



3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019 – 10h00 Sunday Mass

8th 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. 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

*(Sirach 27:4-7; Psalm 91(92); 1 Cor 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45)*

**The Wisdom book called Ecclesiasticus or Sirach** was written in Hebrew about 200 BC by Ben Sira, a Jewish sage, and later translated into Greek. It was not translated into Latin by Jerome, but the Greek version was accepted as canonical by the early Church, and there are many allusions to it in the new Testament. At a time of increasing pagan Greek influence, Ben Sira showed that Israel's religion was still a firm basis for moral living. He gives many practical examples, helping Christians of every age to apply moral truths to their own times. Today's reading reminds us not to judge a person before hearing them speak. **The psalm** extols God's justice: crime may appear to be rewarded but wrong-doers will be punished in eternity. Paul concludes his teaching to the **Corinthians** on the resurrection of the body with these triumphant words from Isaiah and Hosea: "Death is swallowed up in victory"; "Death, where is your sting?" After death our mortal nature puts on immortality. We must therefore never give up hope, confident in the victory God gives us through our Lord Jesus Christ. In **Luke's gospel** Jesus ends his sermon on the plain, which included the beatitudes, by reminding us how our actions and words reflect what is in our hearts.

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PSALM RESPONSE: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.



## TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC

**Entry Hymn:**

"I sing a song to you, Lord" - n. 246

**Offertory Hymn:** "All that I am, all that I do" - n. 21

**Communion Hymn:** "A new commandment" - n. 2

**Thanksgiving:** *Instrumental*

**Final Hymn:** "Our God reigns" - n. 235

By: Larysa Makarova



**THAT IS THE KIND OF LOVE I WANT IN MY LIFE.**

**It was a busy morning**, about 8:30, when an elderly gentleman in his 80's arrived to have stitches removed from his thumb. He said he was in a hurry as he had an appointment at 9:00 am. The medic took his vital signs and had him take a seat, knowing it would be over an hour before someone would be able to see him. Since he, himself, was not busy, the medic took time to evaluate the man's wound. The wound was well healed, and so he talked to one of the doctors, got the needed supplies to remove his sutures and redress his wound. While taking care of his wound, the medic asked his patient if he had another doctor's appointment as he was in such a hurry. **The gentleman said that he needed to go to the nursing home to eat breakfast with his wife.** In answer to the medic's question about her health, the old man responded that she had been there for a while and that she was a victim of Alzheimer's disease. When the medic asked if she would be upset if he was a bit late, the man replied that she no longer knew who he was, that she had not recognized him in five years now. The medic was surprised, and asked him why, if his wife didn't know who he was, he went every morning faithfully for breakfast with her. **The old man smiled and said, "She doesn't know me, but I still know who she is."**

The medic, with tears in his eyes, said to himself, "That is the kind of love I want in my life."

**Love and Peace,**

Fr. Bernardino Andrade



**BOOK SALE THIS MORNING** - Final sale of the last few remaining copies!



This morning at the Chapel there will be a book sale straight after our 10am Sunday Mass in English. Jane Caldwell, from England, is an author and has written a book to help the "People Helping People" (PHP) project. **It is a light hearted, slightly romantic detective story, set in some places people may recognize; it is a typical holiday read. The last few copies of "Frozen Stiff" by "Agatha Frisky" will be on sale today after Mass for 10 Euros. Absolutely every cent will go directly to PHP. Don't miss out! Alternatively, it is available as a Kindle e-book for £3,50.**

Mrs. Caldwell, and her book, "Frozen Stiff"

Happy Reading!!

Jane Caldwell (janecaldwell902@hotmail.com)



**BABY TOILETRIES NEEDED – Can you help?**

Bianca Margarida was born 1 month ago, on January 28th. In previous newsletters we told a little bit about her mum and dad struggling to make ends meet as they are both unemployed, and have 2 more children (a 6 year old girl, and a 10 year old boy). Many people gave generously at the time, so that she would have some baby clothes, and we are appealing once again for help, for **baby nappies (size 1), toiletries (eg. nappy rash cream, shampoo, baby lotion, wet wipes, etc).** Thank you in anticipation!

## THE CARNIVAL SEASON – A Madeiran tradition before Lent

**In Madeira, we are in the middle of the Carnival season right now, which is celebrated just before the beginning of Lent.** There has been a constant festive atmosphere on the island, with cheerfulness prevailing in the streets.

Some traditional gastronomic delicacies which are meant to be eaten on Shrove Tuesday are "*Sonhos*" (a fried dough, literally translated as "*dreams*" because they are fluffy and are eaten with black sugar-cane honey) and "*Malassadas*" (literally translated as "*under-cooked*") are egg-sized balls of yeast dough that are more compact and are also deep-fried in oil and coated with granulated sugar.

The main attraction of the Carnival season on the island is last night's colourful and vibrant Carnival Float Parade which took place in the centre of Funchal. **On Shrove Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> of March, at 16h00**, there will be another parade, this time a **Slapstick Parade (known locally as "O Cortejo Trapalhão")**. Many participant's creativity knows no boundaries and spans from social and political satire, to traditional themes, or simple character disguise.



"Sonhos"  
with honey



"Malassadas"  
with sugar

## LENT BEGINS THIS ASH WEDNESDAY – 6th of March 2019

### ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

**Date:** 6<sup>th</sup> of March 2019

**Time:** 10am



**Ash Wednesday** takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday, and **marks the first day of Lent** (a season of fasting and prayer). This year Ash Wednesday falls on the **6th of March**. **There will be a special Mass here at the Chapel of Penha de França at 10am** on that day. This will be the 2nd year that we celebrate Mass in English on Ash Wednesday. You may also decide to attend **Mass at the Sé Cathedral** in the center of Funchal only (in Portuguese) at 8:00am, 8:30am, 11:15am, and 6:00pm on Ash Wednesday.

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU – From People Helping People



**Thanks to the generosity of kind-hearted people, "People Helping People",** which was started at the Chapel to help those in need, has been able to help many poor families in Madeira. Thank you to all those who have been bringing **food, toiletries, and clothing for the needy** and left them in the basket at the Chapel door. Thank you also especially to the person (who wished to remain anonymous) for making it possible for a desperate family to have a new fridge after theirs broke down last week! Thank you so much!

In the words of Fr. Bernardino: *"It is amazing how many miracles are happening just because there are People Loving People"*.



## 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:

**Ash Wednesday (6<sup>th</sup> March):**

**10:00am English**

**Saturday: 6:30pm Portuguese**

**Sunday: 10:00am English**

**11:30am 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 ☺

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



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