

**5th November 2017 – 10h00 Sunday Mass**

**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A**

Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França,  
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## THE CATHOLIC ENGLISH MASS IN MADEIRA:

**Welcome to the Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França!** The special intention of this morning's Mass is for **Shirley Marshall**, who passed away last Tuesday, on October 31st. May her soul Rest in Peace. ✠ *Father Bernardino Andrade*, our Sunday morning priest who celebrates the Mass in English every week, has gone on a one-month well-deserved holiday to California. We wish him a wonderful time there, where we know he is cherished by many friends, family and dear ones!

This morning we are blessed to have *Father Aires Gameiro, OH, Brother of Saint John of God* who will be celebrating Mass in Father Bernardino's absence. The 11h30 Mass will be celebrated in Portuguese by *Father Vítor Sousa*. **Today's Mass Collection will go towards the repair and restoration of the chancel ceiling and the roof of the Chapel.**

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(*Mal* 1:14-2:2. 8-10 ; *Ps* 130(131) ; *1 Thess* 2:7-9, 13 ; *Matt* 23:1-12)

**Malachi**, which means "My Messenger", was written about 500 BC, after the return from exile and shortly before the reforms by Ezra and Nehemiah. The Priests will be cursed because they despised the Lord's Name by sacrificing imperfect animals. They were allowing mixed marriages and divorce, and leading the people astray by their bad example. They have broken the Lord's covenant of peace, truth, integrity and honesty. **The psalm** protests our humility and freedom from worldly ambitions. After being treated "insolently" in Philippi, Paul, "with much struggle", "drew courage from God" to speak the gospel to the **Thessalonians**. He neither flattered nor sought praise or payment, So great was Paul's love for the Thessalonians that he shared his life with them, and took care to work hard to support himself. He is relieved that the Thessalonians' faith is now strong even in the face of persecution. After the last challenges to Jesus by the Jewish leaders in **Matthew's Gospel**, Jesus has now abandoned them. The Priests' false teaching and bad example criticised by Malachi has returned. No-one should follow their example. He now talks to his disciples only, and goes on to direct seven "woes" against the scribes and Pharisees, detailing their wrongdoing. He ends by lamenting the coming destruction of Jerusalem. *(Brought to you by: Chris Oliver)* [www.bible-groups.info](http://www.bible-groups.info)

**PSALM RESPONSE: Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord**

**HYMN NUMBERS:** Organ / Voice – Professor Fátima Cátia Marques  
Voice – Professor Helena Paula Marques

[1] **Entry:** *Let there be love* – No. 317

[2] **Penitential Act:** *Lord, have mercy* – No. 663

[3] **Gospel Acclamation:** *Aleluia*

[4] **Offertory:** *Portuguese Hymn*

[5] **Sanctus:** *Holy* – No. 704

[6] **Agnus Dei:** *Lamb of god* – No. 737

[7] **Communion:** *Amazing Grace* – No. 32

[8] **Thanksgiving:** *Instrumental*

[9] **Final Hymn:**

*Father, we adore you* – No.136

A few years ago that wonderfully creative Christian sociologist, Rev. Tony Campolo, traveled to Honolulu, Hawaii, for a speaking engagement. He flew all the way from Pennsylvania to Hawaii and had an awful case of jet lag. Therefore, at 3:00 AM, he was wide awake. Tony found a donut shop near his hotel. As he sat there sipping coffee and glancing at a newspaper, the door to the diner swung open and in marched eight or nine provocative and boisterous prostitutes. Their talk was loud and crude.



Tony was just about to make his getaway when he overheard one of the women say, "Tomorrow's my birthday. I'm gonna be thirty-nine." One of her friends responded in a sarcastic tone, "So, what do you want from me, a birthday party?" "No," she said. "I've never had a birthday party in my life. Too late to start now."

Suddenly, Tony Campolo had an idea. As soon as the women had left, he said to Harry, the owner of the diner, "Do those women come in here every night?" "Yep," he said, "about this same time. Hope they weren't bothering you." "No," Tony said, "but I have an idea. The one sitting next to me is going to have a birthday tomorrow. I'll pay the bill if we can have a little birthday party for her."

A smile spread across Harry's face. "That's a good idea. Her name is Agnes." He called his wife out of the kitchen area and told her about it. They agreed to bake the cake.

The next morning by 3:00 AM Campolo had decorated the diner with crepe paper and had made a big sign reading, "Happy Birthday, Agnes." Word had gotten around somehow because by 3:00 AM every prostitute in Honolulu was in the place. Wall-to-wall prostitutes and Tony Campolo. At 3:30 AM on the dot, Agnes walked in and confronted the cake with burning candles and the crowd singing loudly, "Happy Birthday." She was flabbergasted, stunned, shaken. Her eyes moistened. Then after she blew out the candles she completely lost it and openly cried.

After the party was over, Tony asked the group if he could say a prayer. He prayed for Agnes and everyone else in the group. Then after everyone was gone, he thanked Harry for going along with the party. Harry said, "Hey, you didn't tell me you were a preacher. What Church do you belong to?" In one of those moments when just the right words came, Tony answered, "I belong to a Church that throws birthday parties for prostitutes at 3:00 AM." Jesus in the Gospel describes a King's party for the ordinary people.

### **Love and Peace,**

Fr. Bernardino Andrade



### **2ND-HAND MOBILE PHONE NEEDED FOR A POOR FAMILY**



After the mobile phone appeal in our October 15th newsletter, Fr. Bernardino received a 2nd-hand phone to give to a poor family in need. There is still another family in need of a mobile phone. If you have an extra / 2nd-hand phone that you don't need and would be willing to donate it to someone less fortunate, please let us know. Thank you in advance!

## POPE CONFESSES HE SHARES ST. THERESE'S WEAKNESS

Source: <https://aleteia.org/2017/10/31/pope-confesses-he-shares-thereses-weakness-sometimes-sleeps-in-prayer/>

**“When I pray, sometimes I fall asleep,”** Pope Francis confessed during the second episode of the *Padre Nostro* (“Our Father”) television program on the Italian Catholic television station *TV2000* this week. **“St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus did that too,”** the pope recalled. That also pleases God, he added, quoting Psalm 131. That brief psalm says, in part:



*“O LORD, ... I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me. But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a child quieted at its mother's breast; like a child that is quieted is my soul.” ...*

The television program, born of a collaboration between the Secretariat for Communication of the Holy See and the *TV2000* television station, is hosted by Fr. Marco Pozza, who is also the chaplain of a maximum security prison in Padua, Italy.

The program is broadcast every Wednesday evening at 9 pm, and will consist of nine episodes. An excerpt from an interview with the pontiff introduces each episode of the show. *TV2000* is an Italy-based broadcasting network that carries Roman Catholic-themed programming in Italy and owned by the Italian Episcopal Conference. Their website is: [www.tv2000.it/papafrancesco/](http://www.tv2000.it/papafrancesco/)

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## PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE - A Special Thank You!

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For the last two Sundays after the 10am English Mass, we have had a special “book sale” here at the Chapel. **Mrs Jane Caldwell**, from England, has written a novel called «**Frozen Stiff**», and has generously donated all proceeds from the sale of her book to the Madeiran charity: *“People Helping*

*People”*. (You can read more about the charity on the last page of this newsletter). Thanks to all who supported the book sale last week Sunday, **80 euros** was raised, all of which went directly towards helping those in need. A huge thank you especially to Mrs. Caldwell and her

husband for their wonderful generosity in supporting this worthy charity! Copies of the book are still



Mrs. Caldwell, signing a copy of her book, “Frozen Stiff” last Sunday after Mass.

available in the social hall for anyone who may be interested, at a cost of €10 euros. **Alternatively, it is available as a Kindle e-book for £3:50.**

# PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE (PHP)



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

**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 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).

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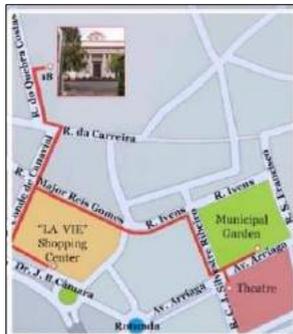
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"Exploring the Old  
Testament"



Please sign our Visitor's book in the Social Hall ....

leave your comments, or suggestions, let us know where you're from! ☺

We also have a **map** where you can place a pin on your home town!

**You'll find the Social Hall** across the garden from the Chapel



Remember to leave your yellow *Hymn Book* and *Order of the Mass* sheets on the table at the Chapel entrance after mass ☺



Tea and Coffee  
After Mass  
Please join us in the Social Hall across the garden.



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