

## 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 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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## JOIN US AFTER MASS FOR TEA AND COFFEE!

- The **Social Room** is right across the garden, **in front of the Chapel**. Please feel free to go there after mass this morning, and **enjoy a cup of coffee or tea**, and cake.



- We also have a **Visitor's Book** there, where you can leave a message, tell us what country you are from, write a short note about your experience of being at mass in Penha de França Chapel, or give us any suggestions.

- We have a **world map where you can put a pin on your home town**. Please take a few minutes to do this... we'd love to know where you're from!



- And we also have a **Little Free Library** where you're welcome to take a book, leave one in exchange, or contribute with a small donation for the book you take - all proceeds go to our *People Helping People* fund [we are in partnership with Sinead (from Movnihan's Irish Bar, on the corner up the road from the Chapel) who collects any unwanted books]. **So please join us!** ☺



**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*); Larysa and Josefina (*Hymns*); Tracy and Jennifer (*stories of interest, newsletter layout*). **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)

## JOYFUL GIFT

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**27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

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### THE CATHOLIC ENGLISH MASS IN MADEIRA:

**Good morning!**

**This morning we welcome Fr. Bernardino back** after his well-deserved holiday! We were blessed to have Fr. Ricardo Teixeira celebrating Mass during the month of September while Fr. Bernardino was away. **Father Ricardo spent 4 years as a priest in China, and on page 2 of today's newsletter he writes about his experience of Mass in Shanghai, and his time here at our Chapel for the last 4 weeks.**

This 10h00 Mass is the only Catholic Mass celebrated entirely in English on the whole island of Madeira. Father Vitor Sousa, Chaplain, celebrates Mass in Portuguese here at the Chapel on Saturday evenings at 18h30, and on Sunday mornings at 11h30.

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(Gen 2:18-24 ; Ps 127(128) ; Heb 2:9-11 ; Mk 10:2-16)



**In this second version of creation**, since God has created man as social being like himself, he now creates woman, to support and join with him. **The psalm** celebrates the blessings of children and family life.

**Readings from the Letter to the Hebrews** will take us up to the end of Ordinary Time. The most Jewish of the New Testament books, it has a rich theology of Christ's priesthood. Jesus is greater than the angels as God, but lower than the angels as man. Christ's priestly sacrifice, as man and as God's Son, renews once and for ever the covenant God has made with man. As intermediaries, priests offer prayers and sacrifices to God on our behalf. Not seeking to change God's mind. Relationships are confirmed with celebratory meals and things of value sacrificed by making them unusable. A wedding feast confirms our witness and support for the vows made by the married couple.

**In Mark's Gospel**, Jesus continues teaching during his journey to Jerusalem. He insists on the full meaning of the Law, which Mark updates, applying it also to a Gentile woman divorcing her husband. The union of a man and a woman in a marriage made by God cannot be unmade. Children help us to recognise our utter dependence on God.

- Brought to you by: Chris Oliver. ([www.bible-groups.info](http://www.bible-groups.info))

### PSALM RESPONSE: May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

#### TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC

- By: Larysa Makarova

**Entry Hymn:** "Praise, my soul, the King of heaven!" - n. 464

**Offertory Hymn:** "In bread we bring you, Lord" - n. 258

**Communion Hymn:** *Instrumental*

**Thanksgiving:** *Instrumental*

**Final Hymn:** "Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?" - n. 247



## FROM FR. RICARDO'S PEN – Celebrating Mass with a Community

Brought to you by: Father Ricardo Teixeira



The recent opportunity during the month of September to celebrate mass in the Chapel of Penha de França was a wonderful moment to recall the celebrations with the foreign communities in China.

In fact several times I had to go to other cities to help the local Chinese priest for the English mass. At the beginning I was a little afraid, nevertheless it made me really impressed with the amount of people that during their vacations, or at the weekend of their hard working week got some time to celebrate mass with a community.

In Shanghai, where I gave most of my help for the English mass, I could find a wonderful international community where, like the Chinese, all would follow their books and take part in the hymns. It was really amazing. Something I still miss in the other Portuguese celebrations – if there is the choir, the people just “forget” to sing. And sure, sadly, no one has a book to follow the answers of the mass.



Some photos from Shanghai



The celebration of Mass at the Chapel of Penha de França made me remember the communion of different people and talents all working together for a more lively celebration. And after the celebration, the good moments in the “tea house” where we continue to celebrate the wonders of God in the nature and in the person that share their ideas, their time and their goods, people that really help people.

I want to thank you all for this wonderful opportunity. 谢谢 \*

My best wishes,

Fr. Ricardo Teixeira, scj

\*(Editors note: “thank you” in Chinese)

In the Chapel’s “tea house” we have a visitor’s book where people share their thoughts. Here are some messages left in the book during Fr. Ricardo’s four Sundays here:

- “Repeat visitors who adore the intimate and friendly atmosphere of the church and its congregation. We missed Father Bernardino but thought Fr. Ricardo was a wonderful younger version! Thank you very much - see you next year.” – D & ES. (Cheshire, England).
- “Thank you for a beautiful Mass with great reverence & thought given to the readings.” – N. Ireland
- “Thank you to Fr. Ricardo & all concerned for such a lovely Mass & a very warm welcome. The Ave Maria instrumental after Communion was awesome & almost brought me to tears! Many thanks & God bless to all!” – B & VS. (Lancashire, England)

## God Has A Plan For My Life

God has a plan for my life, that’s all I need to know



God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another.

I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next.

I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons.

He has not created me for naught. I shall do good. I shall do His work. I shall be an angel

of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it, if I do but keep His commandments.

Therefore I will trust Him. I can never be thrown away.

If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain.

He knows what He is about. (Cardinal Newman)



## THE HILL OF CROSSES - In Lithuania



There is a hill in northern Lithuania which has over 200.000 crosses, carvings and shrines made out of everything from wood to metal. It is known as The Hill Of Crosses, and has been a site of pilgrimage for more than a hundred years.

The tradition of leaving crosses began after an uprising against the Russian tsar was put down in 1831. Relatives of the dead rebels, with no bodies to bury, instead left crosses on this hill to commemorate their fallen.

In 1991, when Lithuania acquired its long awaited independence, the hill became a dual symbol of Lithuania's Catholic faith and her national identity. Some of the crosses stand as much as three meters tall, while there are also countless tiny examples hanging upon the larger crosses. Some of the crosses bear messages to God. Rosaries, pictures of Jesus and the saints, and photographs of Lithuanian patriots also decorate the area.



For more pictures and information about the Hill of Crosses you can see this website:

<http://www.lovethepics.com/2015/03/hill-of-crosses-lithuanian-landmark-story-of-hope-defiance-faith-freedom-pics/>

