

## 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*); Larysa and Rui (*Hymns*); Tracy (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) which is updated every week by Debbie and Tony. ☺

## JOYFUL GIFT

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### Christ The King, 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 which has the only Catholic Mass in English on the entire island. This morning we are blessed to have **Fr. Bernardino Andrade** celebrating Mass here at the Chapel. Please join us afterwards 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](http://www.bible-groups.info))  
(2 Sam 5:1-3. Ps 121(122). Col 1:12-20. Lk 23:35-43)

**The Books of Samuel**, Kings and 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 arriving in Jerusalem, goal of pilgrims and seat of government. 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 to gain our freedom, "the forgiveness of sins". The hymn praises Christ, who is the image of the unseen God. He existed before all things, which were created in him, and He is supreme over all 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.

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

\* 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](mailto:chris@chris-oliver.net)



### TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC

- Larysa Makarova (from the Ukraine)  
Rui César Gomes (from Madeira Island)

**Entry Hymn:** "Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord" - n. 27

**Offertory Hymn:** "Let us break bread together" - n. 318

**Communion Hymn:** "Lord Jesus Christ..." - n. 339

**Thanksgiving:** Instrumental

**Final Hymn:** "Hosanna, hosanna..." - n. 232

**WAS JESUS CATHOLIC OR PROTESTANT?**

**1. - «OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE WAS CATHOLIC»**

The Mexican People have a deep devotion to *Our Lady of Guadalupe* who appeared in the Tepeyac Hill of Mexico City, on December 12, 1531. For them, the celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on

December 12, is more important than Christmas. I confess that I have celebrated with them, many times, this feast in California and I really miss it a lot. One day, Fr. Lionel, a Portuguese colleague of mine, gave a sermon about the Virgin Mary and tried to explain that Mary was a very devout, normal Jewish girl who was chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus, the Son of God. At a certain point of his sermon, he said that Mary was not Catholic. Of course. She was a devout Jew. When he ended the Mass, a Mexican lady was waiting for him. She approached him and looking very sad and disappointed told my friend. «*Father, I didn't like your sermon*». The priest, who was a very open and kind person, asked her why. She knew that Our Lady had also appeared in Fatima, Portugal. And she knew that my friend Fr. Lionel was also Portuguese. And then she answered: «*You said that our Lady was not Catholic. If Our Lady of Fatima was not Catholic, that I don't know. But Our Lady of Guadalupe has been Catholic during all her life*».



Our Lady of Guadalupe

**2. - NO CATHOLICS IN HEAVEN**

I heard a story told by a Protestant minister, a very good friend of mine, that a non-Catholic man died and went to heaven. God welcomed him with love and kindness and expressed his joy for seeing him in Heaven. One of the first questions this man asked God was if there was any Catholic person in Heaven and God answered «*No. There are no Catholics in Heaven*». He immediately reacted: «*Of course. I knew. Catholics changed things in the Bible and were so far away from its teachings*». Then another question: «*What about Anglicans*»? «*No. No Anglicans in Heaven*». And the man understood that Anglicans also were not good enough to go to Heaven. «*And what about Lutherans and Baptists and Orthodoxies*». And God's answer was always «*No. Those denominations are not in heaven*». Finally the most important question. «*And... what about my Church denomination?*» The answer was also «*no*». This pious man got completely lost. «*But God if the members of my denomination who practiced every word in the Bible, if*



Painting by Nathan Greene - The Family Of God

*we are not in Heaven, then please tell me: Who is in Heaven*». God's answer was: «*My Son. In Heaven I only have sons and daughters. I only created sons and daughters. You, people, are the ones who made that mess. Not me*».

**3. - CHRIST THE KING**

Today, the last Sunday of the Liturgical year, the Church celebrates the *Feast of Christ the King*. When we talk about kings and Queens we always associate with crowns on their heads and somebody on the top of the pyramid. My interpretation of Christ the King is of a «*FEET WASHER*». Jesus didn't come to establish the Catholic Church or any Church. Jesus came to establish the Kingdom of the Father where every human being would be, and feel, that he/she is a son/daughter of God. All human beings are brothers and sisters and all people are owners of the world. The world, food, medicine, and peace, love, kindness will belong to all human beings. No, Jesus didn't come to establish any Church. The Churches (whatever name they have) are only instruments to build the Kingdom of God our Father, who is also our Mother.

*Love and Peace, Fr. Bernardino Andrade*



Today we celebrate the *Feast of Christ the King*. Christ the King Sunday celebrates the full authority of Christ as King and Lord of the universe. It is celebrated on the final Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Sunday before Advent. In 2019, the feast falls on November 24th.

Here in Madeira, in the town of Garajau, there is a 15 metre high (49ft) statue of Christ the King. In Portuguese it's called the *Cristo Rei*



statue. It is the work of French sculptor Georges Serraz. The monument was dedicated on the 30th of October 1927, and consists of a statue of Christ with open arms facing the ocean. It was financed and commissioned by the Counselor Aires de Ornelas, who had it erected to fulfil a promise. The majestic statue stands on top of a hill which drops into a ravine towards the sea, and is open to the public all year round.

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