





Christ the King

20<sup>th</sup> of November 2016 - 10am Sunday Mass

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## THE CATHOLIC ENGLISH SERVICE MASS IN MADEIRA:

**Welcome to the Chapel of Penha de França.** Today we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, and also the last Sunday of the Liturgical year. We hope you enjoy today's special edition of the Newsletter, which has news about *People Helping People*, a project that was started by a group of volunteers at this Chapel 6 years ago, after the devastating floods on our island, and which has now become an official Association! Our priest for the English Service Mass this Sunday morning is **Father Bernardino Andrade**. He was born here in Madeira, and was ordained as a priest in Africa, 51 years ago! He also spent many years as a priest in California, before returning to Madeira a few years ago. Besides this English service Mass held here every Sunday morning at 10am, there is also a Portuguese service Mass on Saturdays at 18h30 and on Sundays at 11h30 (straight after the English service).

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(2 Sam 5:1-3... Ps 121... Col 1:12-20... Lk 23:35-43)

The Books of Samuel, with the Books of Kings and of Judges, tell of Israel's history from when they entered Canaan about 1200 BC, up to their exile to Babylon in 587 BC. After the death of Saul, David became King of Judah. In today's key reading David then becomes King of all Israel. He goes on to capture the 1,000 year-old city of Jerusalem, and makes it his capital. He then brings the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem, making it also Israel's religious centre. The Psalm celebrates Jerusalem, David's city.

The letter to the Colossians was written because they thought that angelic beings and other spiritual powers were either rivals to Christ or were needed to supplement Christ's work. Paul says this detracts from the person of Jesus Christ, who possesses the totality of power needed for redemption, meaning the forgiveness of sins. The hymn praises Christ, who is the image of the creation. He has reconciled all things, the whole cosmos, by "the blood of the Cross".

In Luke's Gospel the crucified Jesus is recognised as King, both by the good thief and in the inscription written by Pilate, a Gentile.

- Brought to you by: Chris Oliver

**PSALM RESPONSE:** I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's house".



**Voice** - Professor  
Helena Paula Marques  
**Organ / Voice** -  
Professor Fátima Cátia  
Marques

## HYMN NUMBERS:

- [1] **Entry:** *How lovely on the mountains* - No. 235
- [2] **Penitential Act:** *Lord, have mercy* - No. 663
- [3] **Gospel Acclamation:** *Aleluia* - No. 683
- [4] **Offertory Hymn:** *We are marching* - No. 602
- [5] **Sanctus:** *Holy* - No. 698
- [6] **Agnus Dei:** *Jesus, Lamb of God* - No. 733
- [7] **Communion:** *Instrumental*
- [8] **Thanksgiving:** *Instrumental*
- [9] **Final Hymn:** *As I kneel before you* - No. 39

# FROM MY HEART TO YOUR HEART

- Brought to you by Fr. Bernardino Andrade

## People Helping People – A new Association of Solidarity

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February 20, 2010 is a date that marked the history of Madeira Island. A devastating flood destroyed part of this «Pearl of the Atlantic». Many people became poor and the poor became poorer.

I have learned, long time ago, that the opposite of love is not hatred. The opposite of love is indifference. It was a tragedy that took many lives, destroyed streets and bridges, devastated many houses and dumped many cars into the ocean. It would be impossible to be indifferent.

A small group of people, attending the English Mass, decided to do something about that and «*People Helping People*» was born. No rules, no schedules. Just loving people trying to alleviate the suffering of hurting people.

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Only three things were needed: people, financial resources and non-judgmental love. Some people volunteered to go to the field. Non-judgmental love was their fuel. Financial resources started coming from the generous tourists attending the English Mass. Since then, every Sunday, there has been someone at the front door of the chapel with a bag where people have been dropping their anonymous but generous offerings. The slogan is «find a hurt and heal it. Find a need and fill it». The logotype is Jesus washing dirty feet (Jo.13:14) (*which you can see on the last page of this newsletter*).

The main needs that torment the poor are hunger in need of food, illnesses in need of medicine, homeless in need of a roof, electricity, water and rent bills to be paid, houses in need to be repaired. The list is endless.



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People Helping People a new institution? I confess that I have been so traumatized and I have seen so many needy people being traumatized and humiliated by some cruel and ridiculous rules of some cruel and ridiculous institutions that I could never imagine to get to the point where I would need a bunch of rules to tell me when and how should I help my brothers and sisters in need. My biggest inspiration or rule comes from the Gospel. In every human being I see Jesus (Math. 25:40). When I want to help Jesus I ask Him how could I help Him. When I want to help the poor, they are the ones who make the agenda. My question should be the same: «How can I help you»? Our model is Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who leaves ninety-nine and goes until He finds the lost sheep. When

He finds her she is dirty, smelling terrible, wounded, and trembling with cold. No questions asked. He approaches her with tenderness, with tears in His eyes puts her on His shoulders and brings her back to the flock (Lk. 15).

#### 4

We don't ask the poor if they «deserve». We ask them if they «need». If they need, they deserve. If one day we have two people in need and we choose to help the «well behaved» instead of the «bad behaved», in that day the curse of God enters in our group, which like Jesus, came to save the one who is lost (Lk. 19:10)

#### 5

We still believe that People Helping People should be a way of life and not an institution for just a group of «volunteers». However, in order to survive and be able to do a better organized job we decided to make *People Helping People* an official Association.

On November 11, 2016, PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE became an official Association, signed by 24 members, under the leadership of 10 qualified people, approved by a Government representative under the Portuguese name of «GENTE AJUDANDO GENTE»; that is the literal translation of «People Helping People». Soon we will open a Bank account under its official name.

I want to thank all of those who trusted in us and have been a priceless channel of the mercy of God, towards the afflicted, the hungry, the unlovable, the lonely and the sick.

- Fr. Bernardino Andrade



*Fr. Bernardino enjoys the moment when Dr. Tarcisio Moreira adds his signature to the group making People Helping People an official Association.*



*On Friday, November 11th, 2016, these members of the project People Helping People met with a government representative in a state office and signed the document that made **People Helping People** an official Association. CONGRATULATIONS!*

## LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE OF PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

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A leadership team (committee) was chosen for the official People Helping People Association. These are the names of the nine official members that are mandatory to transform any informal group into an official organization or institution or association:

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY (“ASSEMBLEIA GERAL” - in Portuguese)

President: Dr. José Luis Nunes

Vice-President: Mrs. Ana Faria

Secretary: Mrs. Carmina da Mata

### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (“DIRECÇÃO” - in Portuguese):

President: Mrs. Ana Andrade

Vice-President: Dr. Tarcísio Moreira

Treasurer: Mrs. Dalila Oliveira

### FINANCE COMMITTEE (“CONSELHO FISCAL” – in Portuguese):

President: Dr. Carlos Henriques

Vice-President: Mrs. Manuela Fernandes

Secretary: Mr. Abel França

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: Fr. Bernardino Andrade

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## PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE'S MISSION STATEMENT

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*People Helping People*

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 Mathew chapter 25).

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## DONATIONS & THANK YOU

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A huge thank you **to all who have so generously made a donation towards helping** those in need through the *People Helping People* project since it first started. Also, a very big Thank You to **Mrs. Frøydis Gustavsen and her friends in Norway for their generous donation received last week in this Chapel.** May God bless you all.



## POPE FRANCIS ASKS THE POOR FOR FORGIVENESS



On November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016, in a moving ceremony in a Vatican auditorium, **Pope Francis stood silently with his head bowed as he let several homeless people place their hands on his shoulders or clutch his cassock.** In the auditorium were thousands of poor, homeless and marginalized persons who had travelled to Rome to attend the Jubilee of Socially Excluded Persons. **Pope Francis spoke a few words in Spanish**

**to those who were there, saying:**

*«Thank you all for coming here. May your hands upon my head give me strength to continue my mission. I ask for forgiveness if I ever offended you with my words or for not saying what I should say. I ask for forgiveness in the name of the Christians who don't read the Gospel, finding poverty at its core. I ask for forgiveness for all the times Christians, when faced with a poor person or a situation of poverty, looked the other way. Pardon. Your forgiveness in the face of men and women of the church who don't or won't want to look at you, is holy water for us, it's cleansing for us.*

*The dream of a poor person, of someone who doesn't have a roof, what is it like? I don't know. But dream. You dreamt that one day you might come to Rome, and that dream came true. Dream that the world can change; that might be the seed that's born from your heart. Teach us, all of us who have a roof, who have no lack of food or medicine, teach us not to be satisfied. With your dreams, teach us to dream, starting from the Gospel, where you are, from the heart of Gospel. Wars are made between the rich. To have more. To possess more territory, more power, more money. And it's very sad when war is waged amongst the poor, because it's rare. The poor have, because of their own poverty, a bigger propensity to be peace artisans. Make peace, create peace, give examples of peace. We need peace in the world. We need peace in the Church. »*



*Pope Francis' words translated from Spanish & Portuguese for our newsletter by: Joana Silva and Margarida Silva*

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## STATUE OF "HOMELESS JESUS" – gets a blessing from the Pope

Source: [www.ctvnews.ca/canada/twice-rejected-jesus-the-homeless-statue-gets-blessing-from-the-pope-1.1566369](http://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/twice-rejected-jesus-the-homeless-statue-gets-blessing-from-the-pope-1.1566369)



**Did you know that a bronze statue of Jesus, depicted as a homeless man sleeping on a park bench, has been blessed by Pope Francis?** The statue with crucifixion wounds on its feet, was created by Canadian sculptor, Timothy Schmalz, who travelled to Rome in 2013 to present his "Jesus the Homeless" statue to the Pope. *"The first*

*thing he did when he saw my sculpture was he prayed, and then he blessed the piece,"* says Schmalz. He was inspired to create the statue after seeing a homeless person wrapped in a blanket in Toronto. The life-size sculpture took 8 months to build.

# PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE (PHP)

People Helping People (PHP) 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! In a short period of time we have 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...**

**A sincere thank you to the owners and staff of Moynihans Irish Bar** (located on the corner up the road from the Chapel), who have always been a great support towards the *People Helping People Project*, and who willingly accept any clothes, or toiletries, or tinned food that you may wish to donate towards PHP.

### **PHP bank info:**

If you wish to make a deposit or bank transfer, please make a note of the bank details:

**BANK: Banco Santander Totta**

**NIB:** 0018 0008 01301547020 17

**IBAN:**

PT50 0018 0008 01301547020 17

**ACCOUNT NUMBER:**

0008 0130 1547020

**Bank Address:**

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

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**Tea and Coffee**  
**After Mass**  
Please join us  
in the  
Social Hall  
across the garden

**Please sign our Visitor's book**  
in the Social Hall...

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



## » Bible Group:

Joint Anglican - Roman Catholic  
Bible Group:

**THURSDAYS** | 2:00 – 3:30pm

in the English Church Library.

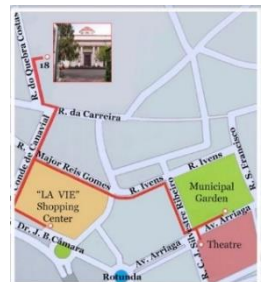
Rua do Quebra Costas nr.18, Funchal.

Looking at *Jeremiah*.

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Directions to English Church (for Bible Group)



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