

## 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 former 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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Every Sunday morning at the door of the Chapel there will be a **basket to collect food for the poor**. You are welcome to bring any little thing to help alleviate their suffering. (Rice, pasta, milk, canned tuna, biscuits etc.) Thank you to all who have donated! ☺



**26/01/2020**

**10h00** Mass in English  
**11h30** Mass in Portuguese

**02/02/2020**

**10h00** Mass in English  
**11h30** Mass in Portuguese



BE STRONG AND  
COURAGEOUS.  
DO NOT BE TERRIFIED;  
DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED,  
FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD  
WILL BE WITH YOU  
WHEREVER YOU GO.

—JOSHUA 1:9



My health may fail,  
and my spirit may grow weak,  
but God remains  
the strength of my heart;  
he is mine forever.

Psalms 73:26

**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*); Larisa, Rui, Cátia and Helena (*Hymns*); Tracy (newsletter layout & stories of interest). **The newsletters are printed by Cartridge World Funchal**, in Rua Elias Garcia, nr 5. We can email this newsletter to you every week. If you would like to receive it by email every Sunday, just email the word "Newsletter" to: [penhafranca.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:penhafranca.newsletter@gmail.com), or download it from the Chapel's website/blog: [www.rcmassmadeira.org](http://www.rcmassmadeira.org) which is updated every week by Debbie and Tony. ☺

## JOYFUL GIFT

**26th January 2020 – 10h00 Sunday Mass**

**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França,  
Rua Penha de França 3, Funchal, Madeira

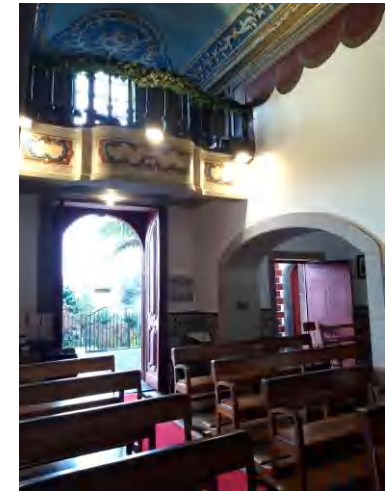
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### **CATHOLIC MASS IN ENGLISH, IN MADEIRA:**

Good morning! Welcome to the Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França. This 10am Mass is the only Catholic Mass which is celebrated entirely in English on the whole island of Madeira. **We are blessed to have Fr. Bernardino Andrade celebrating mass here every Sunday! The special intention for this morning's mass is for Yvonne Ward who died in a car accident in Ireland just before Christmas. May her soul rest in peace. †**



### **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS** (Brought to you by: Chris Oliver. [www.bible-groups.info](http://www.bible-groups.info))

*(Isaiah 8:23-9:3; Psalm 26(27); 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17; Matthew 4:12-23)*

The first reading from **First Isaiah**: About 725 BC, Ahaz, weak king of Judah, 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" i.e. Galilee. The **psalm** expresses total confidence in rescue by the Lord, hoping to dwell in safety in the Lord's house. In our second reading, 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.

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

\* These Scripture notes are sent to us every week by Chris Oliver from the UK. If you'd also like to have these included in your parish newsletter, you are welcome to contact Chris at: [chris@chris-oliver.net](mailto:chris@chris-oliver.net)



### **HYMNS**

This morning's hymns will be a little bit different than normal. Why, you may ask? Well... it's because we are blessed to have the choir from Funchal's Sé Cathedral joining us today! During Mass they will be singing the hymns in Portuguese!

(The choir is made up of 19 members, the organist, and a conductor!) ☺



**CORRUPTION IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

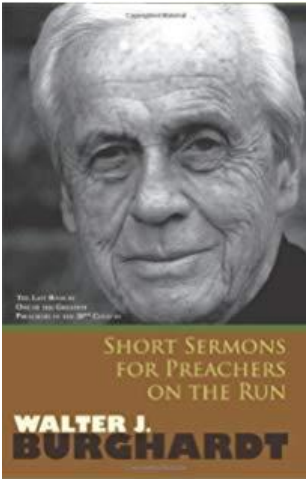
I met Father Walter Burghardt in 1984 during my Sabbatical at the University of Notre Dame, State of Illinois, USA. I had heard about him and, after that, I attended one of his workshops on Social Justice. Preaching and Social Justice were his main field. He is the author of many books and articles. During this workshop I asked him about his «Uncommonly Honest Confession». He confessed this was one of his most famous texts. Today I want to share his «Uncommonly Honest Confession» and I want also to confess that I identify myself, one hundred percent, with Father Walter Burghardt.



**UNCOMMONLY HONEST CONFESSION**

*Let me make an uncommonly honest confession. In the course of a half century, I have seen more Catholic corruption than you have read of. I have tasted it. I have been reasonably corrupt myself, and yet, I joy in this church - this living, pulsing sinning people of God, love it with a crucifying passion. Why? For all the Catholic hate, I experience here a community of love. For all the institutional idiocy, I find here a tradition of reason. For all the individual repressions, I breathe here an air of freedom. For all the fear of sex, I discover here the redemption of my body. In an age so inhuman, I touch here tears of compassion. In a world so grim and humourless, I share here rich joy and earthy laughter. In the midst of death, I hear here an incomparable stress on life. For all the apparent absence of God, I sense here the real presence of Christ. (Fr. Walter Burghardt).*

*Love and Peace,  
Fr. Bernardino Andrade*



**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

Every year, from January 18 to 25, the Christian Churches get together to pray for Christian Unity, to fulfill the dream of Jesus in the Gospel of John 17:21 «That they may be one, so that the world will believe that you sent me».

For the last 2 Sundays, Bishop Tom Burns from the Parish of Menevia, Wales, joined us for Mass here at the Chapel. Last Sunday he told us a story about the ecumenical church. I asked him to write it down to share in our newsletter:

**AN ECUMENICAL STICKING-POINT**

When planning a new town north of London, the authorities are reported to have included a site for a SHARED CHURCH and asked the various faiths and denominations how they would like to use it. Father F, the designated Catholic Parish Priest, consulted his Anglican counterpart and other Church leaders. In an ecumenical spirit of true sharing, they quickly agreed on having ONE altar, ONE lectern, ONE set of candles, ONE presidential chair, and ONE tabernacle for reserving the Blessed Sacrament. Father F and his Anglican colleague then sent their proposals up to their respective Church authorities for approval - and waited expectantly. Back came ONE letter with joint signatures, approving ONE of everything as proposed. However, there were special instructions given about the tabernacle.



It was to have 2 doors and 2 different keys. Inside there were to be two compartments, separated by a fixed screen.

Father F accepted this condition, but insisted that the screen should be made of glass. And so it was.

Finally, it is said that he attached a sticker to each side of the screen.

It read: *In case of unity, break glass!*

It is also said that that same sticker is still there today.



*Rt Rev Tom M Burns, SM BA BD,  
Bishop Emeritus of Menevia*

**BOOK SALE THIS MORNING** – Get your copy of “Deadly Drama”

Mrs Jane Caldwell and her husband, Peter, have been regular visitors to our island for the past 16 or so years. Jane is an author, who lives in England, and after learning about the poverty on the island, decided to write a novel to help the “People Helping People” project which was started here at the Chapel after the floods on the island in 2010 (more info about this project on the last page of the newsletter). The name of Jane’s novel was called “Frozen Stiff”, and since then, she has written 2 more books!

This morning, her latest novel, “Deadly Drama” will be on sale directly after Mass... for 10 Euros;

absolutely every cent will go directly to helping those in need through “People Helping People”. Get yourself a copy before they are sold out! **Happy Reading!** ☺

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Jane and her Peter Caldwell, here at the Chapel in October last year.



**PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES** - for the English-speaking community in Madeira

Being abroad, be it temporarily or permanently, can bring on many challenges. Coping with difficult situations may all of a sudden seem very overwhelming, affecting motivation and general well-being. Having the opportunity to openly discuss problems / concerns, in the language one is most comfortable in, can in itself provide some relief. Not only this, but language barriers in therapy can affect treatment success.

Dr. Sofia Ferreira, a fully qualified British Chartered Clinical Psychologist and Portuguese Registered Psychologist, offers specialist assessment and therapeutic services in Funchal. Issues treated: *depression, anxiety, panic, trauma, stress, self-esteem, personality disorders, suicidal thoughts, eating disorders, sexual abuse, self-harm, psychosis, anger, grief, adjustment, among others.* For further information, please visit the website, [www.sofiaferreira.co.uk](http://www.sofiaferreira.co.uk).

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