

**29<sup>th</sup> of January 2017 – 10h00 Sunday Mass**  
**4<sup>th</sup> 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. We similarly are blessed by the presence of two dedicated priests at Penha de França. Father Vitor celebrates Mass in Portuguese and Father Bernardino has connections of long standing to the English Mass Community.

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

*(Zeph 2:3,3:12-13; Psalm 145; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12)*

About 630 BC Zephaniah strongly denounced the idolatry that had developed during the reign of Josiah. He prophesied "A day of wrath, ... a day of darkness and gloom" – from which we have our hymn *Dies Irae*. But God would leave a remnant of humble and lowly people – from whom tradition believes Jesus' and John the Baptist's parents came, and also Simeon and Anna.

Continuing his letter to the Corinthians, Paul reminds them "the world did not know God through wisdom". God has made us members of Christ, who has become our wisdom. God's plan works in ways that seem foolish and weak to us. We have nothing to boast about except the Lord.

About forty years after Jesus died, Matthew followed Mark in writing a gospel, which he arranged as five collections of sayings by Jesus, alternating with five collections describing what Jesus did. The first collection of sayings, the Sermon on the Mount, starts with the Beatitudes, which we hear today. Over the remaining Sundays before Lent we hear the rest of this Sermon, in which Jesus develops the Commandments given to Moses into positive ways of living. Although much of the promised happiness of the kingdom of God is in the future, it does extend to the present time in anticipation.

– *Brought to you by:* Chris Oliver

**PSALM RESPONSE: How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of Heaven**

## TODAY'S HYMNS:

**Prof. Cátia Marques & Prof. Helena Marques**



- [1] **Entry Hymn:** *Bind us together* – No. 65
- [2] **Penitential Act:** *Lord have mercy* – No. 663
- [3] **Gospel Acclamation:** *Aleluia* – No. 679
- [4] **Offertory Hymn:** *Take our bread* – No. 528
- [5] **Sanctus:** *Holy* – No. 704
- [6] **Agnus Dei:** *Lamb of God* – No. 733
- [7] **Communion Hymn:** *Instrumental*
- [8] **Thanksgiving:** *Instrumental*
- [9] **Final Hymn:** *How lovely on the mountains* – No. 235

# FROM MY HEART TO YOUR HEART

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- Brought to you by Fr. Bernardino Andrade



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## WHAT ARE WE CHRISTIANS «SELLING»?

One day a man called a Church by mistake. The Church receptionist happened to be distracted at the time, and did not answer the phone in the usual fashion. She just said "Hello." The man said, "I want to order one pound of Barbecue, two pints of Cole slaw, and a dozen hush puppies." The receptionist said, "Wait a minute, sir. We are not a food service operation. You must have the wrong number." The man hesitated a moment and then asked, «What business are you in?"

That's a fair question to ask. What is our mission? What is our principal message or service or goal? While all our tasks are important, none of them is our central mission. We are here, first and foremost, to declare this Good News: Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came down from Heaven as the "Lamb of God" to save us from our sins by His sacrificial death on the cross. And his favorites are the unloved, the weak, the hungry, the wounded, the sinners...

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## THIS IS THE KIND OF BUSINESS

A young soldier was utterly humiliated by his senior officer. The officer had gone beyond the bounds of acceptable behavior in disciplining the young soldier and knew it, so he said nothing as the younger man said through clenched teeth, "I'll make you regret this if it is the last thing I ever do." A few days later their company was under heavy fire and the officer was wounded and cut off from his troops. Through the haze of the battlefield he saw a figure coming to his rescue. It was the young soldier. At the risk of his own life, the young soldier dragged the officer to safety. The officer said, apologetically, "Son, I owe you my life." The young man laughed and said, "I told you that I would make you regret humiliating me if it was the last thing I ever did."



That is God's kind of revenge. "Behold the Lamb that takes away the sins of the world..." Something happened on Calvary that bridged the gap between a Holy God and unholy humanity. We see Christ in His majesty but especially in His mercy.

Fr. Bernardino Andrade

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## People Helping People in the World – **A NOVEL IDEA!**

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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»**. 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"*».

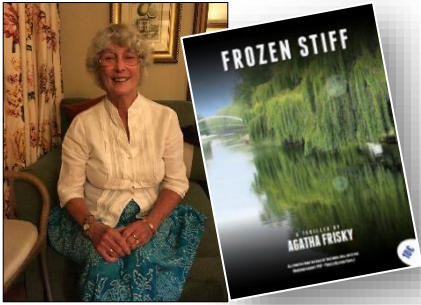
This book will be **on sale this morning in the social hall** after Mass, here at the Chapel Penha de França where we have our regular Sunday Mass in English.

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

*Fr. Bernardino Andrade*

I have invited Mrs. Caldwell to tell you more about her book...





Mrs. Caldwell, and her book, "Frozen Stiff"

*"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 today 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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## RENATO BUZZONETTI, DOCTOR TO 4 POPES – Dies at the age of 92

**Source:** [www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/renato-buzzonetti-doctor-to-four-popes-dies-at-92-11583/](http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/renato-buzzonetti-doctor-to-four-popes-dies-at-92-11583/)

**Renato Buzzonetti, personal doctor to 4 popes during his lifetime, has died on January 21<sup>st</sup> at the age of 92.** He was the personal doctor of Pope St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI, but he also served Pope John Paul I during his short pontificate of only 33 days. He was also the doctor who was at Pope Paul VI's side when he died in August 1978.

Dr. Buzzonetti was born in Rome on August 23rd, 1924. He later married and had two children. He entered the Vatican medical service in 1974, under Pope Paul VI, as a deputy of the Pope's doctor, Mario Fontana. His service was so appreciated that Pope Paul VI gave him a legacy gift: a golden rose, along with a personal and moving letter.

After the short pontificate of Pope John Paul I, Dr. Buzzonetti was called to the service of Pope St. John Paul II. Not only was he the doctor who made the first examination after the Ali Agca shooting in St. Peter's Square on May 13<sup>th</sup> 1981, he was also the doctor who provided initial first aid in Fatima, one year later, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 1982, when Pope St. John Paul II was stabbed by the ultra-conservative Spanish priest Juan Fernandez Krohn.



Dr. Renato Buzzonetti



Pope Paul VI

Pope John Paul I

Pope John Paul II

Pope Benedict XVI

Dr. Buzzonetti also provided care to Pope St. John Paul II when he became sick from an infectious disease after a blood transfusion at Gemelli Hospital. He suggested the appendectomy that the Pope underwent in the mid-1990s, and diagnosed the Pope's Parkinson's disease and cared for him, preparing him step by step for his long period of infirmity. Among his other patients was Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, who then became Pope Benedict XVI. He served this Pope for 4 years before retiring. When the doctor retired, Pope Benedict XVI gave him the honorific title of *"pontifical archiater emeritus,"* meaning "physician emeritus of the Pope.

# 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 Chapel and to 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

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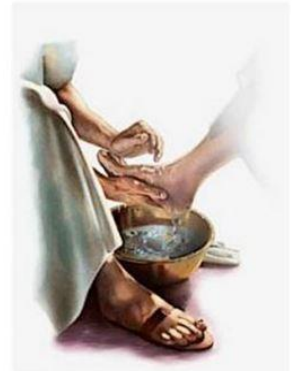
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"You should wash each other's feet"  
(John 13:14).



## 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) →

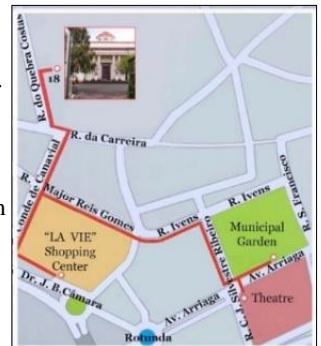
Joint Anglican - Roman Catholic  
Bible Group:

*Introducing the Old Testament.*

**THURSDAYS** | 2:00 – 3:30pm

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

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