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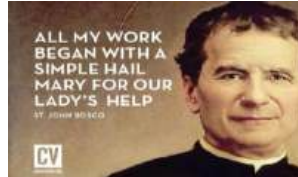


People Helping People is a small project founded in the Chapel of Penha de França by the late Father Bernardino Andrade to help those in need. Our former Bishop D. António once said, "One must find new ways of helping the poor". A very small group of people attending the English Mass decided to do just 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...**

"Do good, be happy and make the birds sing"
– a quote from St. John Bosco.

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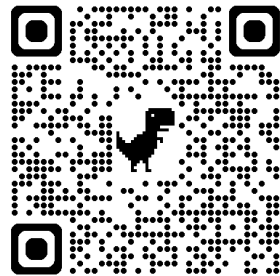
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The funds will then be transferred to Madeira.
Any questions or concerns about transferring to this account, please contact Sinead Moynihan at: sineadmoynihnan7@icloud.com

When making any donation, please send an email to penhafranca.php@gmail.com with the date, and name on the transfer so that Alexandre Silva is able to confirm that the transfer has been received. Thank you.



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JOYFUL GIFT

13th of October 2024

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

10h00 – Mass in English

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CATHOLIC MASS – 10 AM (IN ENGLISH)

Good morning! Today is the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time. We are blessed to be celebrating our English Service Mass here at the Cathedral while The Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França undergoes renovation work. Father Mari Joe, a Carmelite Catholic priest from Cape Town, South Africa will be celebrating mass for us this morning.

The special intentions of this morning's Holy Mass are for the souls of **☩ Karen Matthews, ☩ Marcelino Malho, ☩ Julia Malho, ☩ Francisco Malho, ☩ Argentina Malho, and ☩ Arnestina Marques. ☩**



TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS –

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

(*Wisdom 7: 7-11; Psalm 89(90): 12-17; Hebrews 4: 12-13; Mark 10: 17-30*)



The last of the Old Testament books to be written, the Wisdom of Solomon was written to encourage Jews living in the rational Greek culture of Alexandria. Today's reading is part of a speech ascribed to Solomon, describing what Wisdom is, and why we should seek her. Solomon prayed and was given wisdom which he sees as "a breath of the power of God", "a reflection of eternal light", "an image of God's goodness". And so to be desired above all riches. The Psalm, attributed to Moses, compares God's awesome eternity to the shortness of Moses' and our lives, asking God for wisdom, so that our work be firmly based. Filling our short lives with God's love is all we need to be full of joy. The Letter to the Hebrews has insisted Jesus, a man like other men, is capable of leading into God's rest those who hear and obey "the living Word of God", which, like a sword, can unfailingly "judge secret emotions and thoughts". Jesus continues to teach on his way to Jerusalem: the rich man appears to have heard the good news, but does not have the wisdom to let go of his riches. How hard it is to do so! We cannot practise this wisdom without God's help.

PSALM RESPONSE:

Fill us with your love so that we may rejoice.

The Scripture reading notes are brought to you every Sunday by: **Chris Oliver**
www.bible-groups.info.... Email: chris@chris-oliver.net



HYMN MUSIC:

During Mass this morning, the hymn music will be played and sung by:

Fátima Cátia Marques





There's an old Madeiran folktale about a fisherman from the village of Caniço, known for his wisdom and his inner sense of joy.

One day, a wealthy man approached him with a question: "How can I find true happiness?" The rich man had worked hard for everything he possessed, yet something was still missing in his life.

The fisherman, who lived simply, pointed to the vast sea and said, "Happiness is like the ocean. It's there for everyone, but you'll never find it if you try to buy it." He explained that just as the sea has its tides, life has its

ups and downs. The key to happiness is learning to go with the flow, rather than trying to fight against things you can't change. He emphasised that, while happiness is available, it cannot be owned, controlled, or bought.

This simple story ties into the message of today's Gospel. Jesus tells the rich young man to let go of his wealth if he wants to enter the Kingdom of God, but the man walks away sad because he is too attached to his possessions. Like the fisherman's advice, Jesus calls us to live simply and trust in God's plan, rather than clinging to things that won't bring lasting happiness.

Both the Gospel and the folktale remind us that true wisdom and happiness come from living with an open heart - being humble, trusting in God, and accepting that we can't always control what happens in life. Sometimes, like the tides, things don't go the way we want. However, if we can adapt and trust in God's guidance, we will find peace and joy in the long run.

As we reflect on this week's readings, let's consider what we might be holding on to too tightly. What's stopping us from fully following Jesus? Let's pray for the strength to let go, trust more, and live in the freedom of God's love.

- Revd. Tito Pereira

OUR ENGLISH MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL – Last Sunday

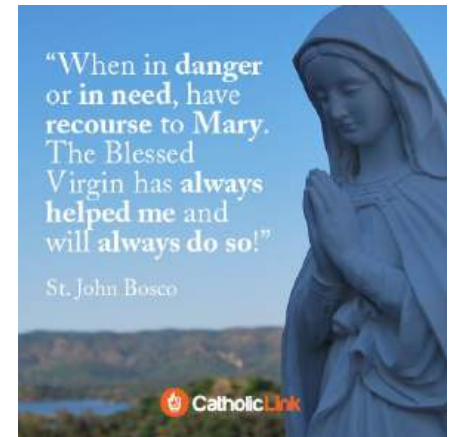
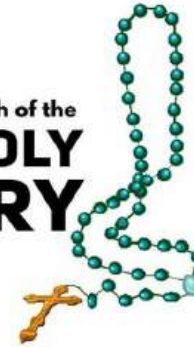


Last Sunday morning, many of you were blessed to be able to attend Mass in English here at the Cathedral in Funchal (for the first time!)

We are very grateful to Canon Marcos Gonçalves, Vicar General of the Diocese of Funchal, who invited us to celebrate our English Mass service here in the Cathedral while our Chapel undergoes much needed renovation work.



October is the Month of the MOST HOLY ROSARY



THE MIRACLE OF THE SUN – on October 13th, 1917

"The Miracle of the Sun" is a miraculous event which occurred on the 13th of October 1917 in the Cova da Iria fields near Fátima, Portugal. It was witnessed by as many as 100,000 people who had gathered to observe what the three shepherd children: Lúcia, Jacinta, and Francisco, had predicted was going to happen at 12 noon. The children had said that Our Lady, who had appeared to them several times, had promised them that she would perform a great miracle "so that all may believe". **According to many witness statements, after a downfall of rain, the dark clouds broke and the sun appeared as an opaque, spinning disc in the sky.** It was said to cast multi-coloured lights across the landscape, the people, and the surrounding clouds. The sun was then reported to have careened towards the earth in a zig-zag pattern, frightening some of those present who thought it meant the end of the world. Some witnesses reported that their previously wet clothes became «suddenly and completely dry ». The miracle of the sun was also seen by several witnesses up to twenty-five miles away from the apparition site. The Portugal news and other newspapers at that time reported the miraculous event.



Read more about this miracle here:

<https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/sixth-apparition-of-our-lady-23368>