



8th September 2019 – 10h00 Sunday Mass

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

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

Good morning! Welcome to the Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França. We are blessed to have **Fr. Bernardino Andrade** celebrating Mass here this morning. This weekend is a special one at the Chapel. **This will be the 2nd year that we are celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Penha de França here at the Chapel!** Yesterday was the first day of the Feast, and it continues this afternoon! Please do come and join in, and experience for yourself a traditional Madeiran Feast! More information on the inside of the newsletter...

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(Brought to you by: Chris Oliver. www.bible-groups.info)

(*Wisdom 9:13-18. Ps 89(90):3-17. Phlm 9-10, 12-17. Lk 14:25-33*)

The Book of **Wisdom** was written in 1st century BC. Greek and other pagan religions gave inadequate answers to life's questions, especially why the wicked prosper and the just suffer. How does a just God mete out justice? Wisdom's solution, distilled from all Jewish Scriptures, is that the just continue to live with God after their deaths: a developing Jewish belief in resurrection, though not of the body. Man's knowledge and powers of reasoning are inadequate compared with God's Wisdom. So we ask God to give us Wisdom for our guide. The **psalm** contrasts God's eternity with our short lives, confident that God cares for us and that some good will come from our trials. In this moving letter Paul asks **Philemon** to accept back the slave Onesimus and forgive him. But Paul is pleading for something more: Onesimus means "profit", and Paul wants Philemon to see the "profit" of forgiving Onesimus out of Christian love, and not because Paul could "force this act of kindness". In this way Philemon can gain wisdom and spiritual benefit. In **Luke's** gospel, after a parable about "I'm too busy" excuses, Jesus insists we must "hate" our parents: not emotionally but in our actions. We must weigh our options carefully and willingly carry the Cross.

* If you would like to include these kind of Scripture notes in your parish newsletters, please contact Chris Oliver.
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TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC Voice / Organ – Fátima Cátia Marques. Cello – Helena Paula Marques

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

Penitential Act: "Lord, have mercy" - n. 659

Gospel Acclamation: "Aleluia"

Offertory Hymn: "Take our bread" - n. 528

Sanctus: "Holy" - n. 704

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

Communion Hymn: "Our God loves us" - n. 454

Thanksgiving: *Instrumental*

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

PSALM RESPONSE: O Lord,
you have been our refuge from
one generation to the next..





The Agony Of Watching A Game

1.

I have tried, but I have to confess that I have never been able to watch a football game from the beginning until the end because of the agony I feel and see, not only among the football players, but also around me in the people who are watching it in person or in TV. It is uncommon to see people really «enjoying» the game. It is

common to see the watchers agonizing over each movement that is done inside the field. I don't see too much concern about the players. What I see is a big concern about winning or losing. And what I find strange is that in the same moment and in the same place, I have seen people yelling and screaming of joy and excitement, and at their side there are people crying, feeling defeated, sad and frustrated.



2.

It was during a Marathon at the Special Olympics. A group of ten Special young boys and girls were running, competing with each other to arrive first and to be the first; to be the winner. Some of them were Down syndrome, some Autistic and others with other special challenges. There were thousands of people watching from the balcony.

They were running and running. People were roaring with excitement, with applauses and words of encouragement and support for those they expected to be their heroes. Of course some were faster than others, and consequently some were ahead of others. This was the purpose of the marathon. And of course the winners would be rewarded with special expensive medals. The losers, well... too bad. Nothing could be done about that. This was a competition and rules are rules.

At a certain a point of the race, a fifteen-year-old girl fell on the ground. It was obvious that not even the adversaries enjoyed that moment, but that fall, helping her to lose, would be helping others to win. That's part of sports. That's part of competition. Some have to lose in order that others can win. Rules are rules.

But something happened that completely changed the atmosphere. They were ten young people running and doing what they had been taught to do. They had been taught to run faster than others and to be ahead of others, because they were supposed to win. All the techniques had been taught and learned properly. But seeing their colleague in pain, all of them forgot that they were supposed to win. All of them stopped and came to her aid. One of the boys kissed her knee that had been scratched and told her. «*This is going to help you feel better*». Then all of them joined hands and kept running and arrived all together at the same time.

According to the story there was not one dry eye on the balconies.

True human life is not about competition. True human life is about helping one another. True human life is about People Helping People.



Love and Peace

Fr. Bernardino Andrade

Last year for the first time, we celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Penha de França. This year will be our 2nd year celebrating the Feast at the Chapel. The festivities are held over two days (Saturday and Sunday). Today is the last day, with the festivities starting at 5pm and finishing at 10pm. The ceiling above the altar (which took over a year to restore), was finished just in time for the festivities this weekend!



PROGRAMME FOR TODAY:

17h00

Mass (in Portuguese) celebrated by D. Nuno Brás, the Bishop of Funchal. 1st and 2nd readings during Mass will be in English and in Portuguese.

- Mass will be followed by a procession along the roads surrounding the Chapel.

18h30 – 22h00

- There will be groups providing musical entertainment: Funchal Municipal Band, folklore dancers from Boa Nova, Tuna (university students in traditional dress playing traditional instruments and singing serenades), etc.
- And on sale: traditional foods (pork meat and beef sandwiches) etc., and also other snacks, cakes, and beverages (including tea/coffee).

22h00

- Feast Ending.



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Feast of Our Lady of Penha de França
7-8 SETEMBRO 2019

Nossa Senhora da Penha de França
Feast of Our Lady of Penha de França
CAPÉLA DA PENHA DE FRANÇA - FUNCHAL

Sábado, 7 de setembro
• *Atividade principal: F*

- 17h30 | Comemoração
- 18h30 | Missa de 10.ª Aniversário
- 19h30 | Início da procissão musical
- 20h30 | Banda Municipal de Funchal "Os Bateriais"
- 21h30 | Grupo Folclórico
- 22h00 | Grupo Folclórico Maria Vento

18h00 | Início da procissão da Penha | *Verão Encanto*

Domingo, 8 de setembro
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Why not come along tonight and experience a traditional Madeiran Feast!

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! ☺



TODAY:

10h00 English

17h00 Portuguese

NEXT SUNDAY:

10h00 English

11h00 Portuguese

**THERE WILL BE
NO Tea and Coffee
After Mass TODAY**

**due to the social hall
being reserved for
the Feast later this
afternoon**

Newsletter from Madeira. Keep in touch! **This newsletter is brought to you every week by a team of volunteers:** Father Bernardino (who writes our Weekly Column: *From my Heart to your Heart*); Chris (*Scripture Readings*); Cátia and Helena Marques (*Hymns*); Tracy and Jennifer (newsletter layout). **The newsletters are printed by Cartridge World Funchal**, in Rua Elias Garcia, nr 5. We can email this newsletter to you every week. If you would like to receive it by email every Sunday, just email the word "Newsletter" to: penhafanca.newsletter@gmail.com, or download it from the Chapel's website/blog: www.rcmassmadeira.org which is updated every week by Debbie and Tony. ☺