



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.

"Happy are those who show mercy. Happy are those who know how to put themselves in someone else's shoes, who have the capacity to embrace and forgive. We have all experienced this at times. Happy are those who are able to help others with their mistakes and errors. They are true friends and do not abandon anyone. Happy are those who see above all the good in others. Happy are those who bring new life, new opportunities. Happy are those who work for this, who fight for this. We all make mistakes, thousands of them. So happy are those who are able to help others with their mistakes and errors." - (in the book 'Deus quer que sejas feliz' <God wants you to be happy> by Pope Francis).



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

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BANK: Banco Santander Totta
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 Madeira, Portugal.



>> **DONATIONS FROM THE UK:**

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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: sineadmoynihnan7@icloud.com

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE CONTACTS: Alexandre Silva, Funchal. Email: alex.lupus@gmail.com
 When making any donation, please send an email to penhafranca.php@gmail.com with the date, and name on the transfer so that we are able to confirm that the transfer has been received. Thank you.

COFFEE AND CAKE



As many of you already know, our little social room down in the garden is temporarily closed for renovation work. Coffee and cakes will be offered up at **Moynihans Irish Pub** (which is located at the top of the road leading down to the Chapel). Many thanks to Sinead and Tadhg Moynihan (for the space and coffee), and to Maury and Jane (for the lovely cake and biscuits!)

BLESS YOURSELF WITH HOLY WATER



As you enter the Chapel, just under the archways on either side, you will find a small font on the wall, with Holy water inside which you can use to bless yourself with, before and after Mass. 🙏🙏🙏🙏

9th November 2025 – 10:30 am Sunday

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome, Year C

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CATHOLIC MASS IN ENGLISH

Good morning! Welcome to the Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França. This morning, we are once again blessed with the presence of **Fr. Joseph Arun**, who will be celebrating Mass for us today. Father Joseph is a Carmelite priest from Kerala, India, and has been living in Madeira since August 2019, serving the community of the Carmo church (Igreja do Carmo) in Funchal.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS – Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome (Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Psalm 45(46):2-3,5-6,8-9; 1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22)

Ezekiel was deported to Babylon with the Jews in 598 BC. He explained the fall of Jerusalem and destruction of the temple as God's punishment for his people, and predicted a new day and a new temple for Israel. Today we hear about the extensive supply of life-giving water that will pour from this new temple, enough even to make the Dead Sea fresh enough for fish.
The Psalm is a hymn of victory: we trust in the Lord, he will protect us in his city. The Jews believed God dwelt in the temple in Jerusalem. But, writing from Ephesus around AD 54, Paul tells the **Corinthians** that "you are God's sanctuary" since "God's Spirit dwells in you". They are being built into "God's holy temple". They should stop quarrelling among themselves and be a community united in loving service. Sowing dissension damages God's temple and will be punished. Near the beginning of **John's gospel**, after the disciples are chosen and the marriage at Cana, Jesus proclaims his mission by cleansing the Jerusalem temple. The temple had become a business, in which those in religious authority profited from the spiritual needs of the people. His Father's house should not be misused: trade and power have no place in it.

- By: Chris Oliver (www.bible-groups.info)

PSALM RESPONSE: The waters of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High!



TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC

Entry: "Amazing Grace..." - 32
Offertory: "Father, I place into your hands..." - 134
Communion: "Let there be love shared among us..." - 317
Final: "Follow me, follow me..." - 144



By: Larysa Makarova



THE LIVING TEMPLE OF GOD

When I visited the Holy Land in 2019, one of the places that left a deep impression on me was Caesarea Philippi, now called Banias. It was there that Jesus asked his disciples, “Who do people say I am?” and then said to Simon, “**You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church.**” Standing in that spot, surrounded by ancient temples carved into stone, I realised the power of those words. Behind me was the old temple to the pagan god Pan, silent and lifeless. I imagined Jesus standing there too, perhaps with his back to those same temples, speaking of a new kind of temple; one not built of stone but of living people, beginning with Peter and continuing with us.



Today, as we celebrate the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, we are drawn into that same mystery. The Lateran Basilica in Rome, the Pope’s cathedral, is called the “**Mother of all Churches.**” It reminds us that the Church is alive, built not of bricks but of faith, hope and love. **Peter remains the rock, and Christ is the cornerstone who holds it all together.**



In the old covenant, God’s presence was found only in the Holy of Holies. Now, through Christ, God dwells among us through the Holy Spirit. **Wherever the Church gathers, there is the living temple of God.**

Here in “**Penha**” de França, whose name itself means “**rock**,” we are a community built on faith. We are not in a church on a remote island but a place where God chooses to dwell. Like the Lateran Basilica, our church is a house of prayer and peace, a place where people can meet God. But this feast also calls us to remember that we are not just visitors to God’s temple: we are its builders.

Each act of kindness, every word of forgiveness, every moment of prayer builds up this living temple. **For some, our love may be the only glimpse of God they ever see.**



As we celebrate today, may we renew our love for the Church and for one another, so that **through us, others may find a place of peace and discover that God truly lives among his people.**

- Deacon Tito

BOOK SALE AFTER MASS THIS MORNING

This morning after Mass there will be a special book sale. 😊

Mrs Jane Caldwell (aka *Agatha Frisky*), and her husband, Peter, have become frequent visitors to Madeira over the years, and after learning about the poverty on the island, Jane decided to write a novel to help the “People Helping People” project which was started here at the Chapel after the devastating floods in 2010.

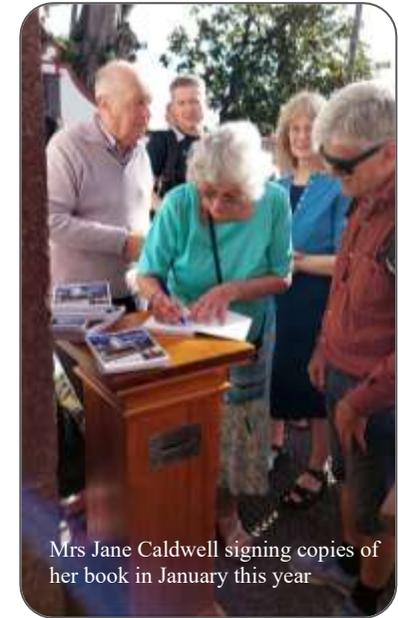
Since her first novel, “Frozen Stiff”, 2 more books have been written: **all light-hearted, slightly romantic detective stories**, with one of the books (“Deadly Drama”) even featuring a character based on our own dear Father Bernardino!



Get yourself a copy to read while you are here on holiday, and at the same time you will be contributing to a worthy cause. The books cost **10 Euros** each and absolutely every cent will go directly to helping those in need.

Happy Reading!

Jane Caldwell (janecaldwell902@gmail.com)



Mrs Jane Caldwell signing copies of her book in January this year

CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRIVE – For the needy



PHP (People Helping People) Hamper Drive for those less fortunate – starting this Sunday.

Please donate toiletries and food staples in the basket at the door of the church. We will be collecting through to December 14th..

Everything received will be distributed amongst families who need our help.

Please bring in what you can spare and place in the basket at the entrance of the church. Many thanks!

(For further details, please email Jane: janelh1945@gmail.com)



MASS INTENTIONS AND VISITOR’S BOOK

- Find these at the door of the Chapel 😊

