouth. Maybe we will have other senses that we can't understand now.*».

The first replied - «*That is absurd. Walking is impossible. And eating with our mouths? Ridiculous! The umbilical cord supplies nutrition and everything we need. But the umbilical cord is so short. Life after delivery is to be logically excluded.*».

The second insisted - «*Well I think there is something, and maybe it's different from life here. Maybe we won't need this physical cord anymore.*».

**The first replied:** «*Nonsense. And moreover, if there is life, then why has no one ever come back from there? Delivery is the end of life, and in the after-delivery there is nothing but darkness and silence and oblivion. It takes nowhere.*».

«*Well, I don't know,*» said the second, «*but certainly we will meet Mother and she will take care of us.*».

The first replied «*Mother? You actually believe in Mother? That's laughable. If Mother exists then where is She now?*».

The second said: «*She is all around us. We are surrounded by her. We are of Her. It is in Her that we live. Without Her this world would not and could not exist.*».

«*Well I don't see her, so it is only logical that she doesn't exist*», said the first, to which the second replied: «*Sometimes, when you're in silence and you focus and listen, you can hear Her loving voice, calling down from above.*».

**Sometimes we are like the two babies in the story, and we ask: "Is there life after death?"... "Does God exist?"**

I have heard that even though birds are surrounded by air, they don't see the air.



Fish are surrounded by water, but the last thing they see is the water. We are so immersed in God. We are completely soaked in God like a sponge with water. We are completely surrounded by God like babies by their mother's wombs, like birds by air and fish by water but we are so distracted by the «*life*» and the «*needs*» created by us that we take the risk of even saying and feeling that God doesn't exist unless like the second baby says «**Sometimes, when you are in silence and focus and listen we can hear HIS loving voice, calling down from above.**».



Love and Peace,  
Fr. Bernardino Andrade

## IS THIS CAVE THE PLACE WHERE ST. PETER CELEBRATED MASS?

Source: [www.aleteia.org/2016/06/22/is-this-cave-in-turkey-the-place-where-saint-peter-celebrated-mass/](http://www.aleteia.org/2016/06/22/is-this-cave-in-turkey-the-place-where-saint-peter-celebrated-mass/)



The “grotto of St. Peter” in Antioch is considered one of the first churches of Christianity. In Chapter 11 of the Acts of the Apostles it says that Antioch was the city in which, for the first time, the disciples of Jesus were called “Christians”. Tradition has enthroned Peter as the founder of the Church of Antioch, following the narration in the Book of Acts, which tells of the arrival of Peter and Barnabas to the Turkish city, and also of their preaching there. Traditionally it is

believed that it was in the *Knisset Mar Semaan Kefa* (“Grotto of St. Peter” in Aramaic) where Peter celebrated the Eucharist for this community. Located in one of the slopes of Mount Starius, the cave has a depth of just 13m (42 ft.), a width of 9.5m (31 ft.) and a height of 7m (23 ft.) from floor to ceiling. **The oldest parts of the building we see today, built around the original cave dug in the mountain, are from the 4th and 5th centuries, and include a series of mosaic floors and a few frescoes which have been preserved on the right side of the altar. Centuries ago, a series of small aqueducts brought water (considered miraculous) from nearby springs into a small designated area where baptisms were celebrated, but a series of relatively recent earthquakes rendered these channels useless.**

When the Crusaders took Antioch during the First Crusade in 1098, a facade was added to the cave, which was rebuilt eight centuries later, in 1863, by Capuchin friars, by order of Pope Pius IX. **Today, the cave is only used as a museum, but, with permission, some religious ceremonies are held, especially on Feb. 21, the day on which Antioch celebrates the feast of their patron, Saint Peter.**



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### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us.

- Albert Schweitzer



## 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. 21<sup>st</sup> 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.**



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