



17<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – 10h00 Sunday Mass

6<sup>th</sup> 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

Welcome to the Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França, founded by Antonio Dantas in 1622. The Chapel was originally built to minister to the soldiers of the small garrison at the Pontinha Redoubt (stronghold) in the bay of Funchal, but the Chapel soon became so famous a shrine that people came to it on pilgrimage from all parts of the Island. In 1721 the chapel was restored and enlarged. When the Diocese of Funchal took possession of the chapel it was used as the Bishop's Summer Residence for many years. In the meantime, the Franciscans had been coming to Madeira to carry out apostolic duties, and in 1935, they founded the Franciscan Residence of Our Lady of Penha de França here, at the request of Bishop D. Antonio Ribeiro. In 2015 the Franciscans moved to the former convent of São Bernardino in the town of Câmara de Lobos, and the Chapel reverted back to the Diocese of Funchal. Over the years it has been necessary to carry out repair work inside the Chapel, which was made possible through the generosity of a frequent visitor to our English Mass. At the moment, repair work is again taking place on the ceiling above the altar as it was in danger of falling down. Our priest for the 10:00am mass in English on Sunday mornings is Fr. Bernardino Andrade. There are also masses celebrated in Portuguese here at the Chapel: on Saturday evenings at 6:30pm, and on Sunday mornings at 11:30am.

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

*(Jer 17: 5-8; Psalm 1:1-4,6; 1 Cor 15:12,16-20; Luke 6: 17,20-26)*

**Jeremiah** lived through a stormy period about 600 BC, before and during the exile. He suffered much through sieges and imprisonments. The despair he felt at the sins of his people against God's covenant may have led him to doubt. But Jeremiah never lost hope that God is merciful, and that his new covenant would save his people. In spite of temptations and disappointments, we must trust in the Lord. **The psalm** praises those who do not gradually accommodate themselves to secular behaviour around us, but who "delight in the law of the Lord" and so achieve true happiness. Paul had reminded the **Corinthians** of the centrality of the resurrection to our faith. Now he explains: without Christ's resurrection from the dead, there is no resurrection of the body for us. Therefore no bodily life after our death – this life is all we have. He compares the resurrection of the dead to sowing a seed: the body which dies "is not the body which is to be", which will be energised by the Spirit. "What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable". In **Luke's gospel** Jesus had chosen the twelve from his disciples. Now he proclaims God's justice is coming, showing the way to real happiness.

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**PSALM RESPONSE: Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.**

## TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC

**Entry Hymn:** "Give me joy in my heart" - n.161

**Offertory Hymn:** "Father, I place into your hands..." - n.134

**Communion Hymn:** "A new commandment I give unto you" - n.2

**Final Hymn:** "Go, the Mass is ended" - n.175





### 1. «BETTER» A DUNGEON THAN AN APARTMENT.

*Kazimers Symanski* of Poland was a prisoner of war during World War II. There is no record of what happened to Symanski in the prison camp, but his experiences there obviously changed him. In his later years, Symanski seemed bent on reliving his prison experience.

He even turned his small apartment into a prison cell. He put bars over the windows and constructed a small cage in which he slept. He refused to allow electricity or running water in his apartment. He

seemed determined to live in the most primitive and confining conditions. Symanski died in 1993 from the effects of his living conditions.

«His head didn't work like ours» which doesn't mean that «our heads work better than his».

### 2. BECAUSE WE ARE DIFFERENT DOESN'T MEAN WE ARE BETTER.

Some of us too have been living for years in prison cells of our own making. We are bound by addictions, anxiety, low self-esteem, anger, fear, guilt, misconceptions about God. We get this blank expression when the preacher talks about joy, or stepping out in faith or living the abundant life. We're just lucky to make it through the day without collapsing from the weight of our chains. But we weren't made to live that way.

**Love and Peace,**

Fr. Bernardino Andrade



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## On Judging Yourself and Others Less Harshly – A quote from Ram Dass

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**When you go out into the woods and you look at trees, you see all these different trees.** And some of them are bent, and some of them are straight, and some of them are evergreens, and some of them are whatever. And you look at the tree and you allow

it. You see why it is the way it is. You sort of understand that it didn't get enough light, and so it turned that way. And you don't get all emotional about it. You just allow it. You appreciate the tree.

The minute you get near humans, you lose all that. And you are constantly saying, "You're too this," or "I'm too this."

That judging mind comes in. And so I practice turning people into trees. Which means appreciating them just the way they are.

- Ram Dass



## FUNCHAL'S NEW BISHOP SWORN IN TODAY! - 4pm at Sé Cathedral



Source: [www.dnoticias.pt](http://www.dnoticias.pt) (Diário de Notícias – local Madeiran newspaper)

**The new bishop of Funchal, D. Nuno Brás, who was appointed by Pope Francis, landed in Madeira on Friday afternoon.** He will be officially sworn in as the new Bishop today, February 17<sup>th</sup>, at 4pm, during a Mass at the Sé Cathedral in Funchal. D. Nuno Brás is 55 years old, and is from Lourinhã, district of Lisbon. He will be the 33rd bishop of the Diocese of Funchal.

**During a news conference on Friday, Bishop Nuno said that he came "to serve"** and that he will "always be available to listen and act for the good of all those who inhabit these

islands (Madeira and Porto Santo), not as a foreigner but as a Madeiran."

*"My first task, of course, is to know the human and Christian reality of these two islands. I have visited Madeira several times. But it is quite different to visit than to be serving full time. And for a very solid and concrete service: that of being Bishop, Successor of the Apostles, presence of Christ. I'm not a politician nor a company manager. I am a Bishop. I have the mission to evangelize, celebrate the sacraments, lead the people of God as a Good Shepherd", he said.*

Bishop Nuno will celebrate his first Mass at *Igreja do Monte* (the Monte parish church) tomorrow, February 18<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30am.

## SAINT OF THE MONTH: February - Saint Valentine

**Died:** 269 / **Feast day:** February 14

**Patronage:** love, youth, happy marriages

Source: [portraitsofsaints](https://www.portraitsofsaints.com) on instagram

**Saint Valentine of Rome was a bishop and martyr of the early church.** Not much is known about him, except that his relics were found in the catacombs and an ancient church was dedicated to him. Tradition has it that Valentine cured the blind daughter of a Roman judge who along with his household, was later baptized. St. Valentine married couples, going against the edict of Cladius II. It was said that on the day of his execution, he gave a note to his jailer's daughter that he cured, that was signed "your Valentine". He's pictured with birds because birds start pairing in February around his feast day.



### 3 BEDS NEEDED!



For "People Helping People".  
If you can help, please contact  
Father Bernardino on 916192783  
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Behind you,  
all your memories  
Before you,  
all your dreams  
Around you,  
all who love you  
Within you,  
all you need



## PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE (PHP)

*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).



"You should wash each other's feet"  
(John 13:14).

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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 Visitor's book in the Social Hall....

leave us your comments, or suggestions, let us know where you're from! ☺ We also have a **map** where you can place a pin on your home town, and a Free Little Library: a cabinet full of books. You're welcome to take a book, leave one in exchange, or contribute with a small donation ☺

### Tea and Coffee

#### After Mass

**Please join us in the Social Hall across the garden for a cup of coffee and a chat.**



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