

11<sup>th</sup> August 2019 – 10h00 Sunday Mass

19th 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.

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(*Wis* 18:6-9, *Ps* 32(33):1-22, *Heb* 11:1-2,8-19, *Lk* 12:32-48)

The **Wisdom of Solomon** was the last book of the Old Testament to be written. It was written in Greek, not Hebrew, so not in the Septuagint nor therefore in the Protestant Bible. The final chapters meditate on the Exodus, contrasting the woes visited on the Egyptians at the first Passover with the gifts given by God to the Israelites. The **Psalms** celebrate God's faithfulness, power and wisdom, justifying our confidence in him. The 2nd readings in August from **Hebrews** describe faith, which gives assurance to our hopes. Abraham is the prime example of a man of faith: he obeyed God's command to go to a new land; he believed God's promise that he and Sarah would have a child in their old age; and he passed the supreme test of faith when God asked him to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. God's last minute reprieve for Isaac is seen as a return from the dead. In **Luke's Gospel**, following the parable we heard last week about the rich man building a bigger barn, Jesus assures us that we will be given all the resources we need to meet the Lord's demands. He then urges us to have faith and to be prepared.

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## PSALM RESPONSE:

**Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.**

### TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC By:

Larysa Makarova (from the Ukraine) and Rui César Gomes (from Madeira)

**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:** "Light up the fire, let the flame burn"- n. 93



## LIFE AFTER DELIVERY

**In a mother's womb were two babies;** one asked the other: «Do you believe in life after delivery? ». The other replied «Why, of course. There has to be something after delivery. Maybe we are here to prepare ourselves for what we will be later. » ...

« Nonsense », said the first, « There is no life after delivery. What kind of life would that be? ».

The second said «I don't know, but there will be more light than here. Maybe we will walk with our legs and eat from our mouth. Maybe we will have other senses that we can't understand now».

The first replied - «That is absurd. Walking is impossible. And eating with our mouths? Ridiculous! The umbilical cord supplies nutrition and everything we need. But the umbilical cord is so short. Life after delivery is to be logically excluded. ».

The second insisted - «Well I think there is something, and maybe it's different from life here. Maybe we won't need this physical cord anymore. ».

The first replied: « **Nonsense. And moreover, if there is life, then why has no one ever come back from there? Delivery is the end of life, and in the after-delivery there is nothing but darkness and silence and oblivion. It takes nowhere. ».**

«Well, I don't know, » said the second, «but certainly we will meet Mother and she will take care of us. ».

The first replied «Mother? You actually believe in Mother? That's laughable. If Mother exists then where is She now? ».

The second said: «She is all around us. We are surrounded by her. We are of Her. It is in Her that we live. Without Her this world would not and could not exist. ».

«Well I don't see her, so it is only logical that she doesn't exist», said the first, to which the second replied: «Sometimes, when you're in silence and you focus and listen, you can hear Her loving voice, calling down from above. ».



**Sometimes we are like the two babies in the story, and we ask: "Is there life after death?"... "Does God exist?"**

I have heard that even though birds are surrounded by air, they don't see the air. Fish are surrounded by water, but the last thing they see is the water. We are so immersed in God. We are completely soaked in God like a sponge with water. We are completely surrounded by God like babies by their mother's wombs, like birds by air and fish by water but we are so distracted by the «life» and the «needs» created by us that we take the risk of even saying and feeling that God doesn't exist unless like the second baby says «**Sometimes, when you are in silence and focus and listen we can hear HIS loving voice, calling down from above**».

Love and Peace,  
Fr. Bernardino Andrade





## 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:

#### 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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