




19<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – 10h00 Sunday Mass

5<sup>th</sup> 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! Welcome to the Chapel of Penha de França. Today's mass intention will be for Helen and Douglas Cone. May their souls rest in peace.

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.

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

*(Acts 14:21-27; Psalm 144 (145):8-13; Rev 21:1-5; John 13:32-35)*

Last week in Acts, the first mission of Paul and Barnabas started. They preached in synagogues, with mixed receptions. Many Jews became Christians. But many did not, stirring up hatred and violence against the Apostles, leaving Paul for dead. Barnabas and Paul then preached to the Gentiles, showing how they could recognise God's activity in nature. Today we hear how this first mission ends, with religious leaders appointed in each church, and a report of "what God had done".

**The Psalm** praises the Lord's kindness and care for creation. **In Revelation** the promise of salvation described last week is now accomplished. The new Jerusalem comes down adorned as a bride for her marriage with the Lamb, the union of the Messiah with the community of the elect. God dwells with men on earth, after the "former heaven and the former earth" are replaced by a "new heaven and a new earth". God's ancient covenant is fulfilled. **In the Gospel** we hear the first of Jesus' farewell discourses at the Last Supper. Jesus is sad to leave his followers. After washing the disciples' feet, Jesus draws out the meaning of this action. He predicts his coming death and gives a new commandment: love one another. The true mark of discipleship is that we "have love for one another".

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**PSALM RESPONSE:** I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.



**TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC By:** Larysa Makarova (from the Ukraine)

**Entry Hymn:** "Abba, Father, send your Spirit." - n. 5

**Offertory Hymn:** "Blest are you, Lord, God of all creation," - n. 69

**Communion Hymn:** "We celebrate this festive day" - n. 606

**Thanksgiving:** "Make me a channel of your peace." - n. 359

**Final Hymn:** "Immaculate Mary!" - n. 256



## MATILDE... A THEOLOGIAN IN TRAINING

**I learned, long time ago, that the most special people of the world are those people who make other people feel special.**

Matilde is a very precious nine-year-old girl who made her First Communion one week ago (May 12, 2019). I have not seen Matilde for a few years but there is no doubt that she has always been very special to me, and I to her.

As a priest, I have celebrated Sacraments during my entire life. But I confess, without any resentment, that, very often, before or after celebrating a Sacrament, especially Baptisms, First Communions or Marriages, I feel that I am acting more like a «salesman» than as a priest. I sell the «product» and I don't see that person or persons anymore. My understanding of Church is that the Catholic Church is not mainly to do Catholic activities but to build relationships.

**I baptized Matilde on October 2, 2010.** Yes. I have not seen Matilde very often, but the reason is that I am not the Pastor of her Parish, and Penha de Franca is not a Parish. For the same reasons I believe that children should attend church in their own Parishes, attend Catechesis in their own parishes and, of course, build relationships with their Parish family and putting their talents at its service.

As a good Parishioner, Matilde always attended church with her family where she was prepared to receive her First Communion. **What I didn't know**

**was that her family never allowed Matilde to forget the priest who had baptized her almost nine years ago.** And it happened that that priest was me. And Matilde never forgot. That's why it was with a great pride that her mother approached me saying that Matilde, from her own



"Matilde, The Body of Christ!" - 2019

initiative, had decided that she wanted Fr. Bernardino to be invited for her First Communion. Boy... I felt important. I felt very special. But more than that, I realized that Matilde had understood the basic foundation of the Catholic Church that is the Sacrament of Baptism. And her mother kept insisting that it had been Matilde's initiative to invite me. Of course I felt delighted with her invitation but my commitment with the English Mass wouldn't allow me to be present at her First Communion. However I offered another alternative and it worked. I invited Matilde and her family to attend the English Mass the following Sunday at Penha de França Chapel with the

English Speaking Community. **And because of Matilde we are going to have a bilingual Mass and a special second Communion today.** When I was ordained as a priest many people greeted me by saying: «*Congratulations, Fr. Bernardino. Today is the most important day of your life*». And I thanked them for their greetings but finally I said: «*Today is a very important day in my life. But the most important day of my life was the day of my Baptism*». I am sure that Matilde as a «Theologian in Training» will keep repeating for the rest of her life that the most important day and the most important event of her life was the day of her Baptism.



"Matilde! I batize you, in the name of the Father..." - 2010



Matilde with me on her special day

And if I am around I will be saying like a proud child: «And it was me». **Thank you Matilde for being a «Theologian in Training» and helping me not to forget that my Baptism was the most important moment of my life.**

**Love and Peace**

Fr. Bernardino Andrade

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## **MADEIRA CLASSIC CAR REVIVAL – This week Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> May**

**Source:** <https://www.madeiraislandnews.com/2019/05/madeira-classic-car-revival.html>

The **Madeira Classic Car Revival (Classic Car exhibition)** will be held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2019. **The event starts** on the 24<sup>th</sup> with *Rampa dos Barreiros*. A hill climb (time trial) **race for around 80 classic cars** which will start at 21h00 at the *Avenida do Mar*. This year the race will be held on Friday night instead of Sunday morning due to the European Elections on Sunday which make it impossible to have roads closed for the event during that day. The race covers the streets of *Avenida do Mar*, *Avenida Sá Carneiro*, *Rua Carvalho Araújo*, *Largo da Paz* with the finish line at *Rua Dr. Pita* next to Quinta Magnólia. The corner near the music conservatory where the bridge of *Ribeiro Seco* is placed is a very popular area for spectators. Each car makes 3 runs and the goal is to make equal times on those 3 runs. e.g ... if you record 1 minute exactly on the first run, you must get as close as you can to that time on the next 2 runs. The winner is the team that completes the course closest to their original time.



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## **CRIES OF THE POOR – Today's collection**



**Earlier this month there was an article in a local Madeiran newspaper** which stated that last year (2018), some 81,000 people in the Autonomous Region were at risk of poverty or social exclusion. A small project that was started here at the Chapel in 2010 by the name of “People Helping People”, has tried to help alleviate the suffering of those in need. They have come across some heartbreakingly sad situations. There are countless calls for help every day, but unfortunately they can't help everyone because the requests are too many. There is not enough money available. Their sole source of income is from the second collection after

Mass here at the chapel on Sunday mornings. **An especially desperate plea for help was received this week from a lady with 3 small children.** Her husband has had to leave Madeira to find work in France so that he can feed his family. In one of her messages pleading for help, the lady wrote *“... I'm in big trouble, I was leaving the house today, and the landlord told me if I do not pay the 2 months of rent that is in arrears until Friday, I will get thrown out in the street. I no longer have food for the children, I don't know what to do or where to go. I'm scared. My husband went to France on the 2nd of this month, and he will only get paid on the 15th of next month. Please, please help me.”* **We are trying.** After Mass there will be a collection outside in a little white bag for “People Helping People”. **Please be especially generous if you are able, to see if we can help this family. Thank you !**



## 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 former 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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