

## 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! ☺



### Tea and Coffee After Mass

Please join us in the Social Hall across the garden for a cup of coffee, tea, cake, and a chat.

**08/03/2020**

10h00 Mass in English

11h30 Mass in Portuguese

**15/03/2020**

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](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

**8th March 2020 – 10h00 Sunday Mass**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent, Year A**

Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França,  
Rua Penha de França 3, Funchal, Madeira

**Website and Blog:** <http://rcmassmadeira.org/>

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/penhafrancachapel](http://www.facebook.com/penhafrancachapel)

**Instagram:** [www.instagram.com/capela\\_penha\\_franca/](http://www.instagram.com/capela_penha_franca/)

### **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!**



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### **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

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

(*Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 32; 2 Timothy 1:8-10; Matthew 17:1-9*)

After hearing last week about the Fall, **Genesis** moves past the Flood and the Tower of Babel to the times of the patriarchs, probably before 1500 BC. God tells Abram to travel from Haran near the Euphrates to "a land that I will show you". God promises that Abram's descendants will become a great nation which will be blessed, and will take God's blessings to other peoples. Abram trusts in God and obeys, following the age-old migration route through Palestine to Egypt. In one of his last letters Paul instructs **Timothy** to continue proclaiming the true gospel he received from Paul, and to correct the errors that will arise from false teachers. God's plan, made before time began, was revealed by the appearing of Jesus Christ, who has saved all humanity and abolished death. We cannot merit the grace to be holy, it is a free gift. In **Matthew's gospel**, Jesus for the first time tells his disciples of his coming passion. They are then given a preview of Jesus' glory as the Son of God. Moses and Elijah appear with Jesus, who is the correct interpreter of the Law and the Prophets. Then Jesus predicts his resurrection, after which they will understand what they have seen.

**PSALM RESPONSE:** May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

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



### **TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC**

Larysa Makarova (from the Ukraine)

**Entry Hymn:** Lent Hymn: "Colours of Day" - n. 93

**Offertory Hymn:** "How lovely on the mountains" - n. 235

**Communion Hymn:** "Let there be love" - n. 317

**Thanksgiving:** Instrumental

**Final Hymn:** Lent Hymn: "Go, the Mass is ended" - n. 175



**1. “THROW THEM OUT! THROW THEM OUT!”**

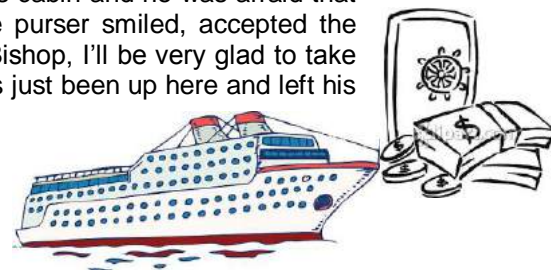
**The year was 1770, and in a small Italian church, two altar boys prepared for Benediction.** Annibale Della Genga and Francesco Castiglioni entered the sacristy, put on their albs, and grabbed the heavy brass candlesticks. And then they began to bicker.

Arguing over who would stand on the priest’s right for the procession, their quibble escalated into a shouting match. Alarmed parishioners turned their heads to the back of the Church to see the commotion, and that’s when it happened: Castiglioni cracked Della Genga over the head with his candlestick. Blood dripped from Della Genga’s injury, and both boys began shoving each other. Shocked parishioners screamed, “*Throw them out! Throw them out!*” So, the embarrassed priest grabbed the boys, led them to the door, and tossed them out of the church. **Now fast-forward several decades to 1825.** Half a million-people gathered in Rome for the great Jubilee celebration. The Jubilee occurred every 25 years, and its grand climax was the opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter’s Basilica. Traditionally, the Pope would knock on the door three times with a large silver hammer and sing, “*Open unto me the gates of justice!*” On the third knock, the door would swing open, and the Pope would lead his people through. The symbolism was rich: pilgrims from all over the world coming back home to the Church, following their leader through the great *porta fidei*, the “door of Faith.” That Jubilee year, in front of thousands of pilgrims, Cardinal Della Genga made his way to the door. It was fifty-five years after the candlestick incident. Cardinal Della Genga who had become Pope Leo XII neared the door. Turning to the Cardinal beside him - Cardinal Castiglioni, the Pope said “*Let me have the hammer.*” With a sly grin, Castiglioni replied, “*Just like I gave you the candlestick?*” Amazingly, four years later Castiglioni succeeded his friend and became Pope, taking the name Pius VIII. Now if you told any of those pew sitters back in 1770 that they had two future-Popes in the back of their church, they’d have laughed you out of the building: “*Those two boys? The ones shoving and whacking each other with candlesticks?*”



**2. I AM ALSO A SUSPECT**

**A Bishop was sailing for Europe on one of the great transatlantic ocean liners.** When he went on board, he found that another passenger was to share a cabin with him. After unpacking his bags, he went to the purser and inquired if he could leave his gold watch and other valuables in the ship’s safe. He explained that he had just met the man who was to occupy the other berth in his cabin and he was afraid that the man might not be trustworthy. The purser smiled, accepted the valuables and remarked, “It’s all right, Bishop, I’ll be very glad to take care of them for you. The other man has just been up here and left his valuables for the same reason!”



Love & Peace,  
Fr. Bernardino Andrade  
March 8, 2020

As concern grows over the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), Catholic Bishops of countries all around the world (USA, Italy, UK, Australia, South Africa, Spain, Portugal etc.) have issued guidance for the celebration of Mass. The Portuguese Bishops have asked that the churches here adopt the same precautionary measures as the bishops in other countries, which are:



- 1) *The Greeting of Peace should be exchanged without physical contact like hand-shaking.*
- 2) *Holy Communion will be distributed only in the hand (NOT ON THE TONGUE).*
- 3) *Concelebrating priests receive the Blood of Christ by “intinction” or “dipping”.*
- 4) *Holy Water fonts in all churches should be emptied.*

We will also be adopting these guidelines in the Chapel of Penha de França. Thank you for your cooperation in implementing them.

**PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE – February / March**

Thank you to everyone who has brought clothes, toiletries, and food (for the poor) here to the Chapel. It has been greatly appreciated! Thank you!



Every Sunday you will see a basket at the entrance of the Chapel where you are welcome to bring any little item to help alleviate the suffering of those less fortunate. With donations received, *People Helping People* (see the last page of the newsletter for more info) has been able to help in the following ways:

**Where PHP helped this Week: 24 February – 1 March 2020**

Description	+ €	- €	Total €
<b>Balance brought forward</b>			831,36
PHP Mass Collection	285,00		
Donations	0,00		
<b>Expenses Paid for the poor:</b>			
1 - House Rent		150,00	
2 - Medication		176,00	
3 - Doctor’s Consultations		0,00	
4 - Bus fare		110,00	
5 - Water		0,00	
6 - Electricity		127,00	
7 - Gas		0,00	
8 - Telephone		50,00	
9 - Food		467,00	
10 - Miscellaneous		30,00	
Balance on March 1st			6,36

