# **JOYFUL GIFT**

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
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#### THE CATHOLIC ENGLISH MASS IN MADEIRA:

Good morning! Welcome to the Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França. <u>The</u> special intention of this morning's Mass is for Antónia de Jesus whom God called to join Him in the Kingdom of Heaven six years ago today. May her Soul rest in peace **₽** 

We are blessed by the presence of two dedicated priests here at the Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França: Fr. Bernardino Andrade, who celebrates the Mass in English every Sunday morning at 10h00, and Father Vitor Sousa, who celebrates Mass in Portuguese at 11h30.

#### Antónia de Jesus

#### **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS** (Jeremiah 31: 7-9; Psalm 125(126); Hebrews 5: 1-6; Mark 10: 46-52)

Jeremiah has promised that Israel will return from their exile in Babylon. This new exodus will be on a smooth path with ample water, not like the first wanderings in the desert. God has redeemed his people, and will make a new unbreakable covenant with Israel, writing his law on people's hearts, instead of on breakable stone. Jesus made this new covenant at the Last Supper. The **psalm** exults in the imagined joy of this restoration, so intense as to seem like dream. The extended extract from **Hebrews** read over the last 2 weeks, concludes by showing how Christ's humanity enables him to understand our weaknesses. As the high priest forever, appointed by God at his baptism, Christ is therefore supremely fitted to mediate between us and God. But Hebrews goes on to say that Christ had to learn the depths of the human condition through his suffering. Today we hear the last of Jesus' teachings during his journey up to Jerusalem. Though blind, Bartimeus calls Jesus "Son of David". He can see who Jesus is more clearly than the disciples following Jesus. He then calls Jesus "Master", the only person in the first three gospels to do so before the resurrection. Able to see, Bartimeus now follows as a disciple. **Brought to you by:** Chris Oliver. (www.bible-groups.info)

# **<u>PSALM RESPONSE</u>**: What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.



# TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC By: Larysa Makarova & Rui Gomes

Entry Hymn: "Bind us together, Lord," – n. 65 Offertory Hymn: "Father, I place into Your hands" - n. 134 Communion Hymn: Instrumental Thanksgiving: Instrumental Final Hymn: "Go, the Mass is ended" - n. 175

This morning's Hymn music is led by **Larysa Makarova** from the Ukraine. She will be joined by **Rui César Gomes**, who has been playing the accordion for 6 years now. It's one of his favourite hobbies! Today it will be his 3rd time playing the accordion in our Chapel. O

- Brought to you by Fr. Bernardino Andrade



When Doug Meland and his wife became missionaries in an Indian village in Brazil the Indians used to call him the *«White Man»*.

Actually this was not a nice name. The memories of the white men in the middle of the Indians were very traumatic. The memories of the white men were memories of houses being burned, land being stolen, women being raped and other very bad experiences. To the Indians, Doug was just another *«white man»*.

But after the Missionaries learned the language and began to help the Indian people with medicine and in other ways, they began to call Doug the *«Good White Man»*.

And when the Melands began adopting the customs of the people, the Fulnio Indians

spoke of Doug as the *«White Indian»*. Then one day as Doug was washing the dirty, blood-caked foot of an injured boy, he heard a bystander say: *«Whoever heard of a white man washing an Indian's foot? Certainly this man is from God»*: From that day, whenever Doug entered an Indian home, it would be announced *«Here is the man God sent us»*.



That's the secret of greatness: SERVICE (Mk. 10).

That's also the chief characteristic of those who follow Jesus. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve (Mk. 10, 45; Math. 20:28).

## Peace and Love,

Fr. Bernardino Andrade

# 4 SAINTS WHO RECEIVED MIRACULOUS HELP – From animals!

In the lives of the saints, there are often many miracles that occur through the divine intervention of God. On certain occasions, these miracles are completed through the cooperation of animals, who are part of God's creation and can be made into instruments of his divine plan.



St. John Bosco. During his life a huge grey dog would often appear and protect him from violent men.



St. Roche. He nearly died until a dog brought him food every day and licked his wounds.



St. Benedict. He asked a raven to take a poisoned loaf away and to dispose of it safely.



St. Francis. Birds sometimes gathered while St. Francis spoke, and they listened intently to his sermons.



This coming Thursday is All Saints Day. It is a Holy Day of obligation like on a Sunday, and is celebrated annually in the Catholic Church on the 1st of November.

We will be celebrating All Saints Day here at the Chapel with Mass in English at 10:00 AM - Thursday morning. All are welcome!

# **BOOK SALE** – 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 of her book to "People Helping People", a charity which was started here at the Chapel after the devastating floods in 2010. Thank you to all who supported the book sale last week Sunday! 12 books were sold and 120 euros was raised, all of which went directly towards helping those in need. A huge thank you especially to Mrs. Caldwell and her husband Peter, for their wonderful generosity and for supporting this worthy charity! The book, "Frozen Stiff" by "Agatha Frisky" is a light hearted, slightly





romantic detective story, set in some places people may recognize; it is a typical holiday read. 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! The novel costs 10 Euros; absolutely every cent will go directly to "People Helping People". Alternatively, it is available as a Kindle e-book on

Amazon.com for £3:50. Happy Reading!

Jane Caldwell (janecaldwell902@hotmail.com)

## **PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION** – At the Chapel – until November 24th

This past week (and up until November 24th, 2018) there is a small photographic exhibition in the social hall of the Chapel. This exhibition is a collection of photographs by Fr. Miguel Lira who was born here in Madeira (in the town of Calheta), in 1987. Fr. Miguel shares his photos of religious panels of tiles that embellish houses, walls, facades of churches etc. around the island.

All these tiles tell stories of faith, devotion, lives touched, loved and protected by the Divine. Come along and see this collection of photographs in the social hall from:

Monday to Saturday: 10h00-12h00 and 14h00-18h00 FREE ENTRY



# PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE (PHP)



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

People Helping People 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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# JOIN US AFTER MASS FOR TEA AND COFFEE!

- The **Social Room** is right across the garden, **in front of the Chapel.** Please feel free to go there after mass this morning, and **enjoy a cup of coffee or tea**, and cake.



- We also have a Visitor's Book there, where you can leave a message,

tell us what country you are from, write a short note about your experience of being at mass in Penha de França Chapel, or give us any suggestions.

- We have a **world map where you can put a pin on your home town.** Please take a few minutes to do this... we'd love to know where you're from!





- And we also have a **Little Free Library** where you're welcome to take a book, leave one in exchange, or contribute with a small donation for the book/s you take - all proceeds go to our *People Helping People* fund [we are in partnership with Sinead (from Moynihan's Irish Bar, on the corner up the road from the Chapel) who also collects any unwanted books]. **So please join us!** <sup>(2)</sup>

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