



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 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

"Resolve not to turn your back on the pain of this world – on your own pain and that of others."
"May you be kind to those around you who are suffering."
- (It's OK That You're Not OK – Megan Devine)



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The funds will then be transferred to Madeira.
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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.

BLESS YOURSELF WITH HOLY WATER



As you go inside the Chapel just under the archways on either side of the door, 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. 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Tea and Coffee After Mass

at Moynihans Irish Pub... up the road from the Chapel (while our tearoom is closed for fixing of the roof)



Please sign our Visitor's book or leave a message

We'd love to know which country you are visiting us from!



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CATHOLIC MASS IN ENGLISH

Good morning! Welcome to the Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França. Today the Catholic church celebrates the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time. We are grateful and blessed to have Father Joseph Arun celebrate Mass for us this morning. Father is a Carmelite priest from Kerala, India, now residing in Madeira. He celebrates Mass here in English every Sunday morning and, during the week, he celebrates Mass in Portuguese for the community at the "Igreja do Carmo" church in Funchal.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

(Wisdom 12:13,16-19; Psalm 85(86); Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43)

The Book of Wisdom was probably written in Alexandria about 50 years before Christ, to encourage the faith of Jews living in a pagan Egypt. It wrestles with the age-old problem that evildoers are not punished in this world. Wisdom insists that God is just and merciful: he will reward the just after death, although this book does not say how. We can see that God moderates his own power with his justice from the way he gave the Canaanites time to repent during the exodus, and we should follow his example by showing mercy to those who hurt us. **The Psalm** really says it all this week: God is a loving God, a "God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger", "good and forgiving, full of love to all who call." Eventually "all the nations" – ie the Gentiles – will come to adore God. Paul has been telling the **Romans** we may have confidence in the future life God has planned for us. God sends the Spirit to help us and to enable us to express our prayers more meaningfully. **The Gospel** shows God's mercy in action. Instead of venting punishment on sinners and immediately uprooting them, God patiently gives us time to repent.

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

PSALM RESPONSE: O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC

By: Fátima Cátia Marques



- [1] **Entry Hymn:** "Jubilate, everybody..." – n.º 296
- [2] **Gospel Acclamation:** "Celtic Aleluia..." – n.º 679
- [3] **Offertory Hymn:** "Ubi Caritas..."
- [4] **Communion Hymn:** "Spirit of God..." – n.º 514
- [5] **Thanksgiving:** Portuguese Hymn
- [6] **Final Hymn:** "Our God loves us..." – n.º 454



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REFLECTION FOR THIS SUNDAY - By Sr. Miriam McNulty

Today's reflection for our newsletter is written by Sr. Miriam McNulty (OSB), a nun with the Olivetan Benedictine Sisters at Turvey Abbey in Bedfordshire, England. We thank Deacon Tito Pereira of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Acton, London for sharing it with us...

'Matthew 13:24-43'

Today the Gospel offers us three parables, three stories which Jesus told to challenge and perhaps disturb us. But how do they challenge us?

"The kingdom of heaven is like the leaven a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened."

The leaven that the woman takes is more like a sourdough starter than the fresh or dried yeast that we buy. The woman hides the yeast in three measures of flour. This amount of flour, forty to sixty pounds, is far too much for one woman to knead, and certainly far too much to eat. It's a beautifully extravagant image.



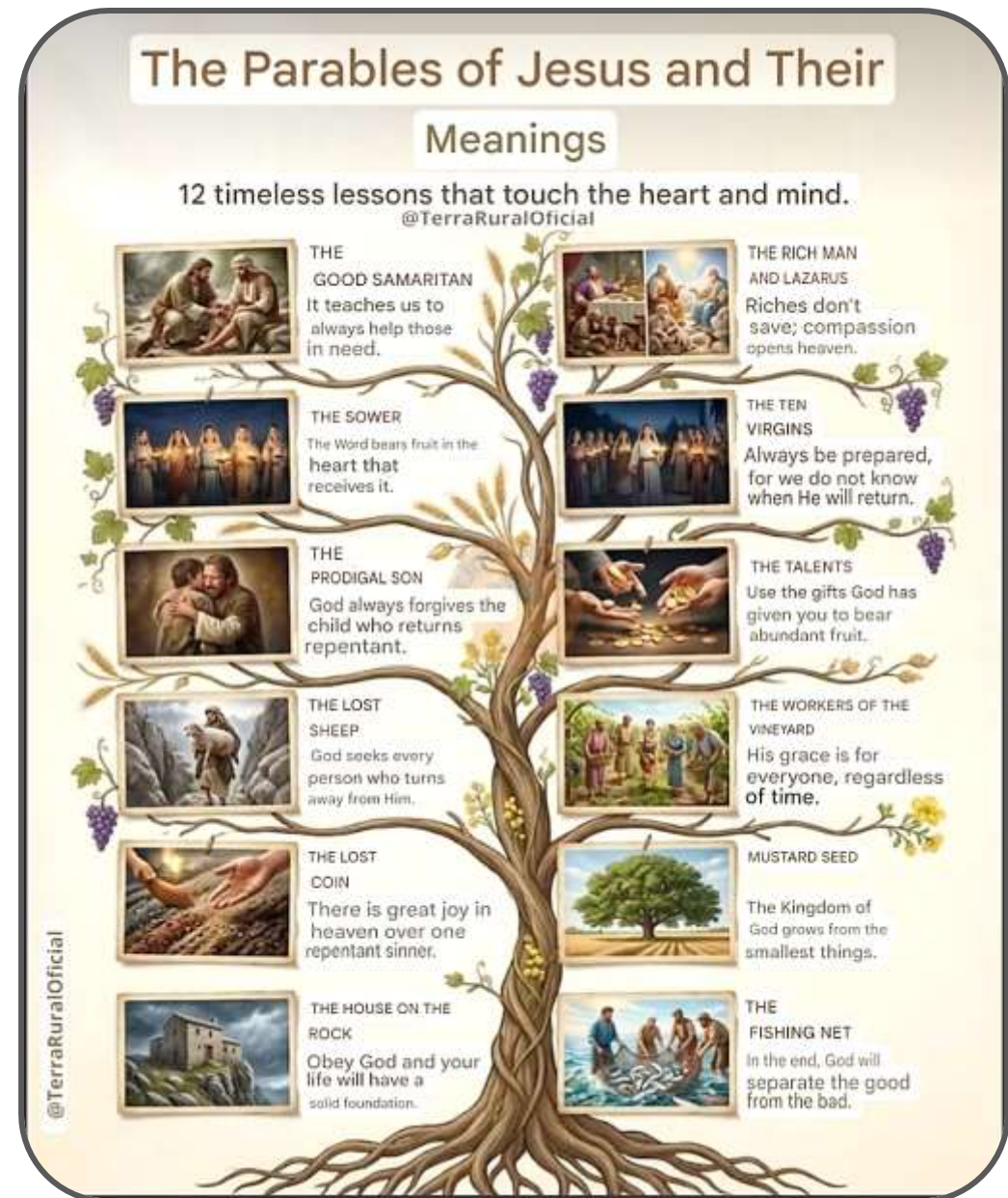
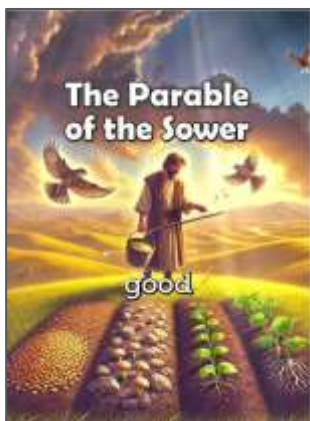
New Testament scholar, Amy Levine, comments:

"Perhaps the parable speaks of the importance of extravagance and generosity. Perhaps it suggests we adapt our lives in the light of the kingdom and do something that might seem foolish or wasteful to people on the outside."

The idea that this parable invites us to adapt our lives in light of the Kingdom is something which speaks to me. It feels within my grasp. I also love the implicit power that the woman holds. She will bake the bread and she will share it. Here at the communal oven in a Galilean village the Kingdom is made present when everyone has enough to eat.

How can you be extravagant and generous for the Kingdom this week?

Sr. Miriam McNulty OSB (Turvey Abbey)



PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE - A special Appeal

A special request has come through for one of the families being helped by the charity. If you or anyone you know can help with the following, please get in touch! Thank you 🍷❤️

A water heater (for the bathroom), a fridge, and a chest of drawers.

- Carla Rodrigues (fcarlamrodrigues@gmail.com)

