

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! ☺

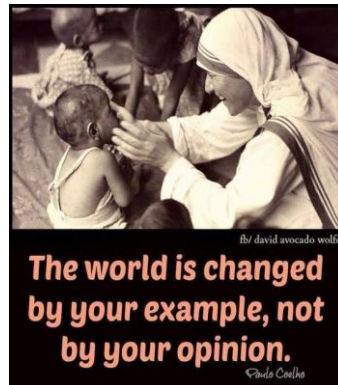
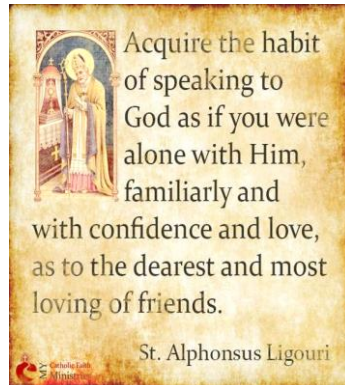


09/02/2020

10h00 Mass in English
11h30 Mass in Portuguese

16/02/2020

10h00 Mass in English
11h30 Mass in Portuguese



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, Rui, Cátia and Helena (*Hymns*); Tracy (newsletter layout & stories of interest). **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

9th February 2020 – 10h00 Sunday Mass

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

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CATHOLIC MASS IN ENGLISH, IN MADEIRA:

Good morning! Welcome to the Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França. This 10am Mass is the only Catholic Mass which is celebrated entirely in English on the whole island of Madeira. **We are blessed to have Fr. Bernardino Andrade celebrating mass here every Sunday!**

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

(*Isaiah 58:7-10; Psalm 111(112); 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16*)

After the exiles returned to rebuild Jerusalem there were many difficulties and they lost heart. Third **Isaiah** writing after 500BC told them this was because of a lack of social justice: ritual and fasting have value only if they are expressions of a just society. Today's reading and the verse before it give the essentials of true religion: deal justly with your neighbour, free the oppressed, feed the hungry. Then your good deeds will influence others and give glory to God, without drawing attention to yourselves. **The psalm** praises the virtues of the God-fearing man, who lights the way for others lost in confusion. Paul says that when he came to the **Corinthians**, he did not draw attention to himself by relying on the powers of clever oratory to convince people about the 'mystery' of God – the salvific events to be revealed in the age to come. No, he believes "Jesus Christ and him crucified", the message itself, making visible the power of God, is strong enough to convince. In **Matthew's gospel** Jesus began his ministry in Galilee, previously part of the northern kingdom Israel. On a mountain he teaches the beatitudes, before insisting Christians must show the way for all mankind to find the way to God, influencing without seeking to be noticed.

PSALM RESPONSE: The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.

* 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, or sent to you, please contact Chris at: chris@chris-oliver.net

HYMN NUMBERS:

Larysa Makarova (from the Ukraine)

- [1] **Entry Hymn:** "Bind us together, Lord" – No. 65
- [2] **Offertory:** "Take our bread, we ask you" – No. 528
- [3] **Communion:** "This is my body, broken for you" – No. 572
- [4] **Thanksgiving:** Instrumental
- [5] **Final Hymn:** "O the word of my Lord" – No. 434





WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

1.

One of the most powerful and transforming Catholic movements in the USA Catholic Church is the *Worldwide Marriage Encounter*. It was founded by Fr. Chuck Gallagher and it has been spreading throughout the world. Personally, I have had the privilege of making the *Marriage Encounter Weekend* for my own benefit and then, along with one other priest and three

couples, I had the privilege of conducting a few Marriage Encounter Weekends, especially in Portuguese, that start on a Friday night and end on a Sunday late afternoon. The purpose of this weekend is not to help to save Marriages. For that purpose there is another one called «*Retrouvaille Weekend*». The *Marriage Encounter Weekend's purpose* is to make good couples better couples. The slogan of this so-called «Experience» is: «**COUPLE POWER IS GOING TO CHANGE THE WORLD**».

This «World Marriage Day», which has been promoted by the American *Marriage Encounter Movement*, is celebrated every year on the second Sunday of February. If I understand well, it is not to compete with «Valentine's Day» on February 14th, but to tell people that in Marriage there is lots of room for romance. Romance is not only for single couples on Valentine's Day but it is mainly for couples in permanent relationships. One of my main appeals for couples united by the Sacrament of Marriage is that their Marriage should be visible. It has been very popular the idea that «*you don't need to show your love*». According to this belief, «*love is inside of you and that is enough*». With this belief in mind I have seen many people dying of loneliness because there is no expression of love. According to Dr. Robert Schuller, a bell is not a bell until it is played, a song is not a song until it is sung, love is not love until it is expressed.

2.

EXPRESSING AND RENEWING THEIR LOVE, THEIR COMMITMENT, THEIR MARRIAGE

When last Sunday I invited the couples that were celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries during the month of February to come up for a special blessing, I invited two of them to renew their vows. The first couple said: «*I renew my vows of love and fidelity I made to you 50 years ago*». The second couple said: «*I renew my vows of love and fidelity I made to you last Friday!*». Before a clap of hands there was a joyful laughter. We believe that renewing their vows daily is the best and safest way to prepare the 50th anniversary.



Two beautiful couples renewing their wedding vows of 50 years...and of 3 days!
Last Sunday at the Chapel ☺

*Love and Peace,
Fr. Bernardino Andrade*

FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES – February 11th

February 11th is the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes, one of the most famous apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary that took place in southern France.



Here in the Chapel, a little above and behind the altar, you will see a statue of Our Lady of Lourdes set in a “cave”, with St. Bernadette kneeling at her feet. This statue was offered to Bishop D. Manuel Agostinho Barreto (Bishop of Funchal from 1877-1911) who lived permanently here at Penha de França during the 34 years of his pontificate. This bishop had the altar adapted to receive the image of Our Lady of Lourdes, the first of the island, which was offered in 1878 by the French citizen *M. Goubeaux* who lived in Madeira.

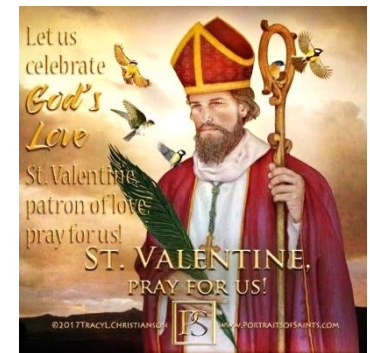
SAINT OF THE MONTH: February - Saint Valentine

Died: 269 / **Feast day:** February 14

Source: portraitsofsaints on instagram

Patronage: love, youth, happy marriages

Saint Valentine of Rome was a bishop and martyr of the early church. Not much is known about him, except that his relics were found in the catacombs and an ancient church was dedicated to him. Tradition has it that Valentine cured the blind daughter of a Roman judge who along with his household, was later baptized. St. Valentine married couples, going against the edict of Cladius II. It was said that on the day of his execution, he gave a note to his jailer's daughter that he cured, that was signed “your Valentine”. He's pictured with birds because birds start pairing in February around his feast day.



BOOK SALE TODAY – Get your copy of “Deadly Drama” this morning



For the last 2 weeks we have had a book sale after Mass to raise funds to help the needy. Mrs Jane Caldwell and her husband, Peter, have been regular visitors to our island for the past 16 or so years. Jane is an author, who lives in England, and after learning about the poverty on the island, decided to write a novel to help the “*People Helping People*” project which was started here at the Chapel in 2010 to help the needy.

Jane has written 3 novels, and this morning, her latest novel, “Deadly Drama” will be on sale

directly after Mass. **Last week, 65 euros was raised from the book sale**, and today once again, absolutely every cent will go towards helping those in need. Get your copy before they are sold out!
Happy Reading! ☺



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