

25th August 2019 – 10h00 Sunday Mass

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França,
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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. We are blessed to have **Father Bernardino Andrade** celebrating Mass in English here at the Chapel every Sunday morning at 10:00am. Today we are blessed to have a **visiting Deacon** and a **Seminarian** from the UK: Seminarian **Stephen Roberts**, and **Deacon Craig Aburn**.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(Is 66:18-21. Ps 116(117). Heb 12:5-7, 11-13. Lk 13:22-30)

After lamenting the disasters God has sent on the Israelites because of their sins, third **Isaiah** sees hope in God's renewal of his covenant promise and in the "new heavens and the new earth" which God is creating. Jerusalem will prosper and all nations will be invited to God's holy mountain Jerusalem. God's glory will be seen by all, and all nations will worship him. This shortest of all the **psalms** calls on all mankind to praise the Lord for his kindness to us and for his faithfulness to his promises. **Hebrews** quotes from the Book of Proverbs that a son should expect to be disciplined by his Father. So we should not be discouraged when God disciplines us: rather we should rejoice that God shows in this way that we are his beloved sons. We must persevere, enduring our sufferings, turning away from sin and accepting the works God calls us to do. Chapter 13 of **Luke's gospel** emphasises the need to repent, to change our mind-set about God. After Jesus healed a crippled woman on the Sabbath, the synagogue ruler was outraged to be told his understanding of the Sabbath was hypocrisy. But we also have great difficulty in accepting God's ways. Today's reading insists that entering the kingdom is difficult.

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PSALM RESPONSE: Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good News.

TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC

By: *Larysa Makarova (from the Ukraine)*
and *Irene de Sousa (from the UK)*

Entry Hymn: "Morning has broken like the first morning," - n. 368

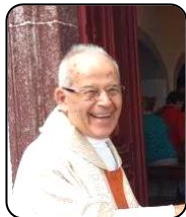
Offertory Hymn: "Blest are you, Lord, God of all creation" - n. 69

Communion Hymn: "Alleluia, sing to Jesus" - n. 29

Thanksgiving: *Instrumental*

Final Hymn: "Shine, Jesus, Shine" - n. 344





A Gentle and Secret Kiss

It happened 36 years ago, during the month of August. Actually it was August 15. I remember not because I have a good memory, but because it was the day when the church celebrates the *Feast of the Assumption of Mary*. Another thing I remember very well was that it was during the peak of the Summer's heat.

I was standing at the altar celebrating the Eucharist. In my home Parish it is the Feast of «*Nossa Senhora do Monte*» (Our Lady of the Mountain). I was facing the people. The Church was packed. Many people were standing. Among the standing people there was Gina holding her four-year-old daughter, Irene, in her arms. I assumed that no matter the child's weight, she was not a light weight for Gina.

At a certain point of the Mass I saw Gina lifting her daughter to the level of her face, and she deposited a very gentle kiss on her sleeping daughter's forehead. Very naturally. Very normally. Very gently. Then she kept looking at the altar. I confess that this was a little epiphany for me.

In that moment I thought: «That sleeping child will never know that her mother kissed her today. She will never know how much her mother would always find ways to express her love for her, even when she is asleep». Yes. It was an epiphany for me. Besides the Bible, mothers have always been for me the best teachers about God's love and my relationship with God. I fell into contemplation and started thinking and I still think that Irene was asleep and she would never know that her mother kissed her in that moment. It was a gentle and secret kiss. I believe that the majority of expressions of love that mothers have for their children go unnoticed. During that day I fell into deep contemplation thinking of how many times God kisses me during the day and during the night without being noticed by me. Then I discovered that God is a permanent surprise. He always holds me in His arms and always kisses me, performing so many miracles in my life even when I don't notice it. God is a permanent surprise. The only thing I ask God in this moment is that He will help me to be open to his gentle and secret kisses. To his gentle and secret surprises.



Love and Peace

Fr. Bernardino Andrade

POPE FRANCIS, A MAN OF HIS WORD - A documentary film



A **documentary** film featuring face-to-face conversations with Pope Francis was **released last year on March 13th**. The film is called "Pope Francis – A Man of His Word" and is intended to be a personal journey with Pope Francis, rather than a biographical documentary about him. The pope's ideas and his message are central to this documentary. Here are some of the messages that Pope Francis left in the movie:

- No one can serve two masters. We either serve God or we serve money.
- Families quarrel, and sometimes plates fly. I won't speak about mothers-in-law! (Pope joking).
- In the family there are difficulties but those difficulties are overcome with love.
- We need to learn to listen. Differences always scare us because they make us grow.
- Tenderness is not weakness. It's strength.
- We have so much to do. And we must do it together.



Did you know that a tiny microfilm Bible was the first to make a lunar landing with Apollo 14? The Bible, measuring 1.5 by 1.5 inches, can be read only with a microscope - and is today being called by collectors "one of the rarest books in the world."

The Lunar Bible began on a tragic note on January 27th, 1967. During a launch-pad test, a flash fire broke out and 3 astronauts were killed. Before his death, lunar module pilot, Ed White, said to a reporter that he hoped someday to take a Bible to the moon. To honour the astronaut's memory, a series of events took place over many years until White's dream was finally realized in 1971 when astronaut Edgar Mitchell took the Lunar Bible to the moon.



The Lunar Bible

Source: <https://twitter.com/museumofBible/status/1021772471412903936>

INDEX FINGER
FOR THE ONES THAT TEACH US
For those who instruct you and heal you. They need the support and wisdom to show direction to others.

MIDDLE FINGER
FOR OUR GOVERNORS
As it is the tallest finger, it reminds us of our leaders, the governors and those who have authority.

RING FINGER
FOR THE SICK AND WEAKEST
It is our weakest finger. It reminds us to pray for the weakest, the sick or those plagued by problems.

THE THUMB
FOR THE ONES WE LOVE
Start praying for those who are closest to you. They are the easiest to remember.

THE PINKY
PRAY FOR YOURSELF
The smallest finger-should remind you to pray for your own needs when you are done praying for the other four groups,

THE 5 FINGER PRAYER
BY POPE FRANCIS

SOURCE:
CATHOLIC.ORG - POPE FRANCIS' FIVE FINGER PRAYER
<http://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=3396>

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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

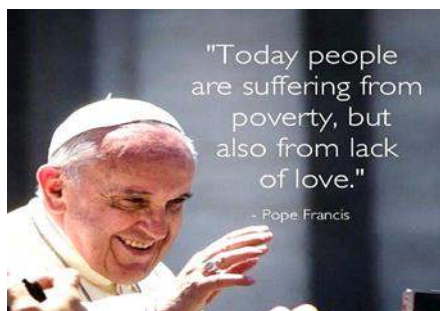
11h30 Portuguese



Tea and Coffee

After Mass!!

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



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