




15<sup>th</sup> July 2018 – 10h00 Sunday Mass

15th 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.**

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



(**Amos 7:12-15**; **Psalm 84(85): 9-14**;  
**Eph 1: 3-14**; **Mark 6: 7-13**)

The first six chapters of the **Book of Amos** show in detail why the Jews will suffer judgement. Amaziah denounces Amos to

the northern king for his unwelcome prophecies. Speaking around 760 BC, Amos bravely ignores him, and continues to warn the people. 200 years later his warnings were written down – because he was right: the northern kingdom had rejected God, and was destroyed.

**The Psalm** describes the coming happiness revealed by the Lord: virtues are imagined as courtiers of the returned king.

Over the next seven weeks we hear extracts from Paul's breathtaking letter "to the **Ephesians**". Its ideas can flow past us so quickly that we can easily miss their significance. If we stop after each phrase and ponder its meaning, we see a God very different from common belief. A God who lovingly "chose us in Christ" "before the world was made". A God whose "hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning", so that we might "live through love in his presence". This was no 'plan B', suddenly concocted to correct a mistake!

In **Mark's gospel**, after his rejection in his home town we heard last week, Jesus now sends the disciples out on mission. Next week we hear about their experiences.

- **Brought to you by:** Chris Oliver. ([www.bible-groups.info](http://www.bible-groups.info))

**PSALM RESPONSE:** Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

## TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC

**Entry Hymn:** "Morning has broken" - n. 368

**Offertory Hymn:** "Father I place into Your hands" - n. 134

**Communion Hymn:** *Instrumental*

**Thanksgiving:** *Instrumental*

**Final Hymn:** "The Spirit Lives to set us free" - n. 561



# FROM MY HEART TO YOUR HEART

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

## 1) COME TO WORSHIP - GO TO SERVE

**It was my first and only visit to Pennsylvania (USA) to visit my friends Michael and Olivia,** and their children, who had moved from California. Michael was a Seventh Day Adventist and Olivia a devout Portuguese Catholic. They had two children, and I used to visit them like if we belonged to the same family. In spite of being Adventist, Michael never missed the Sunday Catholic Mass to accompany his children and his wife in their faith journey. One day, he received orders from his work to move to Pennsylvania. Later on, I was surprised when I was invited to be Michael's grandfather. Michael was going to be baptized in the Catholic Church! Of course when I visited this family in California, I always tried to behave like a Catholic, including prayer before meals. Also, I never pushed but I really, once in a while, invited him to become a Catholic and walk closer to his family in their faith journey.

During my visit to Pennsylvania, they took me around and of course I forgot many of the things I have seen. But there was one thing that I will never forget. This church was open and we decided to visit the church. I don't remember the size or the structure of the church.



But one thing I do remember: at the front door of the church there was a gigantic door mat. In the direction to the altar we could read these three words: COME TO WORSHIP. Then, on the same door mat, when leaving the church we could read, in big letters, these three words: GO TO SERVE. **Then I thought to myself: this door mat and these words should be mandatory in every church of the world.**

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Today's Gospel (Mark 6:7) starts like this «Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs...». We don't come to church mainly to be protected. We come to church mainly to be sent. The world is waiting for us. Go to serve.



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An important part of Evangelism is the simple act of inviting a friend or a family member to join us in worship. Let us try. You will be surprised to see how many people are going to feel happy to say one day: «I was very lucky to find a friend like him or like her». And this person can be you or me.

## 2) TURN YOUR SCARS INTO STARS

**When, last Sunday, I met Dr. Luisa, MD, for the first time, I immediately realized that I was standing before a golden vase.**

Very gently she approached me with such a beautiful smile, to inform me that she was going to spend part of the Mass looking at her telephone. The reason was that she was deaf and she was going to use the telephone to accompany the celebration of the Eucharist, especially the readings.

I didn't resist the temptation to ask her if she wouldn't mind to give her testimony to our congregation; if she wouldn't mind to tell her story. Dr. Luisa immediately said yes. Before the Mass ended, I invited her to come to the pulpit and tell her story. It was a very moving story.



Her grandfather had been a physician. Her father had been a physician. She never doubted that her way of staying in this world would be to become a physician too.

**Dr. Luisa is a Medical Doctor and spends the best of her time and the best of her skills in helping deaf people like herself.**

That reminds me of a 13-year-old girl in California, daughter of a Protestant Minister, Dr. Robert Schuller, who lost one of her legs in a motorcycle accident. After a long and painful recovery journey, she told her story by writing a book called "TURN YOUR SCARS INTO STARS". This is what Dr.

Luisa did. She turned her scar into a brilliant STAR.

Since I am saying Mass in this Chapel I have seen people many times applauding other people and other stories. Last Sunday July 8<sup>th</sup> was the first time that I saw people standing for a long applause to Dr. Luisa who for a few times repeated that she lived to help people.

**Thank you Dr. Luisa for turning your scar into a beautiful and brilliant STAR.**

Thank you Dr. Rui and Dr. Cristina Silva for being the guiding star that guided Dr. Luisa to our Mass. Thank you Dr. Rui, my personal friend, for being the Guardian Angel (as she called you) of Dr. Luisa in her professional life as a Medical Doctor.

**Love & Peace,** Fr. Bernardino Andrade



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## ANASTASIA MAKAROVA AND HER VIOLIN

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Nine-year-old Anastasia was still a baby when she started attending the English Mass here with her mother, Larysa, who played organ and violin during Mass. Her mother is from Ukraine and belongs to the Orthodox Ukrainian Church. It has been a joy for all of us, attending regularly the English Mass, to see Anastasia growing so fast. It was not a surprise when some of us felt emotional when we heard Anastasia playing her violin for the first time during Sunday morning mass here at the Chapel, 3 weeks ago. Anastasia will always be our baby. Sunday July 1st was the DAY. Congratulations Anastasia! Congratulations Larysa!



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## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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Two donkeys were walking in Jerusalem, when one donkey said to the other: "Just yesterday I was here carrying Jesus and the people were singing and shouting and throwing down their clothes for me to walk on, and today they don't even recognize me". The other donkey replied: "That's how it is my friend... **Without JESUS you are nothing**".

## 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:

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### 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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