



22nd September 2019 – 10h00 Sunday Mass

25th 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 ENGLISH MASS IN MADEIRA:

Good morning! Welcome to the Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França. We are blessed to have *Father Bernardino Andrade* celebrating Mass here every Sunday morning. Father Bernardino was born in Madeira but spent many years as a priest in Mozambique and also in the USA. For those who may be wondering about the “age” of this small Chapel... it was founded by Antonio Dantas in 1622, almost 400 years ago.

Please join us after Mass in the Social Hall across the garden for a cup of tea or coffee, and cake.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS (Brought to you by: Chris Oliver. www.bible-groups.info)
(*Amos 8:4-7. Ps 112(113):1-8. 1 Tim 2:1-8. Lk 16:1-13*)

Amos was a shepherd from Judah who around 760 BC prophesied doom to the northern kingdom Israel, largely because of its social injustice. Israel under Jeroboam was very prosperous, but when it was overrun by Assyria 40 years later the prophet's warnings were remembered. It was not just the ways the rich cheated the poor – inflating the currency and giving short measure. Worse was their belief that sacrifices and fasting would absolve them from God's blame: sacrifice without justice is meaningless. **The Psalm** urges praise for God at all times and in all places for he who is supreme over all stoops down to raise up the poor. In our modern liturgies we follow all of Paul's advice to **Timothy**: we lift up our hands in the traditional manner to offer prayers of petition, intercession and thanks, and we pray for secular authorities – “so that we may live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet”. We should reject false gods like riches or possessions. There is only one God, and Christ Jesus, our one High Priest, is the only mediator between us and God. In the Gospel Jesus also warns us not to be seduced into worshipping money. Jesus says though the steward was “dishonest”, his motive was right: to gain friends who would help him later.

PSALM RESPONSE: Praise the Lord who raises the poor.

* *The Scripture notes are sent to us every week by Chris Oliver from the UK. If you'd also like to have these included in your own parish newsletters, you are welcome to ask your Priest to get in contact with Chris at: chris@chris-oliver.net*

TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC Larysa Makarova (from the Ukraine)

Entry Hymn: “Ev’ry knee shall bow, ev’ry tongue confess” - n. 215

Offertory Hymn: “: “Take our bread” - n. 528

Communion Hymn: “Lay your hands gently upon us” - n. 307

Thanksgiving: *Instrumental*

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





A Scientist Who Became A Starfish Saver

He was a scientist and was writing a book. Every afternoon he would go to the beach, not to swim, but to take advantage of the sound of the waves, the scenery... of the many kilometers of yellow sand, the presence of children splashing in the water and the gentle flying of elegant seagulls.

There was a small distance between the water and a small forest where there were trees that would protect the scientist from the sun. He would bring a small folding chair and for a while that space was his small office.

None of these apparent distractions were able to distract him from his job that, for him, was also a hobby.

None of these activities were able to distract him, except for one. Every afternoon he could see a man «dancing» by himself on the sand. This man would bend down, would stand up, would open his arms and would repeat almost the same movements for a long time. This «show» was happening every afternoon. It was something that started distracting him and then started intriguing him. He even thought if it could be a kind of religious ritual of some kind of religion.

Finally the scientist decided to unveil the mystery. He left his papers on his chair and full of curiosity approached the «dancing man» and asked for the meaning of that ritual.

The «dancing man» stopped for a while and gladly explained to his visitor:



«It is because in this water there are many starfish. When the tides rise up, the starfish are thrown onto the sand of the beach. The problem is that when the tides go down most of them stay on the dry sand and die. I come every afternoon looking for starfish that have stayed on the sand, and to save them, I pick them up one by one, and throw them back in the water. I know that those starfish are safe and alive».

The scientist, expressing some kind of disbelief told him: «But, my friend, there are hundreds of kilometers of sand on this beach, what difference does that make?».

The «dancing man» bent down, picked up another starfish that was close to his feet and said: «Does it make any difference to **this one**?»

The following afternoon the scientist stopped writing his book in the afternoons and joined the «dancing man», saving starfish.

If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one. (Mother Teresa)

Small things done by small people in small places change the world (Mother Teresa)

What I do for others is just a small drop of water in the ocean. But without that drop of water the ocean is smaller. (Mother Teresa)

Love and Peace

Fr. Bernardino Andrade



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“Remember, whenever you're in a position to help someone, be glad and always do it, because that's God answering someone else's prayers, through you.”

Source: www.catholicexchange.com/the-mystic-tailor-servant-of-god-jan-tyranowski



Did you know that a tailor called Jan Tyranowski was the central figure in the spiritual formation of Karol Józef Wojtyła, who became Pope John Paul II?

Jan Tyranowski was born on 9 February 1901 in Kraków, Poland. His father had plans for him and directed him to the accounting profession, which he studied

for. He obtained his high school diploma to enter accounting but this was cut short in 1930 when he suffered from a chronic and debilitating stomach ailment that forced him to quit. He began to work in his father's tailor shop and inherited it after his death.

As priests were carted off by the Gestapo during the occupation of Poland in World War II, Jan reluctantly stepped into unknown territory. He was asked by a Salesian priest to form and advise a group of young men, and to create a youth ministry team for the parish. He was a shy man and did not deal much with people. He was not at all attracted to the youth - the idea of speaking to them terrified him. **When Jan protested, he was told, "Do not be afraid, the Lord will help you."** The Lord blessed his efforts, and Jan was able to clandestinely bring together team leaders and implement the "*Living Rosary*" groups that served as a lifeline for the young people suffering under the Nazi occupation.

Those involved had many close calls. Youth groups of any kind, especially those that promoted a Polish identity, of which Catholicism was central, were targeted by the Gestapo. Tyranowski's apartment was once raided during a *Living Rosary* gathering. We do not know what this soft-spoken man said to the Germans, but they left.

Jan continued to mentor his team of *Living Rosary* group leaders, adjusting his approach to suit each one personally. Karol Wojtyła, who would later become Pope John Paul II, was one of the team and a *Living Rosary* group leader. **At this time, Karol was in his early twenties with not one living family member, and Jan Tyranowski helped fill the painful void.** He was not only a mentor to young Karol but also a spiritual director, friend, and father figure. Jan Tyranowski managed to attend Karol's ordination as a priest on 1 November 1946 just a few months before his death on the 15th of March 1947.

BABY GIRL CLOTHES AND TOILETRIES NEEDED – An Appeal for help

I have been told that when a single girl gets pregnant the first recommendations she receives from her friends and some relatives is to visit an abortion clinic. That's why, when I know that a girl is pregnant, the first thing I do, is to say *Congratulations* and then thank her for not having an abortion, and then I volunteer to help. Later on, but only later on, I talk with her about moral values.

I am convinced that when a single girl becomes pregnant, she is signing her "passport" to poverty. This is the case of a girl we know. She has almost nothing for her baby girl which is due to be born next month (on the 15th of October). If anybody would like to help with nappies, or sheets for baby's bed, baby clothes, toiletries, etc. it would be really appreciated. THANK YOU FOR CARING ☺



Love and Peace
Fr. Bernardino

- The items can be brought to the Chapel on Sunday morning, or you can contact Father Bernardino on 916192783 or email him at: bernardinodandrade@gmail.com to make other arrangements.

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! ☺



SUNDAYS:

10h00 English

11h30 Portuguese

SATURDAYS:

18h30 Portuguese



"Look into My Heart and see there
the love and mercy which I have for
humankind, and especially for sinners.

Look, and enter into My Passion"

Jesus to St. Faustina (Diary 1663)

Tea and Coffee

After Mass!!

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



COFFEE & CAKE

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