

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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Donations
are greatly
Appreciated!

People Helping People is in need of bed linen to donate to a very poor family.

Can you help? ☺



**Tea and Coffee
After Mass!!**
in the Social Room
across the garden -
please join us.



**Please sign our
Chapel's Visitor's Book
in the Social Room**
- We'd love to know
which
country you're from!



MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturdays: 18h30 Portuguese
Sundays: 10h00 English
11h30 Portuguese

Other Holy Day Masses in English:
Dec.8th – Immaculate Conception.
10h00
Dec.25th - Christmas Day.
10h00

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 (*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, or download it from the Chapel's website/blog: www.rcmassmadeira.org which is updated every week by Debbie and Tony. ☺

JOYFUL GIFT

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

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THE CATHOLIC MASS IN ENGLISH

Good morning! Welcome to the Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França. This 10h00 Mass is the only Catholic Mass celebrated entirely in English on the whole island of Madeira. We are blessed by the presence of two dedicated priests here at the Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França: Fr. Bernardino Andrade, who celebrates the Mass in English every Sunday morning at 10h00, and Father Vitor Sousa, Chaplain, who celebrates Mass in Portuguese on Saturday evenings at 18h30, and on Sunday mornings at 11h30.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(1 Kings 17:10-16; Psalm 145(146):7-10; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44)

Ahab, the king of Israel "did evil in the sight of the Lord more than any of his predecessors" by worshipping false gods, introduced by his wife, Jezebel. Elijah told Ahab the Lord would punish him with a drought lasting many years. In today's reading a widow gives Elijah the last of her food, and is rewarded with food until the drought ends.

The **psalm** advises us not to put our trust in princes, but in our God, who is kind and good.

The **Letter to the Hebrews** continues showing how Jesus Christ is our eternal high priest, "mediator" of the new covenant, which replaced the old covenant. The high priest no longer goes each day into the sanctuary of the Temple, where God dwells on earth, to mediate between man and God. Christ has entered heaven, so he can intercede directly with God on our behalf. Christ died and offered himself as a sacrifice once only, perfectly confirming man's agreement to the new covenant for ever.

Like the first reading, today's gospel also involves a widow who gives her all. After last week's reading about the greatest commandment, the widow exemplifies loving God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength, instead of meaningless ritual.

- Brought to you by: Chris Oliver. (www.bible-groups.info)

PSALM RESPONSE: My soul, give praise to the Lord.

TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC

By: Larysa Makarova

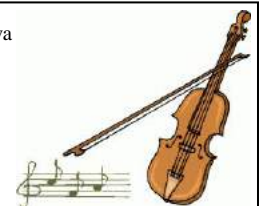
Entry Hymn: "All over the world the Spirit is moving" - n. 19

Offertory Hymn: "Fill my House unto the Fullest" - n. 141

Communion Hymn: *Instrumental*

Thanksgiving: *Instrumental*

Final Hymn: "Shine, Jesus, shine" - n. 344



FROM MY HEART TO YOUR HEART – A Very Unusual Honeymoon



- Brought to you by Fr. Bernardino Andrade (bernardinodandrade@gmail.com)

On the first day of September of 2018 I had the privilege of blessing the Marriage of Dr. Mariana and her fiancé, Jorge. When we started making the arrangements for their Wedding I could envision that this was not going to be a «normal» Wedding. This was going to be «an above normal» Wedding.

Even if each Wedding is very special to me, I have the routine of mentioning a few details that are a «normal part» of any wedding. I am not good in making rules maybe because I am not good in following rules. But I have a list of a few suggestions.

One of the suggestions is about throwing rice after the ceremony. In many countries there is this tradition of throwing rice at the bride when the couple is leaving the Church. And of course the priest needs to be sure that he does it, or finds somebody, to sweep the pavement right after the Wedding party leaves the church. It is always an agonizing job that is done without being questioned.

With Dr. Mariana and her fiancé I did what I usually do. I try to explain that in a Wedding there are things that are *mandatory* and there are things that are *optional*. One of the *optional* things is throwing rice «against» the couple, especially the lady. What they call a symbol of fertility, for me it is more like an aggression that sometimes physically hurts. But more important than hurting, throwing rice is a symbol of waste. When people throw rice against the couple they are transforming food into garbage. Transforming food into garbage is insulting the poor and is promoting a society of waste. Pope Francis has expressed his deep feelings and strong disapproval of the society of waste. Besides promoting waste it is also promoting hunger and suffering in the world.

Well, but I always suggest that in the place of rice they are welcome to bring food, any kind of non-perishable food, including rice, and make that food part of the Mass. **«Bring it to the altar during the offertory procession and I know where the needy people live. They will be very thankful to you and they will pray for the success of your Marriage.»** It never fails. One hundred percent of the couples accept that suggestion and are very happy to help. The way they do, varies. No rules for that.

Some couples bring the food just in the same bags they brought from the supermarket, **some make a beautiful basket** or tray or whatever. **Some inform their guests and suggest them to join them in helping the poor.** Whatever they do is acceptable and I hope **it is done with love.**

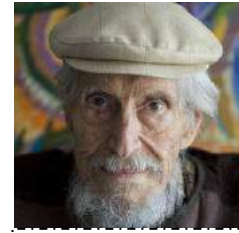
Dr. Mariana and her fiancé, Jorge, decided to put a large basket at the church door and informed their guests that they were welcome to bring anything to help the poor. Right before Mass I had been informed that three families were in a terrible need. One in *Machico*, one in *Agua de Pena* and one in *Funchal*. The first two live after passing the airport. Before the Mass ended I informed the people in Church about this situation, and I asked if someone would like to go to these families and deliver this food that was collected. I suspected that it wouldn't be too inconvenient because it always takes some amount of time between the ceremony and the dinner. That's when the unthinkable happened. Jorge, the new husband, whispered at my ear: **«Father! Today I cannot promise, but tomorrow it is my desire, it is very important to me that my wife and I would do it».**

And the following day, which was a Sunday, feeding the poor was one of the ways of Dr. Mariana and her husband Jorge continued their wedding ceremony and continued their honeymoon. A very unusual honeymoon that brought to a few families (and especially to the new couple) lots of joy.

Love and Peace,
Fr. Bernardino Andrade



PAINTINGS BY GUILLERMO SILVA - today at the Chapel !!



The famous artist,
Guillermo Silva

There is a lady from Norway, Frøydis Gustavsen, who, together with some friends, has been a big help to the poor being helped by People Helping People. Frøydis and one of her friends has brought **a few paintings done by a famous artist to be auctioned today after Mass.**

These pictures, etchings, are produced **by the artist Guillermo Silva.** Of 100 specimens, each and every picture is **hand-coloured and signed by the artist and thus is one of kind.** The pictures are miniatures with the size of

15x15 cm but every one is an original. The price of equivalent pictures was some years ago, 150 euro each. The artist was born in Colombia and his first exhibition was in 1953. Up to his death in 2008 he had exhibitions all over the world.

These 5 pictures are given by friends of the artist and of People Helping People. They can be seen in the coffee-house after mass today (Sunday) and will be auctioned at the coffee time. **The income will go totally to "People Helping People".**



VATICAN'S 2018 CHRISTMAS STAMPS – Drawn by an Italian prisoner!

The Vatican Philatelic and Numismatic Office this week unveiled a series of stamps designed for them by an inmate of a Milan prison. Among the drawings done by the prisoner, *Marcello D'Agata*, there is a representation of the Madonna and Child specially designed for Christmas. The prison in which *Marcello D'Agata* is held is the largest of the 225 Italian prisons; 1.400 people are held there. Those who are in prison are often abandoned and given less consideration, but they have always been close to the heart of



Pope Francis who has spoken numerous times about their situation: **“The inmates are serving a sentence, a sentence for a mistake they have made. But let us not forget that for punishment to be fruitful there must be a horizon of hope; otherwise it remains closed in on itself and is simply an instrument of torture; it is not fruitful. Punishment with hope, so it is fruitful.”**