




5<sup>th</sup> August 2018 – 10h00 Sunday Mass

18th 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!

This morning we welcome back Father Bernardino, who has been away on holiday for the last two weeks. In his absence we were blessed to have Father Aires Gameiro (from the Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God). **During the month of August there will be no Masses celebrated on Saturdays here at the Chapel.** The only two Masses celebrated here will be on Sundays: the 10h00 Mass in English celebrated by Father *Bernardino Andrade*, and the 11h30 Mass in Portuguese, celebrated by Father *Vitor Sousa*.

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS



(Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15; Psalm 77 (78); Eph 4: 17, 20-24; John 6: 24-35)

Exodus, the second of the five books of the Law, tells of Moses leading the Israelites through the desert to the promised land, a collection of slaves becoming a people, developing culture and laws. Above all coming to recognise and worship the God who saved them as the one God. They often rebelled and murmured against Moses. But God fed them in the desert with quails and manna – 'daily, or tomorrow's bread'.

The psalm reminds us of the importance of handing down to later generations the traditions of God's dealings with his people.

Paul continues reminding the Ephesians of the new rules they must live by. Not overturning the rules in Exodus, but demanding more and deeper conformity to Jesus' way. We have to put aside our old self which – as Paul knows very well – so easily "gets corrupted by following illusory desires". We must "put on the new self that has been created in God's way".

In chapter 6 of John's Gospel, after Jesus fed five thousand, he starts to explain the meaning of this miracle. Jesus feeds us, just as God fed the Israelites in the wilderness. Gently Jesus corrects the Jews' understanding of Exodus: It was not "**Moses** who **gave**" but Jesus' "**Father** who **gives** the bread from heaven" – now and always.

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## PSALM RESPONSE: The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

### TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC

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

**Offertory Hymn:**

"Gifts of bread and wine, gifts we've offered," - n. 159

**Communion Hymn:** *Instrumental*

**Thanksgiving:** *Instrumental*

**Final Hymn:** "Walk with me, O my Lord," - n. 600



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Fr. Aires Gameiro

There are perhaps millions of books and articles on freedom, liberties and the much discussed "free will". So many of us think we know what freedom is. And that we have *or do not have* freedom. Some affirm it too much, others almost deny it, but they do not dismiss it.

There are perhaps dozens of categories of freedom. Religious freedom is taken from those who have it, without giving it to dozens of countries that have never had it. Not a few, today, repeat the buzzword that one's freedom ends where another's freedom begins, as if it were all clear.

Many flee from thinking of their inner freedom, the freedom of their own neurons, the freedom of their passions, affections and hearts. And even more flee from linking it to responsibility. It is repeated that thinking is free; and can be; do not forget, however, the unique thought, politically correct, that so many want to

impose on us. Most people like to multiply theories of freedom from social constraints. They forget the constraints of fashion and the biological ones that nobody chooses; and the limiting conditions of freedom that each add up in the illusion of, but nevertheless do not reduce his freedom. The "catechism" of the French Revolution leads many to think that everything is said with a few words on freedom. Many people are convinced that if they do what they like, they are already free. Despite Nelson Mandela's centenary with 27 years in prison, many do not wonder how he, while incarcerated, remained liberated in his thinking and being. There is a certain dread about speaking on debauchery as if there were only freedom with kindness, and people do not abuse it when they relate to others. Nor do many people like to speak of those who lose inner and outer freedom in each repetition of their substance-dependent behaviors and obsessive thoughts and behavioral compulsions. Few like to think that there are many people, perhaps more and more, who behave with reduced freedom in one, two, three and more behaviors. Are the millions of Anonymous who face, with the Twelve-Step method of Minnesota, some of their behaviors without freedom and without truth, mistaken? At least these put side by side freedom and truth as the opposite to the lie of their life; they put side by side freedom, beauty and kindness of living.

It seems that it is not politically correct and well accepted to say that lie is glued to the lack of freedom, even when it is stated otherwise. Before Pilate, who seemed to want to know the truth about Jesus, he soon became disinterested in hearing Jesus saying that he came to bear witness to the truth (Jn 18: 38-39). Freedom and lying, together, can only be an illusion; the opposite of goodness and beauty of life. Freedom and lies end in corruption and slavery for the liar and others. This apparent freedom, cooked with lies, cannot lead to the much-vaunted fraternity of the 1789 revolution, nor to the equal dignity of all people.

Equality, proclaimed without the dignity, respected, of all people, is a colossal sociopolitical lie. And why is the statement of the One who fully knows what it means to be free, so forgotten, "*you shall know the truth, and it shall make you free*"? (Jn 8:32).

*The*  
**TRUTH**  
SHALL MAKE YOU  
*Free*

## POPE FRANCIS RECEIVES SPECIAL GIFTS FROM MADEIRA!

**On Wednesday, 1st of August, a group of 19 acolytes from Funchal were in Rome** and gave Pope Francis two gifts from Madeira Island: a traditional Madeiran villager's cap, and the flag of Madeira!

**It was a very emotional moment for the acolytes**, all from the Funchal parish of Boa Nova (the Sacred Heart of Jesus church). They were in Rome to attend the International Pilgrimage of Acolytes (PIAR-2018), which took place there from July 30th to August 3rd.



## FUNDRAISER DINNER AT MOYNIHAN'S PUB - August 21st

There will be a Fundraiser dinner for the poor who are being helped by the project PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE, on Tuesday, August 21st, at 7:30 PM at Moynihan's Irish Pub. The **price for Adults is 16,00€** and for **children (up to 12 years of age) is 8,00€**. Tickets will be available at Moynihan's Irish Pub.



Please enjoy a delicious meal and help the needy with food, medicine, house rent, bus fares, Doctor's appointments, water, electricity and so many other unexpected necessities. The goal is *"Find a hurt and heal it, find a need and fill it"*.



The menu for the Fundraiser Dinner is:

### Drinks

Sangria, Beer, Soft Drinks (1 drink per person included).

### Main Course

Fish Goujons; Chilli Con Carne; Marinated chicken.

### Sides

Rice, Salad & Chips.



## PRIZES ARE WELCOME TO THE RAFFLE

We would much appreciate if someone could donate one, two or more prizes to a RAFFLE that is going to take place during the Fundraiser dinner at Moynihan's Pub. You can bring the prizes to the chapel on Sunday, or leave them with your names at the Pub. **Thank you!** 😊

## ASSUMPTION DAY MASS - August 15th



**On Wednesday, August 15th, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary.** It is a Holy Day of obligation like on Sunday.

There will be Mass celebrated in English here in this Chapel of Penha de França at 10:00 AM. All are welcome! 😊

## 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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## JOIN US AFTER MASS FOR TEA AND COFFEE!

- The **Social Room** is right across the garden, **in front of the Chapel**. Please feel free to go there after mass this morning, and **enjoy a cup of coffee or tea**, and cake.



- We also have a **Visitor's Book** there, where you can leave a message, tell us what country you are from, write a short note about your experience of being at mass in Penha de França Chapel, or give us any suggestions.

- We have a **world map where you can put a pin on your home town**. Please take a few minutes to do this... we'd love to know where you're from!



- And we also have a **Little Free Library** where you're welcome to take a book, leave one in exchange, or contribute with a small donation for the book you take – all proceeds go to our People Helping People fund [we are in partnership with Sinead (from Movnihan's Irish Bar, on the corner up the road from the Chapel) who collects any unwanted books]. **So please join us!** 😊



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