




6th January 2019 – 10h00 Sunday Mass

Epiphany, Year C

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. 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

(Isaiah 60:1-6; Ps 71(72); Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12)

Third Isaiah was writing just after the Israelites had returned from exile in Babylon. After God promises to punish those who fail to keep his covenant, he offers participation in the future messianic salvation to all who believe in the Lord and keep his commandments. Isaiah visualises the new Jerusalem, illuminated by God, to which all peoples will stream, and a time when their offerings will be acceptable. **The psalm** prays that the king's reign will be just, long, prosperous and glorious, with support for the poor. Paul sees the Church, Christ's body, as the new Jerusalem, part of God's plan for the whole of creation. Paul joyfully tells the **Ephesians** that God's plan was always to take the gospel message to all: Gentiles as well as Jews are to share equally in the inheritance promised by God. In Luke's Gospel an angel announced Jesus' birth to poor Jewish shepherds, excluded from Temple worship by their occupation. Today **Matthew** describes Gentile scholars travelling from afar to bring kingly offerings to the new-born child. God's plan is already becoming known beyond Israel. But the scholars needed the Jewish scriptures to help find Jesus. We too need the Old Testament to help us understand God's plan and what he has done in Jesus for our salvation.

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PSALM RESPONSE: All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.



TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC

By: Larysa Makarova (from the Ukraine)

Entry Hymn: "We three kings of Orient are.." – n. 616

Gloria: "Gloria in excelsis Deo" – n. 36

Offertory Hymn: "Shine, Jesus, shine" - n. 344

Communion Hymn: "Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us" - n. 339

Thanksgiving: *Instrumental*

Final Hymn: "O come, all ye faithful" - n. 394



FROM MY HEART TO YOUR HEART – Artaban The Fourth Wise Man

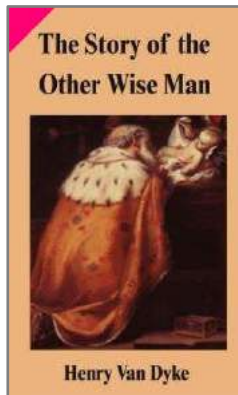
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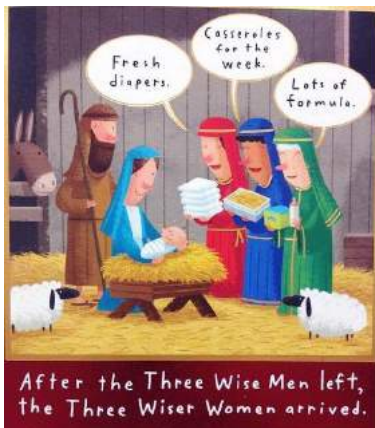
In 1895, Henry van Dyke wrote "The story of the Other Wise Man", telling of a Fourth Wise Man called Artaban. Our hero is not mentioned in the Gospel because *he missed the caravan*. He got to Bethlehem too late to see the Baby Jesus. But Artaban did make it in time to save one of the Holy Innocents by bribing a soldier.

For 33 years Artaban searched for Jesus. He did not find Jesus, but all the while the Fourth Wise Man fed the hungry and helped the poor. Then one day in Jerusalem Artaban saw the "King of the Jews" being crucified. He started to offer a pearl as ransom. But then he saw a girl being sold into slavery to pay family debts. Artaban gave his pearl to buy freedom for the girl. Suddenly the earth quaked as Jesus died on the cross and a stone struck Artaban. Dying, he heard a Voice saying: « *When you helped the least of my children, you helped me. Meet me in Heaven!* ».

Artaban, the Fourth Wise Man, had been making God present in his community for years by helping others. God asks each of us on the feast of *Epiphany* to be a fourth Wise Man by becoming *God's Epiphanies*, making His love present in the world around us by our acts of love and kindness.



THREE WISE WOMEN



While they were talking about the story of the three wise men, a woman asked her parish priest this question: « *Do you know why God gave the star to the wise men?* »

When he professed his ignorance she told him - « *God knows men are too proud to ask directions. If there had been three wise women instead of three wise men, they would have asked for directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, made a casserole, and given some practical gifts!* »

God has a sense of humour. Good and healthy people have a sense of humour.

Love, Laughter, and Peace,
Fr. Bernardino Andrade

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!



A PREGNANT MOTHER IN NEED – Can you help?

Three weeks ago in the Joyful Gift newsletter, an appeal was made by *People Helping People* for a pregnant mother in need. Her **baby girl is about to be born in less than 2 weeks, and she is desperate as she has almost nothing for her baby.** She has already approached another institution but no luck. She is unemployed at the moment, and so is her baby's father. They have two other children (a 6 year old girl, and a 10 year old boy). This mother is desperate because her baby will be born soon and she only has a few clothes, and a baby's cot bed. At the moment, this mum needs a little bit of everything... baby girl clothes, nappies, baby wipes, hygiene products, a stroller, or a carrier to be able to bring baby home from the hospital, sheets for the baby's cot, blankets, etc." Any help will be greatly appreciated.



If you would like to help in any way, please contact:

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Thank you! 😊

DIA DE REIS (3 King's Day) – A tradition in Madeira



Every year on January 6th in Madeira, we celebrate *Dia de Reis* ("3 King's Day"). According to tradition, it's to celebrate the day when the newborn baby Jesus, the Saviour, the Messiah, receives the visit of the 3 Kings (or Wise Men) from the East. The night before, on January 5th, Madeiran families usually gather together with friends and neighbours, who go out and sing traditional songs door to door.

"*Bolo Rei*" ("King Cake") is a traditional Portuguese cake that is usually eaten around Christmas, from December 25th until Epiphany, on the 6th January. The cake itself is round with a large hole in the centre, resembling a crown covered with crystallized and dried fruit. It is baked from a soft, white dough, and in some of these cakes there is the characteristic dried "*fava*" (broad bean) or small Wise Man figurine.



Tradition dictates that whoever finds the *fava* bean or the Wise Man figurine, must pay for next year's "*Bolo Rei*" cake! Today you can taste some of this cake in the social room after Mass with a cup of tea or coffee 😊

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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Every Sunday morning at the door of the Chapel there will be a **basket to collect food for the poor**. You are welcome to bring any little thing to help alleviate their suffering. (Rice, pasta, milk, canned tuna, biscuits etc.) Thank you to all who donated last week Sunday! ☺



MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturdays: 18h30 Portuguese

Sundays: 10h00 English

11h30 Portuguese



Please sign our Chapel's Visitor's Book in the Social Room

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



Tea and Coffee After Mass!!

**in the Social Room
across the garden -
please join us.**



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