



18th November 2018 – 10h00 Sunday Mass

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França,
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THE CATHOLIC MASS IN ENGLISH

Good morning! Welcome to the Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França. This 10h00 Mass is the only Catholic Mass celebrated entirely in English on the whole island of Madeira. We are blessed by the presence of two dedicated priests here at the Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França: Fr. Bernardino Andrade, who celebrates the Mass in English every Sunday morning at 10h00, and Father Vitor Sousa, Chaplain, who celebrates Mass in Portuguese on Saturday evenings at 18h30, and on Sunday mornings at 11h30.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(Daniel 12: 1-13; Psalm 15(16): 5.8-11; Hebrews 10: 11-14.18; Mark 13: 24-32)

The **Book of Daniel** belongs to “apocalyptic” literature, which secretly looks forward to the day of the Lord at the end of history, when all will be made right. It was written about 165 BC to strengthen the Jews who were suffering bitter persecution. The hero, Daniel, is saved by adhering to his faith in face of many trials. Daniel is promised that the just will live for ever, an early expectation of resurrection. The **psalm** rejects idolatry and expresses confidence in the Lord, who will bring us to everlasting life. Our final reading from the **Letter to the Hebrews** also looks forward to the end time. The daily animal sacrifices in the Temple could not take sins away. They have now been replaced by the one sacrifice of Christ, who now sits enthroned until he comes again. His perfect sacrifice has made forgiveness available to all. No further sacrifices will ever be needed.

An earlier chapter in the Book of Daniel, which we will hear next week, describes a vision of “One like a Son of Man” coming to rule God’s kingdom on earth. In today’s gospel Jesus graphically describes the heavenly signs that will accompany his return as the “Son of Man”.

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PSALM RESPONSE: Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC

By: Larysa Makarova

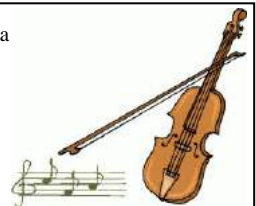
Entry Hymn: “O Lord, my God! When I in awesome wonder...” - n. 419

Offertory Hymn: “All that I am, all that I do” - n. 21

Communion Hymn: *Instrumental*

Thanksgiving: *Instrumental*

Final Hymn: “Guide Me, O thou great Redeemer” - n. 201





Pope Francis never stops touching the people's hearts all over the world, Catholics and non-Catholics, with his compassion towards the most fragile and most vulnerable.

In 2017, ending the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis established the Year of the Poor. 2018 is the second World Day of The Poor.

In order to celebrate this special event, I asked Fr. Dr. Aires Gameiro to please write a few words about the poor. I feel very grateful that he has said yes on this special occasion.

Thank you Father Aires Gameiro.

Fr. Bernardino Andrade

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World Day or a Web Summit of the Poor and the Rich?

- Brought to you by Fr. Aires Gameiro

The Web Summit and **World Day of the Poor (18.11.2018)**, invite us to reflect on the poor. A day of the poor is impersonal for them; they are poor also in name; hardly anyone calls them by name. When a poor man dies, a few know who he is. It is strange that the miserable of the Gospel gave a name to Lazarus, while not to the rich man. On the other hand, the news give names to the richest men and their ranking of wealth, banks, and all their assets. I will propose a World Day of the Rich even if it could offend the poor. **It would be good to bring the two sides together on the same day: World Day of the Rich and of the Poor. The very, very rich and the very, very poor, the miserable, face to face as in the last judgement.** It would be a "RPSummit". In any case, relations between rich and poor are the key to almost everything going on, from Trump, Putin, Bolsonaro, Maduro, refugees dying by thousands in the Mediterranean; relations between Saudi Arabia and Yemen, slums and palaces, etc. It would be a challenge to compare the very rich with the very poor. Who would pay the RPSUMMIT? Hardly the richest themselves. Even harder, the Poor! A site on the Web invites you to meet the 10 richest people in the world. Imagine! Each one would be responsible for more than 100 million very poor people. If the richest were 20 (and only two are women), as another website says, it would give more than 50 million poor people to every rich person; but it seems that, according to another updated website, it will be 80 very, very rich people. And yet another advances that only 15 people, with name and photo, control much of the world's money. It's curious! Speaking of the poor, the news from various sites no longer speak of the number of poor people, but of poorer countries, and even say that there are 9 of the poorest and some of them have percentages of 8% of the population.



It is claimed that less than a hundred super-rich people have appropriated 82% of the wealth increase in 2017 in the world; and half of the poorest population will have been left with nothing. Blacker is the fact that very, very poor children are 400 million; and 1.4 million of them are at risk of starving in Africa. Some rich, very rich, tend to react: if we were to worry about the poor, "at our gate", and give them crumbs, we would cease being rich and others would pass us by. Will psychiatry ever decide whether, scientifically, the greed and the craving to be the richest is pathological addiction, cleverness, or heart indifference and contempt towards the poor and miserable?

The very, very rich man of the parable of the Gospel had only one very poor man at his gate. Today the very rich do the same with many poor people. The very poor do not need only crumbs. They need a Rich and Poor Summit every year not to make the richest richer as in Web Summit. Why do the great politicians, the powerful and the richest of this world, not want to share the

common wealth of the planet, even knowing, scientifically, that at the end they do not take anything of it? I think the main reason is because they reject Jesus Christ. Whoever explicitly or implicitly rejects Jesus Christ rejects also the poor. How difficult it is for a very rich man to enter the Kingdom of God. Even so, the poor will continue to be a summit judgement of the very rich and powerful people. This concentration of means in less and less people is progress, or stupidity? Some rich men do good things; they only need to do good to the poor at their gate. The poor people, in painful silence, repeat: *we are the criteria and judges of your greatness and your inhumanity*. Poor people shout continuously: *kings, you are naked and your savants are blind*. Even without organized summits, "startups" work permanently in the human forums and ask: *what is your purpose of life? Money or Jesus Christ who said: I was hungry and you gave me eating. Do as Martin, who still pagan, gave half of his cape to a poor man.*

Funchal, World Day of the Poor, 2018
Fr. Aires Gameiro

SCULPTURE OF THE "HOMELESS JESUS"



Sculpture of the "HOMELESS JESUS" gets a blessing from the Pope

Did you know that this **bronze sculpture of Jesus**, depicted as a homeless man sleeping on a park bench, has been blessed by Pope Francis? The sculpture with crucifixion wounds on its feet, was created by Canadian sculptor, Timothy Schmalz, who travelled to Rome in 2013 to present his "Jesus the Homeless" sculpture to the Pope. *"The first thing he did when he saw my sculpture was he prayed, and then he blessed the piece,"* says Schmalz. He was inspired to create the sculpture after seeing a homeless person wrapped in a blanket in Toronto. **The life-size sculpture took 8 months to build.**

Pope Francis this week donated to the Archbishop of Rio de Janeiro (Brasil) the sculpture of "Jesus the Homeless". This gesture is a tribute to the World Day of the Poor that is being celebrated on this Sunday November 18. This sculpture represents a man laying down on a bench of a plaza with a short blanket. It is possible to see on his bare feet two perforations that are marks of Jesus' Crucifixion.



Sculpture of the "HOMELESS JESUS"

A dirty, repugnant and addicted Homeless person is not "like Jesus". He is Jesus. He is the one who is going to open the door of heaven for us. (Math 25).

FOOD TO MY BROTHER



We start today, on this "II WORLD DAY OF THE POOR" a small project to help the poor. At the door of the Chapel there will be a **basket to collect food to give to the poor.**

You are welcome to bring any little thing to alleviate the suffering of the world. That basket will be part of the Offertory procession along with the bread and the wine.

"What I do for others is just a little drop of water on the ocean. But without that little drop of water the ocean is smaller" (Mother Teresa).

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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Donations
are greatly
Appreciated!

People Helping People is still **in need of bed linen** to donate to a very poor family.

Can you help? 😊



Tea and Coffee
After Mass!!
in the Social Room
across the garden -
please join us.



Please sign our
Chapel's Visitor's Book

in the Social Room

- We'd love to know
which
country you're from!



MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturdays: 18h30 Portuguese

Sundays: 10h00 English

11h30 Portuguese

Other Holy Day Masses in English:

Dec.8th – Immaculate Conception.

10h00

Dec.25th - Christmas Day.

10h00

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