



19th August 2018 – 10h00 Sunday Mass

20th 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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Seminarian Stephen Roberts,
Father Bernardino Andrade,
and Deacon Craig Aburn

Welcome to the Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França!

The special intention of this morning's Mass will be offered for the **Dos Ramos family** (Marcelino, Rita, Cristiano, Laurence, Carmelita, and Lucia), and for their dear Aunt, **Deolinda de Sousa**, who is very ill in the hospital in Funchal.

This morning we are blessed to have 2 special visitors from the UK assisting Father Bernardino: *Deacon Craig Aburn* who is visiting Madeira from Portsmouth Diocese (UK) and a Seminarian, *Stephen Roberts*, visiting the island from Shrewsbury Diocese in Formation at Oscott College in Birmingham (UK).

This Mass is the only Catholic Mass celebrated entirely in English on the whole island of Madeira. Father Vitor Sousa, Chaplain, celebrates the Mass in Portuguese here at the Chapel every Sunday at 11h30.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS



(Proverbs 9: 1-6; Psalm 33(34); Eph 5: 15-20; John 6: 51-58)

The Book of Proverbs gives pithy maxims for right living, applying the Law to real life. God's word is here seen personified as Wisdom, urging us: "Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared". The psalm urges us to glorify the Lord, grateful that he has rescued us from danger. Therefore we should fear the Lord, "keeping our tongue from evil". Paul tells the Ephesians to enjoy food and wine, but they should "not drug" themselves with wine. And after singing psalms and hymns in community they should "go on singing and chanting to the Lord in their hearts", so giving thanks to God. Chapter six of John's Gospel reaches the climax of Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist. The Gospel's prologue tells us that "the Word became flesh": the Wisdom of God took our human flesh to share the trials of this world with us. Jesus gives us his flesh and blood to sustain us on our journey, as he fed Elijah. Jesus insists that physically eating and drinking must be part of the Eucharist so that we take his "Word become flesh" into our very beings. Not surprisingly, some Jews – like us – find it difficult to link together the spiritual and material worlds, as did the Samaritan woman, and Nicodemus.

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

PSALM RESPONSE: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC

Entry Hymn: "Praise, my soul, the King of heaven!" – n. 464

Offertory Hymn: "In bread we bring you, Lord" - n. 258

Communion Hymn: Instrumental

Thanksgiving: Instrumental

Final Hymn: "I, the Lord of sea and sky" - n. 247



One of the most fascinating things about a human being is the capacity to feed and to be food. One of the most known chapters of the Gospel is **John 6**. Jesus talks about feeding, and he fed large crowds by multiplying bread. Then He talks, for a long time, about himself becoming and being bread. Bread of Life. He talks about Himself about becoming, and being, food.

Every time we attend our Sunday Mass we learn and are inspired to be like Jesus. That means to feed, and to be food.

IDOLIZING WITHOUT TRUSTING



American actor, Tony Randall, famous for his role as Felix in «The Odd Couple», once had an experience that surely was the inspiration for a current credit card commercial.

Randal was in a jewellery store in New York City. The store's owner recognized him and was very excited. He declared that Randall was his all-time favourite actor. What a treat it would be for his wife, the man said, if she could talk to *the* Tony Randall. Randall graciously agreed. So, the man called his wife and Randall had a short, pleasant conversation with her as she gushed on and on about how wonderful he was. Finally, Randall came to the point of his visit to the jewellery store. There was a gold necklace in the window that had caught his eye. He would like to buy it. Would the store accept a personal cheque? The store owner hesitated, then asked, «*Do you have any identification?*»

Recognition only goes so far. The store owner only goes so far. The store owner was ready to idolize Tony Randall. He wasn't ready to trust him.

It is possible for people to attend Mass today and worship Jesus, but still not trust Him with their lives?

Jesus is not in search of admirers. Jesus is in search of followers.

According to statistics from Oxfam, 2.500 people will die of hunger during the typical one-hour Church service. Two thirds of them will be children.

Love and Peace,

Fr. Bernardino Andrade

INSPIRING QUOTE:

Acquire the habit of speaking to God as if you were alone with Him, familiarly and with confidence and love, as to the dearest and most loving of friends.

- St. Alphonsus Liguori



Then Jesus declared,
"I am the bread of life.
Whoever comes to me will
never go hungry, and
whoever believes in me
will never be thirsty.

- John 6:35



SAINT OF THE MONTH: AUGUST - Alphonsus Liguori (Feast Day: August 1st)

Source: www.saintsresource.com/alphonsus-liguori



Alphonsus was what we call a “gifted” student today. He was a lawyer by the time he was 16 years old! He came from a wealthy family in Naples, Italy, and had every advantage in life from the moment he was born in 1696. But **his parents were spiritually devoted people, and Alphonsus was taught that the greatest blessing he had been given was his faith.** He prayed often and attended Mass even on days when he was appearing in court.

He found that he was not happy with his life and sought to understand God's will for him and finally realized he was being called to the life of a priest. He studied theology and was ordained when he was 29.

Alphonsus became famous for his preaching. He spoke so that everyone in church - even people who had never gone to school - could understand his message. He gave retreats for the poor and he encouraged people to pray more often. **He founded an order of priests called the Redemptorists.** These men were devoted to serving the average working family and peasants.

Even though he was such a busy priest, **Alphonsus took time to write books and hymns.** He also worked to correct a false teaching of his day known as Jansenism that said that people were too sinful to be worthy of receiving Jesus' Body and Blood in the Eucharist. **Alphonsus taught that receiving Communion helped us to overcome our sins and to become more holy.**

He suffered from physical afflictions that left him in great pain in his later life, and he died at the age of 91. Alphonsus **was canonized a saint in 1839 and in 1871 was named a Doctor of the Church** - a person who made an important contribution to the Church by helping us to understand what it means to be Catholic.

FUNDRAISER DINNER AT MOYNIHAN'S PUB – Tuesday, August 21st

There will be a Fundraiser dinner for the poor who are being helped by the project PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE, this **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)** it's **€8,00**. Tickets will be available at Moynihan's Irish Pub, and also here at the Chapel today.



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.

Please come and 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”*.

**** UPDATE: FUNDRAISER DINNER HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL LATER IN THE YEAR**

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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