




16th June 2019 – 10h00 Sunday Mass

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Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França, Rua
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THE CATHOLIC MASS IN ENGLISH

Good morning! Welcome to the Chapel of Penha de França.

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

(Proverbs 8:22-31, Psalm 8:4-9, Romans 5:1-5, John 16:12-15)

Written after the return from the exile in Babylon, the Wisdom books contain the practical knowledge of both the Israelites and the peoples around them, accumulated over two thousand years. Wisdom is the art of living a life at peace with God and with other people. It was developed by reflecting on the great questions: life, death, suffering, love, evil, relationships. It was seen to be a universal guide for living, and so given by God. So Wisdom came to be seen as a person – the caring, feminine side of God, existing from all eternity. In today's reading from Proverbs Wisdom speaks of sharing God's delight in His work at the beginning of creation. The Psalm expresses our amazement at the dignity the infinite God has given to mankind's finite nature in his wonderful creation. In his letter to the Romans Paul insists that being justified, or made "at peace" with God, means that our previous alienation from God is overcome. God's love "poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit" has brought us into an intimate relationship with God, but we confidently hope in a more glorious intimacy in the future. No wonder Jesus says in John's Gospel "I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now". The Spirit gives us understanding.

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PSALM RESPONSE: How great is your name, O Lord our God, through all the earth.



TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC By:

Larysa Makarova (from the Ukraine)

Entry Hymn: "Bind us together, Lord" - n. 65

Offertory Hymn: "Take our bread, we ask you" - n. 528

Communion Hymn: "Amazing Grace" - n. 32

Thanksgiving: *Instrumental*

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





A SIMPLE QUESTION THAT MARKED MY DESTINY FOREVER

I am the youngest of eleven brothers and sisters. My father was a farmer of little pieces of land. Thirteen people lived in the same small house. No electricity, no running water, no radio, no TV. I had one pair of shoes to go to Mass on Sunday and the rest of the week I was supposed to save the shoes for the following Sunday. Because I was the youngest I was one of those who

had the privilege of going to school and learn how to read and to write. But I have to confess that, very often, I questioned myself the reason why I had to go to school.

I was sure that my life was already destined. I didn't think that I needed to go to school in order to water the plants, to dig the earth, to feed the two cows my father owned, to feed the only pig and a few chickens my family used to raise, and so many little things that were part of all those families that lived in the same neighbourhood. It never crossed my mind to go to a secondary school and continue my studies. My life, like the life of my friends, was already destined. Oh... by the way, it never crossed our minds (me and my friends) that we were poor. We were all equal. Poor were those older men and women who would walk from house to house begging for something to take home and prepare meals for their families.

One Christmas day I got a Christmas gift. It was an orange. It was so yellow and so beautiful that I didn't have the courage to eat it. When I was in California I told the story of the only Christmas gift of my childhood. A few days later I got a bag of oranges from a family. Since then I always found a yellow orange on the top of the altar on the First Sunday of Advent and a box of oranges was delivered to my Parish residence on Christmas Eve. When I left California, 12 years ago, the same family gave me a plastic orange that I still treasure in my room. It is still yellow and beautiful and full of memories.



My orange from California



In California, starting Mass with two priest colleagues

Well...I thought that my future was already destined. Studying and taking a course was only for the rich. Even today, the poor are not allowed to dream. And I had no dreams for my future besides continuing the life of a poor farmer like my father, my brothers, sisters and my neighbours, or to emigrate.

But God has a great sense of humour. One day I was in the kitchen with my mother and my sister Agostinha when, all of a sudden, my sister threw me this unexpected and very strange question: «*Bernardino! Wouldn't you like to be a priest?*». My answer was: «*Yes*». I was twelve years old.

My mother started getting information on how to go to the Seminary and on October 15, 1950 I entered the Seminary. I didn't enter the Seminary to study my vocation. I entered the Seminary to be a priest.

On June 12, 1965, in a football field of the Diocese of Quelimane (Mozambique, Africa) I received from the hands of my Bishop the Sacrament of priesthood. It was 54 years ago last Wednesday.

When I tell my story it is frequent and normal to ask always the same question I was asked when I was 69 years old. And the question was: «*But when you were 12 years old what did you understand about priesthood?*»? My answer was: «*I am 69 years old and I still do not understand*».

Priesthood is a mystery that has been slowly revealed to me every day, especially when I deal with the poorest of the poor, when I celebrate the Eucharist and all other sacraments and especially when I alleviate the suffering of the world. I don't know if I have been a good priest. But one thing I know - I have been a very happy priest. And I will never understand my priesthood and Christianity if it is not PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE.



Some special pictures from first years as a priest



Love and Peace

Fr. Bernardino Andrade



Today Is Trinity Sunday – What does this mean?

Trinity Sunday is celebrated a week after *Pentecost Sunday*, and celebrates the Christian doctrine of **the Holy Trinity, the three persons of God: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.**

The human mind can never fully understand the mystery of the Trinity, but we can sum it up in the following formula: God is three Persons in one Nature. There is only one God, and the three Persons of God – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit - are all equally God, and They cannot be divided.

Corpus Christi – Celebrated in the Catholic Church – Thursday, June 20th



The Feast of Corpus Christi (also known as the “Feast of the Body of Christ”), is the Roman Rite liturgical solemnity celebrating the Real Presence of the body and blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, in the Eucharist – known as transubstantiation.

The feast is liturgically celebrated on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday.

Traditionally, here in Madeira, at the end of the Holy Mass on the Thursday, there is

often a procession of the Blessed Sacrament, displayed in a monstrance, through the streets of Funchal surrounding the Sé Cathedral.

Flower carpets (arrangements of flowers laid out on the street to resemble colourful carpets) are found along the streets where the procession will take place.

You can experience this tradition for yourself this coming Thursday (June 20th). At the Colégio church in Funchal, where there will be a special Mass at 18h00, followed by a procession through the streets of Funchal, starting at 19h15, and ending up at the Sé Cathedral.



Colégio Church



Sé Cathedral

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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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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