



20th January 2019 – 10h00 Sunday Mass

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, 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 62: 1-5; Psalm 95(96): 1-3.7-10; 1 Cor 12: 4-11; John 2: 1-11)

Writing after 515 BC, when the Temple had been rebuilt after the exile, third Isaiah heavily criticised idolatry and other excesses in the Temple, and injustices among the people. But he also had this glorious vision of a restored Jerusalem, comparing the Lord's delight in his people with the bridegroom's delight in his virgin bride. The psalm invites all mankind and all creation to praise the Lord, the one true God. Over these Sundays before Lent we hear from Paul's letter to his beloved church in Corinth. Paul criticised the Corinthian Christians for misbehaving during the Eucharist: the rich ate and drank too well, while poorer members of the community were left out. The church should have unity in diversity: different gifts are given to different individuals, so that all contribute to the whole. After the Baptism of Jesus, and before resuming our readings from Luke's gospel, we hear today John's description of a marriage feast at Cana. A happy family occasion, to which Jesus and his newly chosen disciples were invited. Both Isaiah and Paul saw that the Lord longs to join himself to his church as intimately as possible. Water intended for use in Jewish purification rites is replaced by the fine wine of the heavenly banquet.

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PSALM RESPONSE: Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.



TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC

By: Larysa Makarova (from the Ukraine)

Entry Hymn: "Morning has broken like the first morning.." – n. 368

Offertory Hymn: "Come, Lord Jesus, come again" - n. 635

Communion Hymn: "And I will raise you up" - n. 237

Thanksgiving: *Instrumental*

Final Hymn: "Dear Lord and Father of mankind" - n. 123



- Brought to you by Fr. Bernardino Andrade
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What I Learned About God From My Mechanic

Some people think, and tell me, that I am a good driver. Usually they are kind people who like to make other people feel happy. And, I learned a long time ago, that the most special people in the world are those people who make other people feel special. Also I learned a long time ago that the most miserable people in the world are those people who make other people feel miserable.

Well... many people think, and tell me, that I am a good driver... except for my mechanic. My mechanic doesn't think so, and he doesn't tell me that I am a good driver. And the reason is because he is getting tired of replacing the clutch of my car! I get the impression that when he changes the clutch of my car he feels like he is ready to make the next appointment for the same kind of service. He knows that sooner or later I am calling him again.

This is what happened last week. I called him and informed him about the signs that I was getting while I was driving. The latest sign was that strange smell of a burning clutch.

I explained all the details, told him that I had the feeling that the clutch was in its final stage and, I finally asked him: «*What should I do now*»? His short answer was: «*Nothing. Now you can do nothing. Now I am the one who is going to do the job*».

I strongly believe that God talks with me through different ways. He talks with me through the Bible, through prayer and also through the events of my daily life. Through the answer of my mechanic I could see that sometimes God is telling me something like my mechanic. «*Now you can do nothing. Just leave it up to me*».

Sometimes we face problems in our lives that can be easily solved by ourselves. It just requires some more of our time, some more of our patience, some more of our effort or the help of a good friend.

But there are problems in our lives that when we cry to God in prayer saying: «*Lord! What can I do now?*» The answer from God will be: «*Nothing. You can do nothing. Just let me do it for you. Now it is my job to fix what his broken. Just trust me.*» "You are my son, the beloved; my favour rests on you". Lk. 3: 22).



Me and "Mestre Duarte", the mechanic who taught me about God.

Love and Peace,

Fr. Bernardino Andrade



♥ *Let God handle it...*



A PREGNANT MOTHER IN NEED – This week's update



In two previous newsletters an urgent appeal was made for help for a pregnant mother in need. This mum was feeling quite desperate as she had already approached another institution for some help but with no luck.

Thanks to the generosity of some wonderful warm-hearted people who attended our Mass and read the appeal in our newsletter, *People Helping People* was able to bring a smile to her face this week! At the Chapel we received donations of some packs of nappies, a brand new baby stroller, some clothes and a baby blanket from *Zippy* (children's clothing shop) as well as some food items, and also some money which was donated specifically to her. **This little family is so grateful for all that they have received.**

They used the money to buy a few more things they need for the arrival of their baby, and paid off their water and electricity bills. Both mum and dad are unemployed at the moment, and have been struggling to make ends meet. They also have another 2 children: a 6 year old girl, and a 10 year old boy.

A sincere Thank You to those who so generously helped this family in any way, and we apologize for not being able to send a personal thank you to each for lack of the names and addresses. God bless you all.

NUTELLA'S SECRET INGREDIENT OF SUCCESS – The Virgin Mary?

Source: <https://www.ucatholic.com/blog/creator-of-nutella-says-secret-ingredient-of-success-was-the-virgin-mary/>



Since its introduction in 1965, Nutella (a chocolate spread) became an instant sensation enjoyed today by millions around the world. It might surprise you to learn that founder and inventor, Michele Ferrero, credits all of his success to Our Lady of Lourdes.



Michele Ferrero, the late founder of the world famous Ferrero confectionery company and inventor of *Nutella*, was a humble man who preferred to stay out of the spotlight. Few people know that he was a fiercely devout Catholic endowed with a strong faith. **Michele Ferrero had a particularly strong devotion to Our Lady of Lourdes.** He ensured every one of the company's offices and factories in Italy and abroad had at least one statue of the Madonna.

Every year, he would visit the shrine of Our Lady at Lourdes, and would organize pilgrimages for his employees to visit as well. In fact, not only is the popular *Ferrero Rocher* praline named after the shrine, but even its design was inspired by it as well. The craggy grotto at the shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes is called the *Rocher de Massabielle*, whose appearance inspired the design and name of the popular praline treat. It isn't hard to imagine the rough nutty surface with a hollow interior, resembling that of the sacred grotto of Lourdes.

In 1996 when he celebrated the 50th anniversary of the founding of Ferrero, he revealed the sole reason for his success:

"Everything that I have accomplished I owe to Our Lady of Lourdes, to Mary. I have always placed myself in her hands and I thank her. I pray to her every morning and this gives me strength. Without her we can do little."



Rocher de Massabielle at Lourdes



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 have donated so far! ☺



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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