



14<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – 10h00 Sunday Mass

15<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. We are blessed by the presence of our

dedicated English Mass priest: Father Bernardino Andrade. He celebrates the only English Mass on the island every Sunday morning here at the Chapel at 10h00.

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(Deut 30:10-14; Ps 68(69):14-37; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37)

The book of Deuteronomy, the "second law", evolved over many centuries. It restates the Jewish Law and the covenant God made with Abraham. Our reading starts with an imperative, but this follows "if": "you will prosper if" you choose to follow God's law. And God's Law is not difficult to find: it is written "in their hearts". Put the covenant into practice, and so choose life, not death.

The psalm implores God to save him from unmerited suffering. The reference in an omitted verse to "vinegar to drink" and the expectation that "God will save Zion" led Christians to think of Messiah – Christ.

In this beautiful hymn from Colossians, Paul spells out the awesome reality of Christ: "Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God". We know God through Jesus. Jesus is fully human in the way God intended all humanity to be, and so He shows us the way to God. But reconciliation comes with a proviso: "that you continue in the faith".

Jesus has rejoiced and given thanks with the 70 disciples for their successful mission. He then responds to a sincere questioner by updating the Jewish Law to what was originally intended. Everyone is our neighbour. The priest and the Levite were more concerned with ritual purity than with love.

- Brought to you by: Chris Oliver. ([www.bible-groups.info](http://www.bible-groups.info))

PSALM RESPONSE: Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.

### TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC By:

Larysa Makarova (from the Ukraine)

**Entry Hymn:** "All over the world the Spirit is moving" - n. 19

**Offertory Hymn:** "Come, Lord Jesus, come" - n. 104

**Communion Hymn:** "All I own and all I do I give to you" - n. 141

**Thanksgiving:** *Instrumental*

**Final Hymn:** "So light up the fire and let the flame burn" - n. 93





« **MY CAT'S SPIRITUALITY** »

I don't believe that my cat has learned anything from me even if I have tried. However, I must confess that I have learned a lot from him...

It was one Friday afternoon. A child knocks on my door to tell me that my cat had an ugly wound in his head. When I saw it I was shocked. The wound was big, infected and horrible.

I called the veterinarian. A nice doctor was ready to see my cat right away. The gentle vet cleaned my cat's head but left an open and even uglier wound. Then, she gave me some medicine to give him orally and told me to clean his wound daily and never let any dry skin cover it.

It seemed that the kind doctor was ready to let me go but I refused to believe that she was going to send me away without any ointment or even a bandage to cover that horrible wound. That's when I interrupted her, *"Doctor... are you not going to give me some medicine to put on that wound or at least a medicated bandage? That looks horrible."* She said, *"No. You will not put anything on that wound not even a band-aid. Keep it uncovered, clean and give the cat the medicine I gave you. Healing comes from inside."*

In a few days the wound was completely healed. The doctor was right. Healing came from inside. No ointments. No band-aids.

One of the most beautiful and touching experiences of my life as Pastor in the USA was to baptize and welcome adults into the Catholic Church. The preparation would take two years. Scrutinies during Lent used to be one of the highest moments of their journey. The key words for the Scrutinies ceremony were: "to uncover" and "to heal". The candidates are invited to uncover what is bad and sinful in them in order to get the healing they needed.



All of us are wounded and hurt. You and I deserve to be healed. The temptation is to cover with band-aids but my cat's vet was right. Healing comes from inside.

God loves you and so do I,  
Fr. Bernardino Andrade

## ARCHAEOLOGISTS UNCOVER A GATE – From the time of King David

**Source:** [www.aleteia.org/2019/06/09/archaeologists-uncover-a-gate-from-the-time-of-king-david](http://www.aleteia.org/2019/06/09/archaeologists-uncover-a-gate-from-the-time-of-king-david)

This is the second city gate discovered in the Golan Heights in as many years. After over three decades of digging at a site in the Golan Heights, an archaeological team has discovered an ancient city gate, which they have dated to between the 10th and 11th centuries B.C. By this dating they have determined that the gate was standing during the rule of King David, the famous slayer of Goliath, and researchers are hopeful that it may lend new insight into his rule.

The excavation took place where the ancient city of Bethsaida is believed to have stood. The newly discovered gate is not too far from the ancient city wall, which a team discovered last year and cautiously identified as the gate to the biblical city of Zer.



## POPE FRANCIS HOSPITAL SHIP – to serve the people of Amazonia

Pope Francis was the inspiration behind an initiative which this week became a reality: the “Pope Francis” hospital ship. The idea was born during his visit to Rio de Janeiro, when he asked the Franciscans to create a project for the Amazonia. The Diocese of Ôbidos in Brazil met the challenge: 700 thousand people who live on the banks of the Amazon River will have access to medical care.



### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

I plead with you... never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid”.

- St. John Paul II

## 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 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).



"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:

#### Sundays:

10h00 English

11h30 Portuguese



### Tea and Coffee

#### After Mass!!

in the Social Room  
across the garden -  
please join us.



### "Cries of The Poor":

*Msg received 25/06/2019 from Jorge:*

*"Please help, yesterday and today we didn't eat anything because we have no gas to cook."*

*Msg received 22/06/2019 from Carmen:*

*"Can you please help me. We have nothing to eat. Please can you help us with 2 pkts of spaghetti, 2 tins of sausages, 2 pkts of rice, 2 tins of tuna fish and 12 eggs and some bread and 3 litres of milk and some coffee..."*

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