

**22<sup>nd</sup> of January 2017 – 10h00 Sunday Mass**  
**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

Rua da Penha de França nr.3 – Funchal, Madeira.

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## THE CATHOLIC ENGLISH MASS IN MADEIRA:

**Welcome to the Chapel of Penha de França**, founded by Antonio Dantas in 1622. The Chapel was originally built to minister to the soldiers of the small garrison at the Pontinha Redoubt (stronghold) in the bay of Funchal, but the Chapel soon became so famous a shrine that people came to it on pilgrimage from all parts of the Island. In 1721 the chapel was restored and enlarged. When the Diocese of Funchal took possession of the chapel it was used as the Bishop's Summer Residence for many years. In the meantime, the Franciscans had been coming to Madeira to carry out apostolic duties, and in 1935, they founded the Franciscan Residence of Our Lady of Penha de França here, at the request of Bishop D. Antonio Ribeiro. In 2015 the Franciscans moved to the former convent of São Bernardino in the town of Câmara de Lobos, and the Chapel reverted back to the Diocese of Funchal. The nave roof of the Chapel has recently been repaired and the ceiling restored through the generosity of a frequent visitor to our English Mass.

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(Isaiah 8:23-9:3; Psalm 26; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17; Matthew 4:12-23)

The first reading is from First **Isaiah**, when, about 725 BC, Isaiah, was advisor to the king of Judah. Ahaz, a weak king, asked Assyria for help, in spite of Isaiah's advice to wait because "God is with us". God would send a saviour, idealistically described with words probably used to hail the new king Hezekiah. Assyria attacked northern Palestine, but Isaiah looked forward to the Messiah bringing freedom to the "Way of the sea" ie Galilee.

In our second reading, in this week of prayer for Christian unity, Paul is shocked at the self-glorifying divisions, or "rents", in the church at Corinth. Whoever baptised us, we were baptised into Christ. With our common baptism we should therefore "be united in belief and practice". Unity, but not uniformity. Our task is to preach the Good News of Christ's crucifixion, without following particular teachers or allowing the meaning of the Cross to be obscured by clever oratory.

In **Matthew's Gospel**, Jesus has rejected the devil's temptations and so identified himself as the "Son of God", capable of not sinning. Hearing of the arrest of the Baptist, Jesus withdraws to Galilee, the "Way of the sea". He then quotes the verses of Isaiah from our first reading, before starting his mission in Galilee by calling his first disciples.

– **Brought to you by:** Chris Oliver

## PSALM RESPONSE: The Lord is my light and my help.

### TODAY'S HYMNS:



### Prof. Cátia Marques & Prof. Helena Marques

- [1] **Entry Hymn:** *Father, we adore you* – No. 136
- [2] **Penitential Act:** *Kyrie*
- [3] **Gospel Acclamation:** *Aleluia* – No. 679
- [4] **Offertory Hymn:** *Portuguese Hymn*
- [5] **Sanctus:** *Sanctus*
- [6] **Agnus Dei:** *Agnus Dei*
- [7] **Communion Hymn:** *Our God loves us* – No. 454
- [8] **Thanksgiving:** *Instrumental*
- [9] **Final Hymn:** *Go, the Mass is ended* – No. 175

## FROM MY HEART TO YOUR HEART – People Helping People in the World

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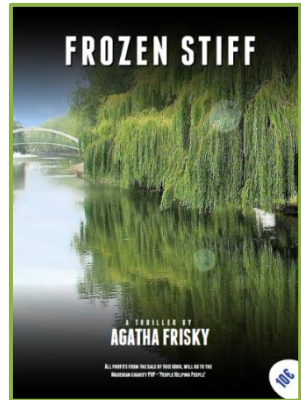
The Association **People Helping People** is crossing the boundaries of Madeira and Portugal.

Mrs. Jane Caldwell, from England, wrote a book called «Frozen Stiff». This book will be put for sale at the Chapel Penha de França where we have our regular Sunday Mass in English. On the bottom of the book's cover we can read «*All profits from the sale of this book, will go to the Madeiran Charity PHP – "People Helping People"».*

Thank you Mrs. Caldwell and thanks to your husband Peter Caldwell for his unconditional support.

**God loves you and so do I,**  
Fr. Bernardino Andrade

*I invited Mrs. Caldwell to tell you more about her book, below....*



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### ***FROZEN STIFF*** - a thriller by Agatha Frisky

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During the past fifteen years we have had many wonderful holidays in this beautiful island. We have been impressed with the friendly and resilient people, but sadly also by the poverty that exists on the island. As a result, we have become staunch admirers of PHP (*People Helping People*) and I have now written a novel to help the project. **It is a light hearted, slightly romantic detective story, set in some places people may recognize;** it is a typical holiday read.

"Frozen Stiff" by "Agatha Frisky" will be on sale next Sunday after Mass at Capela Penha de França for 10 Euros; absolutely every cent will go directly to PHP. ***Alternatively, it is available as a Kindle e-***

***book for £3:50.***

**Happy Reading.**

Jane Caldwell

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### **A SPECIAL THANK YOU** – From People Helping People

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A huge thank you to **Lynda and Mal Davies** who so generously arranged for a donation of clothing last week towards *People Helping People*. Lynda had the wonderful idea of asking everybody she could at the hotel where she was staying, to donate their "stuff" before they leave, and also donated some new underwear which was greatly appreciated by the person who received it! Thank You! And thank you to all who help spread the word about the poor and "*People Helping People*" outside our community!



## CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY – Restoration in Bethlehem

**Source:** [www.cathnews.com/cathnews/28069-new-lustre-for-treasures-of-bethlehem-s-church-of-the-nativity](http://www.cathnews.com/cathnews/28069-new-lustre-for-treasures-of-bethlehem-s-church-of-the-nativity)

**The Church of the Nativity is located in Bethlehem,** above what is believed to be the birthplace of Jesus. It was **built by Roman Emperor Constantine** in the 4<sup>th</sup> century.

The church is revered by different Christian sects and draws more than a million visitors to the Holy Land every year, making it the biggest tourist attraction in the Palestinian territories.

Since 2013, Italian experts from an art restoration firm have been working with the Palestinian government to forge ahead with an ambitious restoration of the church, which is expected to cost \$20 million when completed. **About 170 experts have been working on the restoration of the church's ceiling, wooden architraves and walls for the past 3 years.** During their research, they uncovered a mosaic angel, the 7<sup>th</sup> that still remains in the church, and cleaned and restored more than a million brilliantly coloured tiny mosaic tiles.

***“For those who have faith, this is the place where God arrived on earth, born in a cave that really existed under this church,”*** says Giammarco Piacenti, head of the project. Around two-thirds of the restoration work is finished. Funds are being sought to help restore the 50 columns and the floor mosaics and for the installation of fire prevention and lighting systems. The restoration is being funded by countries including France, Germany, Italy, Turkey and Morocco, as well as the Vatican. **The project is expected to be completed in 2019.**



## DO YOU KNOW THESE GUARDIAN ANGEL PRAYERS?



Guardian Angel  
from heaven so bright,  
Watching beside me to  
lead me aright,  
Fold thy wings round me,  
and guard me with love,  
Softly sing songs to me  
of heaven above.

Amen.

# PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE (PHP)

People Helping People (PHP) is a small project founded in the Chapel of Penha de França to help those in need. Our 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! In a short period of time we have 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...**

A sincere thank you to the owners and staff of Moynihans Irish Bar (located on the corner up the road from the Chapel), who have always been a great support towards the People Helping People Project, and who willingly accept any clothes, or toiletries, or tinned food that you may wish to donate towards PHP.

## PHP bank info:

If you wish to **DONATE**, please find below the details for PHP bank account:

**BANK:** Banco Santander Totta

**SWIFT:** TOTAPTPL

**NIB:** 0018 0008 01301547020 17

**IBAN:**

PT50 0018 0008 01301547020 17

**ACCOUNT NUMBER:**

0008 0130 1547020

**Bank Address:**

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Dr. José Luís Nunes, a lawyer, member of PHP, buying groceries for a needy family.



Please sign our Visitor's book

in the Social Hall...  
leave us your comments,  
or suggestions, and let us know  
where you're from!

**Please join us for some tea/coffee  
and biscuits**  
in the Social Hall across the garden  
– after Mass



## >> Bible Group:

Directions to English Church  
(for Bible Group) →

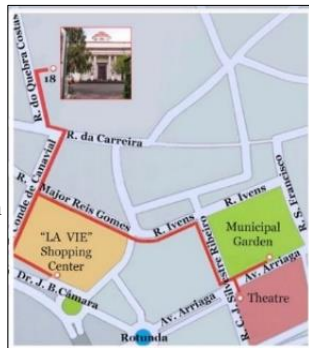
Joint Anglican - Roman Catholic  
Bible Group:

*Introducing the Old Testament.*

**THURSDAYS | 2:00 – 3:30pm**

Where: English Church Library,  
Rua do Quebra Costas nr.18,  
Funchal.

For more info:  
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**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*); Prof. Cátia and Prof. Helena (Hymns); Tracy and Jennifer (*stories of interest, newsletter layout*). If you would like to receive a copy of our newsletter by email every Sunday, ask to be added to the weekly distribution list by sending an email to: [penhafranca.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:penhafranca.newsletter@gmail.com)

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