





12th May 2019 – 10h00 Sunday Mass

4th Sunday of Easter, 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! The special intention for this morning's Mass is for Carmelita and Lucia dos Ramos. They are twin sisters from South Africa who will be celebrating their 25th birthday tomorrow (on the 13th of May). We wish them a Happy and blessed Birthday! This morning Fr. Bernardino Andrade will be celebrating Mass. There are also masses celebrated in Portuguese here at the Chapel: on Saturday evenings at 18h30, and on Sunday mornings at 11h30 by Fr. Vitor Sousa.



Happy Birthday!

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(Acts 13: 14, 43-52; Psalm 99(100); Rev 7: 9, 14-17; John 10: 27-30)

The Antioch church sent Barnabas and Paul on mission. After visiting Cyprus, Barnabas' birthplace, they arrived at Perga on the south coast of what is now Turkey, and travelled north to Antioch in Pisidia. Everywhere they went they spoke first to the Jews about Jesus as the climax of the whole Jewish history. Jesus who was killed by the Jewish leaders, but raised from the dead by God. At first many Jews listened attentively. The processional **psalm** sings joyfully of God: "he made us, we belong to him". In the **Book of Revelation**, John sees events in heaven which mirror events on earth. Witnesses persecuted for their beliefs do not suffer in vain: they will be vindicated and evildoers punished. Not vengeance, but God's justice. And a message of hope: the faithful of every nation will be rewarded with perfect life in God's renewed creation.

In **John's Gospel**, after Jesus had healed the man born blind, the Jewish leaders argued about Jesus, and asked him to say plainly if he was the Messiah. Jesus says the healing he does in the Father's name testifies to him. He ends with a clear statement: "I and the Father are one" The Jews picked up rocks to stone Jesus: they understood Jesus was claiming to be God.

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TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC

By: Larysa Makarova
(from the Ukraine)

Entry Hymn: n. 256

"Immaculate Mary!"

Offertory Hymn: n. 21

"All that I am, all that I do"

Communion Hymn: n. 258

"In bread we bring you, Lord"

Thanksgiving: Instrumental

Final Hymn: n. 27

"Alleluia, alleluia"



PSALM RESPONSE:

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.



He Knows The Shepherd

Years ago the great actor Richard Burton was given a grand reception in his childhood parish. While replying to the complimentary speeches in the parish auditorium he asked if there was anything they specially wanted to hear from him. After a few minute's pause his old pastor asked him if he could recite the Good Shepherd Psalm (Psalm 23), which he had taught Burton in his Sunday school. A strange look came over the actor's face.

He paused for a moment, and then said: - *«I will, on one condition – that after I have recited it, you, my pastor and teacher, will do the same».*

- *«I»* said the old, retired pastor, *«I am not an actor, but, if you wish it, I shall do so.»*

Impressively the actor began the Psalm. His voice and intonation were perfect. He held his audience spellbound, and, as he finished, a great burst of applause broke from the audience.

As it died away, the old pastor rose from his wheel chair and began to recite the same psalm. His voice was feeble and shivering and his tone was not faultless. When he finished, nobody applauded but there was not a dry eye in the room. There was a period of profound silence. Then the actor rose and his voice quivered as he said:

- *«Ladies and gentlemen, I reached your eyes and ears, but my old pastor has reached your hearts. The difference is just this: I know the Psalm but he knows the Shepherd».*

This is the Good Shepherd Sunday, Jesus wants us to know Him by experiencing Him, not just loving Him but being intimate with Him and to become Good Shepherds to those entrusted to our care.

Love and Peace,

Fr. Bernardino Andrade

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.



12TH AND 13TH OF MAY – Candlelight processions in honour of Our Lady

Tonight at several parishes around the island, there will be candle-light processions. This is a tradition done every year in Madeira on May 12th. It is the night before May 13th, the date on which the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three shepherd children (Lúcia, Francisco, and Jacinta) in 1917 in the town of Fatima, in Portugal. A church was built at the spot where Our Lady of Fatima appeared to the children, and tonight especially, there will be thousands of visitors there attending Mass from all over the world.



SWISS GUARD RECRUITS - pledge to protect the Pope with their lives



Source: Zenit – *The World Seen From Rome* (www.zenit.org)

In the Vatican's San Damaso Courtyard on May 6th, 23 recruits were sworn in to the Swiss Guard. New recruits are sworn in every year on May 6, commemorating the date in 1527 when 147 Swiss soldiers died defending the pope during an attack on Rome. Known locally as the *Guardia Svizzera*, they are responsible for the safety of the pope. Often called “*the world's smallest army*,” **they serve as personal escorts to the pontiff and as watchmen for Vatican City.** During the swearing-in ceremony, with their left hands clutching a standard and their right hands raised with three fingers open symbolizing the Holy Trinity, the new recruits pledge to “*faithfully, loyally, and honourably*” serve and protect the pope and, if necessary, sacrifice their lives for him. Four national languages were used this year for the swearing in of the 23 new guards, of whom five are French-speaking.



DID YOU KNOW? – The Vatican's Swiss Guards are now using 3D printed helmets!

Source: www.theverge.com/2019/2/24/18238786/vatican-swiss-guards-3d-printed-helmets

For hundreds of years, the Swiss Guard have worn a distinctive, brightly-colored dress uniform while protecting the Pope and Vatican City, with only a couple of minor changes over the years. This year, they're making a big change: **the traditional, metal helmet - called a *morion* - is being replaced with ones that are 3D printed.** Last year, the Swiss Guard announced that it would replace the iconic helmet with one made out of PA-12 (a type of plastic), which would be lighter and cheaper than the metal helmets. This isn't a trivial thing - as the soldiers spend a lot of time outdoors in the sun, the metal helmets would become uncomfortably hot, to the point where they would get burned. The first batch of 98 of the new helmets (120 were ordered in all) were delivered to the Vatican on January 22nd. Those new helmets were designed using scans of helmets from the 16th century, and are printed in just 14 hours using an HP-3D printer, as opposed to the older metal ones, which took nearly 130 hours to manufacture. **The new helmets weigh 570 grams; the ones they are replacing weighed 2 kilograms!** They are also UV resistant, and incorporate ventilation slots to keep the soldiers' heads cooler. **3D printing has come a long way in the last decade, and this is an interesting example of where it can be useful in everyday life!**



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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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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