



**4<sup>th</sup> August 2019 – 10h00 Sunday Mass**  
**18<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, which was founded by Antonio Dantas in 1622. **Father Bernardino Andrade** is our priest who celebrates the *only Mass in English on the island* every Sunday morning here at the Chapel at 10h00. Last Sunday we were blessed to have a **visiting Seminarian** join us at Mass: **Stephen Roberts**, from Shrewsbury Diocese in Formation at Oscott College in Birmingham (UK).



## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

**(Eccles 1:2,2:21-23, Ps 89(90):3-17, Col 3:1-5,9-11, Lk 12:13-21)**

Qoheleth the Preacher struggles with the contradictions of life and the vanity of created things which give no lasting satisfaction. Good people suffer, sinners enjoy life and prosper. With no idea of life after death, the Preacher's only solution is to trust that God will make it right eventually. The Psalm contrasts the shortness of our lives with God's eternity, seeing suffering and death as punishment for sin. But also prays that God will grant some happiness before death. This final extract from Colossians hints at Paul's very detailed moral teaching. The Christian's life is now "hidden with Christ", but when Christ is revealed "you too will be revealed in all your glory". Paul then spells out how we should live our lives focussed on Christ. So that we will grow in knowledge and maturity towards the images of our creator that God intended us to be. We must put away sins of both sex and speech, which damage individuals and the Christian community. Luke's Gospel answers the Preacher's problem in the first reading: good actions in this life are rewarded after death, and evil will be punished. The rich man's approach was sensible in capitalist terms, and not immoral. But Luke insists that we must help the poor while we can!

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**TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC By:** Voice / Organ – Fátima Cátia

Marques. Cello – Helena Paula Marques

**Entry Hymn:** "Let there be love" - n. 317

**Penitential Act:** "Lord have mercy" - n. 663

**Gospel Acclamation:** "Aleluia"

**Offertory Hymn:** "O Lord my God (How great thou art)" - n. 419

**Sanctus:** "Holy" - n. 704

**Agnus Dei:** "Lamb of God" - n. 737

**Communion Hymn:** "Amazing grace" - n. 32

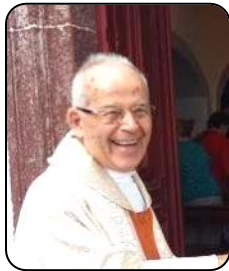
**Thanksgiving:** *Instrumental*

**Final Hymn:** "How lovely on the mountains" - n. 235

## PSALM RESPONSE:

**O Lord, you have  
been our refuge  
from one generation  
to the next.**





## I WOULD LOVE TO HEAR IT

**A chaplain, who was serving on a battle field, came across a young man who was lying in a shell hole, seriously wounded.**

- «Would you like me to read something from this book, the Bible?» he asked.

- «I'm so thirsty, I'd rather have a drink of water», the soldier said. Hurrying away, the chaplain soon brought the water. Then the wounded man said:

- «Could you put something under my head?»

The chaplain took off his overcoat, rolled it up and gently placed it under the man's head for a pillow.

- «Now», said the suffering man, « if I just had something over me. I'm cold ». The Chaplain immediately removed his jacket and put it over the wounded man to keep him warm. Then the soldier looked the Chaplain straight in the eye and said:

- «If there is anything in that book that makes a man do for another all that you have done for me, then please read it, because I would love to hear it».



If my actions do not speak of Gospel values, be sure my words never will. What affects most people is often caught rather than taught. Indeed we are the only book on Jesus Christ that others may ever read.

I learned for my first Communion that there were four Gospels of Jesus Christ (Mathew, Mark, Luke and John). **Growing up in my spiritual journey I discovered that there are five Gospels: Mathew, Mark, Luke, John and my Life.**

For many people around me, as a follower of Jesus, my life will be the only Gospel they are going to have a chance to read. May God help me to be a permanent and living *Good News* to the world.



May God help me to understand that my main purpose in life is to alleviate the suffering of the world! After doing that, maybe lots of people will start asking me to, please, read the Book – the Bible.

Love and Peace,  
Fr. Bernardino Andrade

## SAINT OF THE MONTH: AUGUST - Alphonsus Liguori (Feast Day: August 1st)

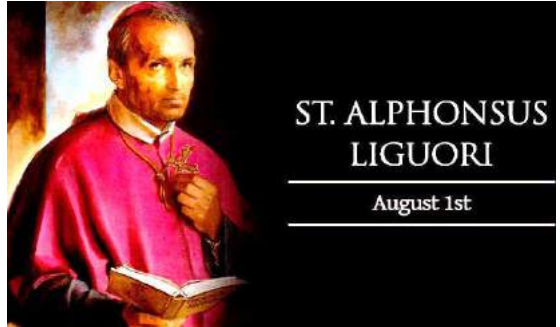
**Source:** [www.saintsresource.com/alphonsus-liguori](http://www.saintsresource.com/alphonsus-liguori)

**Alphonsus was what we call a “gifted” student today.** He was a lawyer by the time he was 16 years old! He came from a wealthy family in Naples, Italy, and had every advantage in life from the moment he was born in 1696. But his parents were spiritually devoted people, and **Alphonsus was taught that the greatest blessing he had been given was his faith.** He prayed often and attended Mass even on days when he was appearing in court.

He found that he was not happy with his life and sought to understand God’s will for him and finally realized he was being called to the life of a priest. He studied theology and was ordained when he was 29.

Alphonsus became famous for his preaching. **He spoke so that everyone in church - even people who had never gone to school - could understand his message.** He gave retreats for the poor and he encouraged people to pray more often. He founded an order of priests called the Redemptorists. These men were devoted to serving the average working family and peasants.

Even though he was such a busy priest, Alphonsus took time to write books and hymns. He also worked to correct a false teaching of his day known as Jansenism that said that people were too sinful to be worthy of receiving Jesus’ Body and Blood in the Eucharist. Alphonsus taught that receiving Communion helped us to overcome our sins and to become more holy. He suffered from physical afflictions that left him in great pain in his later life, and he died at the age of 91. Alphonsus was canonized a saint in 1839 and in 1871 was named a Doctor of the Church - a person who made an important contribution to the Church by helping us to understand what it means to be Catholic.



## PHOTOGRAPHY MUSEUM reopens in Funchal – Visit for Free



The Madeira Photography Museum – Atelier Vicente’s, the only one in the country entirely dedicated to photography, reopened in the centre of Funchal on July 29th, after being closed for 5 years due to renovation works.

This eighteenth century photographic house, the oldest in the country, has gone through four generations of the same family. It was founded in 1863 by Vicente Gomes da Silva, who received the title of photographer of the Empress Elisabeth (Sissi) of Austria and, in 1903, the photographer of the Royal Portuguese House, which contributed even more to its importance, making it one of the best equipped studios of the 19th century. **The museum is open from Tuesday to Saturday (10am to 5pm) with free admission until the end of September.**



Empress Elisabeth (Sissi) of Austria

## 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:

#### 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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