



25th November 2018 – 10h00 Sunday Mass

Christ The King, Year B

Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França,
Rua Penha de França 3, Funchal, Madeira

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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! Our priest this morning is Fr. Bernardino Andrade, who celebrates the Mass in English every Sunday morning at 10h00. There are also masses celebrated in Portuguese here at the Chapel: on Saturday evenings at 18h30, and on Sunday mornings at 11h30.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(Daniel 7: 13-14; Psalm 92(93): 1-2.5; Rev 1: 5-8; John 18: 33-37)

The Book of Daniel was written about 165 BC. It looks forward with certainty to the day of the Lord at the end of history, when the kingdom of God will triumph. In this vision the worldly kingdoms opposed to God have been portrayed as various beasts. In contrast, the glorified people of God who will form his kingdom on earth, is represented in human form, as "one like a son of man". This became the most characteristic way in which Jesus referred to himself, as the one through whom the salvation of God's people is realised. **The psalm** praises the eternal kingship of the Lord, who triumphs over rebellion and chaos. **The Revelation** to John was probably written about 90 AD, during a time when Christians were being persecuted. Today we hear John's greeting to the seven churches of Asia, before he criticises them. His summary of the Christian faith includes a reference to Daniel's vision. **The Gospel of John** was also probably written near the end of the 1st century. It is very different from the other 3 gospels, which are read over the 3 year cycle. In today's reading Jesus clearly tells Pilate the nature of his kingship, reflecting how much the understanding of Jesus had developed over the 60 years since his death.

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PSALM RESPONSE: The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.



TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC

By: Larysa Makarova & Rui Gomes

Entry Hymn: "Bind us together, Lord," – n. 65

Offertory Hymn: "Take our bread, we ask you" - n. 528

Communion Hymn: *Instrumental*

Thanksgiving: *Instrumental*

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

This morning's Hymn music is led by **Larysa Makarova** from the Ukraine. She will be joined by **Rui César Gomes**, who has been playing the accordion for 6 years now. It's one of his favourite hobbies! Today it will be his 4th time playing the accordion in our Chapel. ©

- Brought to you by Fr. Bernardino Andrade (bernardinodandrade@gmail.com)



1.

One day I was having a conversation with a friend of mine when he told me: “I am a good Catholic but there are many things in the Catholic Church that I don’t like and I don’t agree”. My answer was: “Welcome to the club. I am trying to be a good Catholic Priest, but there are many things in the Catholic Church that I don’t like and I don’t agree. I think that if you made a list, my list would be longer than yours.” But She (The Church) is my mother and I am passionately in love with her. There are many things in my family and in my country that I don’t like

and I don’t agree, but my family is my family and my country is my country and I love them. And the curious aspect of this love affair is that the more I love my family and my country and my church, the more I love other churches, other families and other countries.

2.

Today (Nov. 25, 2018) the Church is celebrating the Feast of Christ the King. I like the idea of celebrating the Feast of Christ the King. Actually, becoming a King is part of the ritual of our Baptism when the Priest anoints us with the oil of Chrism and says: “As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and king, so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life” (Ritual of Baptism).

3.

Now my confession. I always feel uncomfortable with the way this characteristic has been interpreted by the life of my Church. Portugal has 33 Kings, and 2 Queens, in its History books. In my school book of the history of Portugal there was a picture of each one of them. All of them very sombre-looking, with a golden crown on their heads and a sceptre in one hand. The lives of many of them were involved in wars against other nations. They had many things in common and one of them was power over all the people. They used their power to do lots of good things but they also used their power to oppress people and cause bloodshed.



4.

The Catholic Church instituted the Feast of Christ the King in 1925. I think it was a great idea. However, every time I see a statue of Christ the King it looks exactly like the statues of the Portuguese Kings: a crown on His head, a sceptre in His hand, strange garments and very sombre. They really look like the figures I used to see in my school books. I really didn’t like them. Actually comparing them with what the Gospel says about authority and power they look ridiculous and don’t inspire me to be a Jesus follower. And I am afraid that worshipping a king according to the world’s values, the church is supporting power like the world sees it. Recently, Brazil elected *Jair Bolsonaro* to be its president. Before the elections, somebody said that if Bolsonaro was elected it would be a tragedy for the world, and for Brazil of course. He used the Bible and his church to implement his ideas.



After he was elected, it was said that the person that was more insulted in his campaign was God. He used God and His Word to propagate his diabolic ideas. And he won. God was the loser. And when God loses, all the people lose.

5.

For me, the true images that express the Kingship of Jesus, and inspire me, are:



Jesus the Good Shepherd (Lk.15: 3-7), Jesus washing dirty feet (Jo.13:4-15), Jesus touching an unclean and dirty leper (Mk.1:40-45), Jesus embracing children (Mk.10:13-16) and finally a bloody body crowned with a crown of thorns (not gold) and mocked at the cross (Mat. 27:27-56). Actually I prefer what Jesus says about power and authority. «You know that among the Gentiles whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you: But whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and give his life a ransom for many». (Mk. 10: 42-45).



One of the recent books of Pope Francis has the title of «The True Power is to Serve» Love and Peace, Fr. Bernardino Andrade

A SPECIAL THANK YOU – PAINTING AUCTION WAS A SUCCESS!

Two week's ago, after the 10am Mass, we had a special “auction” here at the Chapel. A visitor from Norway, Mrs Frøydis Gustavsen, together with her friend, Vera (who has an art gallery in Norway) brought **5 paintings done by famous artist, Guillermo Silva**, to be auctioned off after Mass, and generously donated all money raised towards the “People Helping People” project. The auction was a great success, and a **total amount of 590 Euros** was raised!!

This money has helped many people in Funchal and the countryside in desperate situations and also a very poor family in Lisbon.

Thank you to all who supported the painting auction, and also a huge thank you to Bart and Ellie O' Halloran who stepped in to help lead the auction. Thank you so much! And especially to Frøydis and her friend Vera for their wonderful generosity in helping the poor so far away from their hometown... thank you!

As Fr. Bernardino says, “One of the gifts of *People Helping People* is not recognising boundaries. It recognises the face of Jesus in the face of every suffering human being.”



Vera and Frøydis



The auction under way!



The 5 paintings

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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Thank you in advance! ☺

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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