

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 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 (Gospel according to Luke, chapter 6 and Matthew chapter 25).

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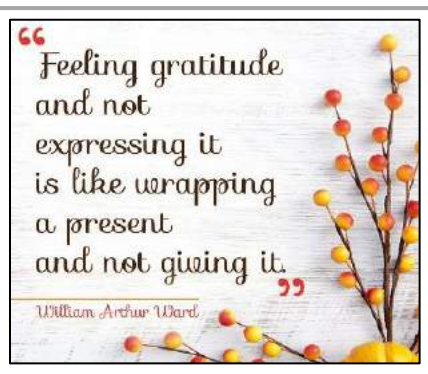


Every Sunday morning at the door of the Chapel there will be a **basket to collect food for the poor**. You are welcome to bring any little thing to help alleviate their suffering. (Rice, pasta, milk, canned tuna, biscuits etc.) Thank you to all who have donated so far! ☺



SUNDAYS:
10h00 English
11h30 Portuguese

SATURDAYS:
18h30 Portuguese



**Tea and Coffee
After Mass!!
in the Social
Room across
the garden -
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*); Larisa (*Hymns*); Tracy and Jennifer (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: penhafanca.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

13th October 2019 – 10h00 Sunday Mass

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

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THE CATHOLIC ENGLISH MASS IN MADEIRA:

Good morning! Welcome to the Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França. This morning we are blessed to have **Fr. Bernardino Andrade** celebrating Mass here at the Chapel.

For those who may be wondering about the "age" of this small Chapel... it was founded by Antonio Dantas in 1622... almost 400 years ago! Please join us after Mass in the Social Hall across the garden for a cup of tea or coffee, and cake. The social hall has a map of the world where you can place a pin on your home town (do let us know what country you are visiting us from! ☺) check out our free little library, or leave a message in our visitor's book.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS (Brought to you by: Chris Oliver. www.bible-groups.info)
(2 Kgs 5:14-17. Ps 97(98). 2 Tim 2:8-13. Lk 17:11-19.)

Naaman, a leper, commanded an Aramaen army which was victorious over Israel. An Israeli girl, the servant of Naaman's wife, said the prophet in Samaria could cure Naaman's leprosy. Elisha told Naaman to bathe seven times in the Jordan. Initially Naaman refuses to do something so humble, but he is persuaded by his servant and he is cured. When Elisha refuses reward, Naaman takes soil home so that he may continue worshipping the God of Israel. The psalm praises the Lord for he has given salvation to all peoples and all creation. Paul urges Timothy to pass on the gospel he has received, summed up in only six Greek words: Jesus, the Christ, anointed by God; descended from David, risen from the dead. Thus pointing to our bodily resurrection. In what sounds like a hymn from a very early baptismal liturgy we are told that "if we persevere we shall reign with him". Not just be with Christ, but joining him in his work of caring for the renewed creation. In Luke's Gospel Jesus is coming closer to Jerusalem and his death, while revealing more about his kingdom. Last week Jesus told his disciples to serve without expecting thanks. Now ten lepers are healed, like Naaman, through simple actions. Only the non-Jew returns to thank him.

PSALM RESPONSE: **The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.**

* These Scripture notes are sent to us every week by Chris Oliver from the UK. If you'd also like to have these included in your parish newsletter, you are welcome to ask your Priest to contact Chris at: chris@chris-oliver.net

TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC

Larisa Makarova on the violin (from the Ukraine)

Entry Hymn: "Morning has broken like the first morning" - n. 368

Offertory Hymn: "Blest are you, Lord, God of all creation" - n. 69

Communion Hymn: "Alleluia, sing to Jesus" - n. 29

Thanksgiving: *Instrumental*

Final Hymn: "Lord, the light of your love is shining" - n. 344





Two Irresistible Virtues

1.

Father Mata was my Spiritual Director during my time in the Seminary. He was a man of short sermons, short sentences, deep spirituality and crucifying love for the poor. He was a living Saint. I always wanted to be like him but I have been far away from my desire. Maybe because I resisted in paying the price that he paid. *«There is no gain without pain».*

One of his short sentences that left prints in my heart was *«Gratitude and humility are two irresistible virtues».* I would add that *«Ingratitude and pride are two of the most hurting and disturbing shortcomings in any relationship».*

Today's Gospel (28th Sunday of the Year C) tells the story of ten lepers healed by Jesus. Nine of them kept on going. Only one of them came back and told Jesus *“thank you”*. Jesus felt hurt and had the courage to open his heart and ask *«Were not all of ten made clean? The other nine where are they?»* Ingratitude hurts.

2.

A little boy fell off a pier into deep ocean water. An older sailor, heedless of the great danger to himself, dove into the stormy water, struggled with the boy, and finally, exhausted, brought him to safety. Two days later, the boy's mother came with him to the same pier, seeking the sailor who had rescued her son. Finding him, she asked: *«You dove into the ocean to bring my boy out?»* *«I did,»* he replied. The mother angrily demanded: *«Then where's his hat?»*

3.

An old woman was in an extended-care hospital. She had some kind of wasting disease, her different powers fading away over the space of months. A young student happened to meet her on a coincidental visit. The student kept going back, drawn by the strange force of the woman's joy. Though she could no longer move her arms and legs, she would say: *«I'm just so happy and grateful to God that I can move my neck».* When she could no longer move her neck, she would say: *«I am so glad and thankful I can hear and see».* When the young student finally asked the old woman what would happen if she lost her senses of hearing and sight, the gentle lady said: *«I'll just be so grateful that you come to visit».*



Love and Peace, Fr. Bernardino Andrade

PREGNANT MUM IN NEED – A sincere thank you!



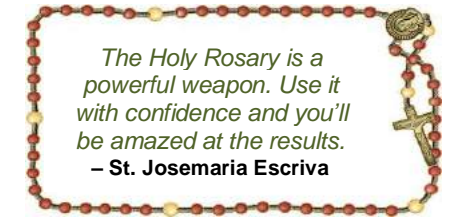
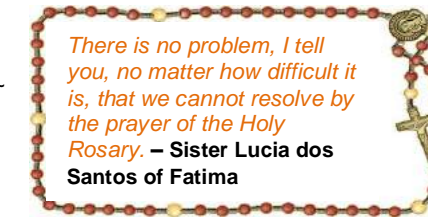
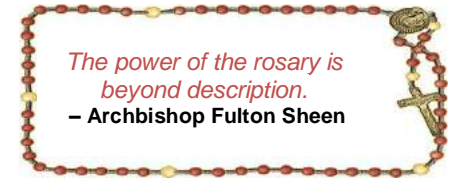
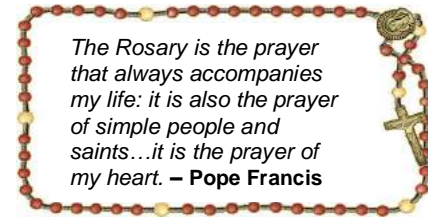
In two of our previous newsletters, an urgent appeal was made asking for help for a young pregnant mum. She is poor and has had almost nothing for her baby girl (which is due **this week** – on the 15th of October).

Thanks to the generosity of a few wonderful, warm-hearted people who attended our Mass and read the appeal in our newsletter, we were able to bring a smile to her face this week! The donations given in at the Chapel (baby nappies, shampoo, baby clothing, toiletries, as well as some money) were handed over to her earlier this week. **She was so thrilled and grateful for everything that she received and wishes to express her gratitude and to thank everyone who helped in any way.**

Thank You! This is *People Helping People!* God bless you all.

DID YOU KNOW? - The month of **October** is dedicated to the Holy Rosary

October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary, and also holds the anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima, and the Battle of Lepanto (which Pius V credited the victory of, to the praying of the Rosary). Here are a few inspirational quotes on the Holy Rosary:



THE BATTLE OF LEPANTO – And Our Lady of The Rosary

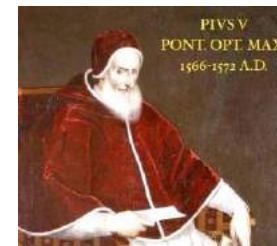
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On October 7th, the Church commemorated the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, a celebration that has its origin in a battle that took place in the year 1571, in the Gulf of Patras (located in western Greece).



A fleet of ships assembled by the combined forces of the “Holy League” (a coalition of European Catholic states arranged by Pope Pius V: *Naples, Sardinia, Venice, the Papacy, Genoa, Savoy and the Knights Hospitallers*) fought an intense battle with the fleet of the Ottoman Empire.

They intended to break the Ottoman Empire's control of the eastern Mediterranean Sea. This battle is known to history as the “Battle of Lepanto”. **At the time of the battle, Pope Pius V, ordered the churches of Rome opened for prayer day and night, encouraging the faithful to petition the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary through the recitation of the Rosary.** Although outnumbered by the Ottoman forces, the Holy League inflicted a major defeat on the fleet of the Ottoman Empire.



They credited the victory to the Virgin Mary, whose intercession with God they had implored through the use of the Rosary. When word reached Pope Pius of the victory of the *Holy League*, he added a new feast day to the Roman Liturgical Calendar- October 7th would henceforth be the feast of Our Lady of Victory. Pope Pius' successor, Gregory XIII would change the name of this day to the feast of the Holy Rosary.