

5th of February 2017 – 10h00 Sunday Mass

5th 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

(Isaiah 58:7-10; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16)

After the exiles returned to rebuild Jerusalem there were many difficulties and they lost heart. Third Isaiah writing after 500BC told them this was because of a lack of social justice: ritual and fasting have value **only** if they are expressions of a just society. Today's reading and the verse before it give the essentials of true religion: deal justly with your neighbour, free the oppressed, feed the hungry, etc. Then, as the Gospel says, your good deeds, like salt or a lamp, will influence others and give glory to God, without drawing attention to yourselves.

Paul, similarly, says that when he came to the Corinthians, he did not draw attention to himself by relying on the powers of clever oratory to convince people about '**mystery**' of God – the salvific events to be revealed in the age to come. No, he believes that "**Jesus Christ and him crucified**", the message itself, making visible the power of God, is strong enough to convince.

– **Brought to you by:** Chris Oliver
<http://www.bible-groups.info/>

PSALM RESPONSE: The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.

TODAY'S HYMNS:



Prof. Cátia Marques & Prof. Helena Marques

- [1] **Entry Hymn:** *Father we adore you* – No. 136
- [2] **Penitential Act:** *Lord have mercy* – No. 663
- [3] **Gospel Acclamation:** *Aleluia* – No. 679
- [4] **Offertory Hymn:** *O Lord my God - How great thou art* – No. 419
- [5] **Sanctus:** *Holy* – No. 704
- [6] **Agnus Dei:** *Dona nobis pacem* – No. 126
- [7] **Communion Hymn:** *Portuguese Hymn*
- [8] **Thanksgiving:** *Instrumental*
- [9] **Final Hymn:** *Go, the Mass is ended* – No. 175

FROM MY HEART TO YOUR HEART – Replace “Blessed” by “Healthy”



- *Brought to you by* Fr. Bernardino Andrade
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Some years ago a panel of doctors was appointed by the Federal government of the USA to meet together and draw up eight laws of public health that could be printed in pamphlet form and distributed to the public. After twelve days of exhausting meetings, the doctors were unable to come to a consensus. It seems that their areas of concern were too diverse. Among the group were a cancer specialist, a cardiologist, a pulmonologist and a psychiatrist, and each approached the problem from the perspective

of his own discipline. The chest expert was concerned about coal dust from the mines and lint produced by textile mills, while the psychiatrist was concerned about the effects off urban stress. Finally, Dr. Harold Sladen of a famous hospital in Detroit came up with an appropriate idea. He said: “Let’s just republish the eight Beatitudes of Jesus and simply replace the word ‘Blessed’ with the word ‘Healthy.’”

1.-BLESSED (HEALTHY) ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT

For theirs is the Kingdom of God

2.-BLESSED (HEALTHY) ARE THOSE WHO MOURN

For they shall be comforted

3.-BLESSED (HEALTHY) ARE THE MEEK

For they shall inherit the earth

4.-BLESSED (HEALTHY) ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS,

For they shall be satisfied

5.-BLESSED (HEALTHY) ARE THE MERCIFUL,

For they shall obtain mercy

6.- BLESSED (HEALTHY) ARE THE PURE IN HEART,

For they shall see God.

7.-BLESSED (HEALTHY) ARE THE PEACE-MAKERS,

For they shall be called sons of God.

8.-BLESSED (HEALTHY) ARE THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED BECAUSE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS,

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

(MATTHEW 5)

SAINT OF THE MONTH – Saint Brigid of Ireland. 1st of February

A few years after Saint Patrick arrived in Ireland, Brigid was born. Her father was an Irish lord. As Brigid grew up, her love for Jesus deepened. She sought His help as she looked after the poor by providing them with food and clothing. Brigid was very pretty and eventually her father thought it was time for her to marry. But Brigid had already decided to give her heart to Jesus. Realising that young men were attracted to her because of her beauty, she made an unusual request to God. She asked that her beauty be taken from her, so that she could begin consecrated life as a nun. Once she had dedicated her life in this way a miracle happened and Brigid became beautiful once again.

She reminded people of the Blessed Mother, because she was so kind and gentle. Saint Brigid died in 525, but in her homeland she still is remembered as 'the Mary of the Irish'.

She reminds us not to waste time worrying about our looks. Jesus loves us, we look the way he wants and each of us is very special.



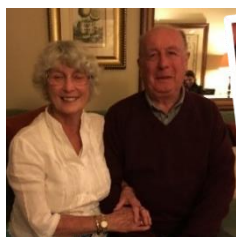
PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE - A SPECIAL THANK YOU!



Last week Sunday, after the 10am English Mass, we had a special “book sale” here at the Chapel. **Mrs Jane Caldwell**, from England, **wrote a novel called «Frozen Stiff»**, and has generously donated all proceeds from the sale to “*People Helping People*”, a charity which was started here at the Chapel of Penha de França after the devastating floods in 2010. (More info about that on the last page of this newsletter). Thank you to all who supported the book



sale last week Sunday! It was a **huge success! 400 euros** was raised from the sale, all of which will go directly towards helping those in need. A huge thank you especially to Mrs. Caldwell and her husband for their wonderful generosity and for supporting this worthy charity! If you were not at Mass last Sunday and would like to have a copy of the novel, no problem, it will be **on sale again - this morning after Mass!**



Mrs. Caldwell with her husband, Peter, & the novel on sale today: “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!

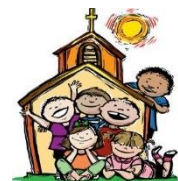
Jane Caldwell

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A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR – Out of the mouths of children

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson...

'If Jesus were sitting here, He would say,
'*Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.*
Kevin turned to his younger brother and said,
'Ryan, you be Jesus!'



3-year-old Reese :

'Our Father, Who does art in heaven, Harold is His name. Amen.'

A little boy was overheard praying: 'Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am.'

A child's prayer: "Lord, help the bad people to be good and the good people to be kind".

A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on the way to church service, 'And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?'

One bright little girl replied, 'Because people are sleeping.'

A wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter and said, 'Would you like to say the blessing?'

'I wouldn't know what to say,' the girl replied. 'Just say what you hear Mommy say,' the wife answered. The daughter bowed her head and said, 'Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?'

- Brought to you by Fr. Bernardino,
Via: Anne O'Brien

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 after the floods in 2010! 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.



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

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:

Caminho de Santa Quiteria 46A,
9020-119, Funchal, Madeira, Portugal

We would like to be able to thank everyone who contributes with a donation to *People Helping People*. Unfortunately bank donations often appear with no identification. We would appreciate it if you could send a short email letting us know when you donate so that we are able to acknowledge your gift and can thank you in writing.

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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) →

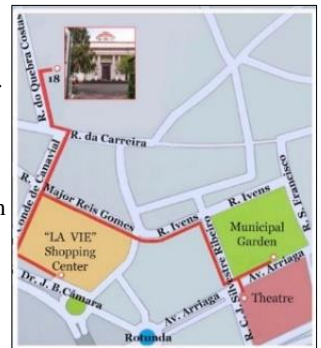
Joint Anglican - Roman Catholic
Bible Group:

Introducing the Old Testament.

THURSDAYS | 2:00 – 3:30pm

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

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