

## PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE (PHP)



People Helping People is a small project founded in the Chapel of Penha de França by the late Father Bernardino Andrade 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 best of me is not for me. Love leads us to others and allows us to fulfill ourselves."*

- (from the book "Céu" (Heaven) – by José Luís Nunes Martins)



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

### >> TRANSFER TO BANK ACCOUNT IN MADEIRA:

#### ACCOUNT NAME:

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The funds will then be transferred to Madeira. Any questions or concerns about transferring to this account, please contact Sinead Moynihan at: sineadmoynihian7@icloud.com

When making any donation, please send an email to [penhafranca.php@gmail.com](mailto:penhafranca.php@gmail.com) with the date, and name on the transfer so that Alexandre Silva is able to confirm that the transfer has been received. Thank you.

**Please sign our Visitor's book in the Social Hall.....** leave us your comments, or suggestions, let us know where you're from! ☺ We also have a **map** where you can place a pin on where you are visiting us from! ☺



### After Mass

Join us across the garden for a cup of coffee, cake, and a chat!

Our Social Hall has a Free Little Library: a **cabinet full of books**. You're welcome to take a book, borrow a book, leave one in exchange, or even bring in some books that you have lying around that you no longer want. ☺



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## JOYFUL GIFT



**16 February 2025 – 10am Sunday Mass**  
**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C**

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

**Good morning.** Welcome to the Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França.

This small Chapel was founded in 1622... which makes it 403 years old this year! It is in this chapel that the only English-language Catholic mass on the island of Madeira is celebrated (every Sunday at 10H00). On Saturday evenings at 18H30 a Mass is celebrated in Portuguese.

*The special intention of this morning's Holy Mass* will be for the soul of **Dr. Denis Daley**. Dr Denis and his wife, Mary, visited our Chapel many times over the years while on holiday in Madeira. We extend our condolences to his family and friends. **May he rest in peace** ☩



**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
(*Jeremiah 17: 5-8; Psalm 1:1-4.6; 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20; Luke 6: 17,20-26*)

**Jeremiah** lived through a stormy period about 600 BC, before and during the exile. He suffered much through sieges and imprisonments, his life and death showing many similarities with Jesus. The despair he felt at the sins of his people against God's covenant may have led him to doubt. But doubt can lead to re-examination of beliefs: Jeremiah never lost hope that God is merciful, and his new covenant would save his people. We may wrestle with sin engraved on the heart, treasures will be taken away, but we must trust in the Lord to lead us through our troubles. Paul had reminded the **Corinthians** of the centrality of the resurrection to our faith. Now he explains: without Christ's resurrection from the dead, there is no resurrection of the body for us. Therefore, no bodily life after our death – this life is all we have. He compares the resurrection of the dead to sowing a seed: the body which dies "is not the body which is to be", which will be energised by the Spirit. "What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable". In **Luke's gospel** Jesus had chosen the twelve from his disciples, clearly indicating to Jews his new approach. Jesus proclaims God's justice is coming. Good news for those treated unfairly, not good for those behaving unjustly.

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**PSALM RESPONSE:** Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

### TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC:

**By: Larysa Makarova**

**Entry:** O the word of my Lord - 434

**Offertory:** Take our bread – 528

**Peace:** Shalom, my friend, shalom – 495

**Communion:** O bread of Heaven - 392

**Final:** This is the day - 574



# REFLECTIONS

- By Deacon Tito Pereira (dcn.tito@gmail.com)



## Reflection on the Beatitudes: Where True Joy is Found

We all long for happiness. We search for it in success, in comfort, in the approval of others. The world tells us that these things will satisfy us, that they will make us feel secure and fulfilled. And yet, deep down, we know they don't last. The joy they bring is temporary, and when they fade, we are left searching once again.

This is why Jesus gives us the Beatitudes. They are not just words of comfort; they are a radical redefinition of what it means to be blessed. He tells us that true happiness is not found in ease or wealth but in our dependence on God. When we feel poor in spirit, when we hunger for something deeper, when we struggle to do what is right - these are not signs of failure but moments of grace. It is in these times that God is closest to us, offering us His strength, His peace, and His love.

Jesus also warns us not to place our trust in things that do not last. Wealth, comfort, and admiration may feel good, but they cannot be the foundation of our lives. If we build our happiness on them, we will eventually find ourselves empty. Instead, we are called to trust in God, to root ourselves in His love, and to live for something greater than ourselves.



Walking this path is not always easy. The world does not always understand the choices we make when we follow Christ. But we are never alone. Jesus Himself walked this road, and He walks it with us now. If we trust in Him, if we make Him the centre of our lives, we will find a joy that no hardship can take away - a joy that lasts beyond this world.

God's love is constant. He sees our struggles, our efforts, our longing for more. And He reminds us: *You are not alone. You are loved. And I am with you always.*

With love and prayers,  
Rev. Tito Pereira



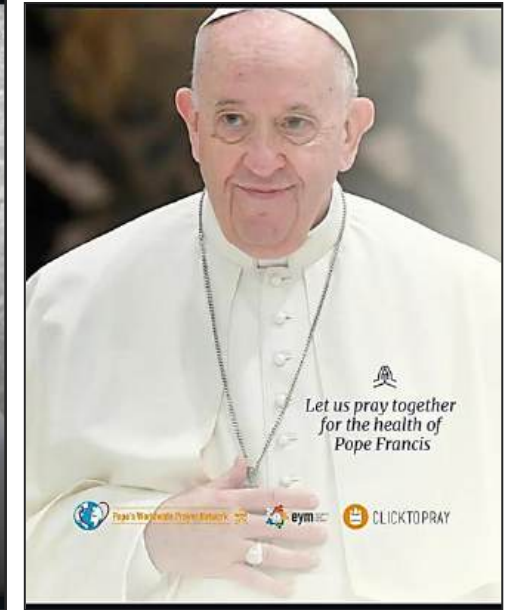
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## BOOK SALE – Sold out!

Thank you to everyone who supported the book sale last week Sunday. It was a huge success, with all books completely sold out! Many thanks to Mrs Jane Caldwell (aka Agatha Frisky) and her husband, Peter, for this wonderful initiative which has been making a difference in the lives of the needy families in our community. 😊



# POPE FRANCIS – admitted to hospital on Friday



## THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

