

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE (PHP)



"You should wash each other's feet"
(John 13:34)

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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>> TRANSFER TO BANK ACCOUNT IN MADEIRA:

ACCOUNT NAME:

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BANK: Banco Santander Totta

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 0003 4938 1759020

IBAN: PT50 0018 0003 49381759020 94

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9020-119, Funchal
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>> DONATIONS FROM THE USA:

**Instructions for sending funds to
People Helping People in Madeira,
Portugal, from USA:**

Write a check made out to: Fr
Bernardino Andrade PHP
in the bottom of the check in Memo
area add: **PHP**

Mail the check to:

Mr. L.A. Contreras
60 Meeks Lane
Oakley, Ca 94561



The funds will then be transferred to
the People Helping People account in
Madeira, at no cost.

Any questions or concerns please
contact Larry Contreras at
707-333-5501 or email him at:
l.a.contreras@sbcglobal.net

>> DONATIONS FROM THE UK:

ACCOUNT NAME: Sinead Moynihan

BANK: Lloyds Bank

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 02461743

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The funds will then be transferred to Madeira.
Any questions or concerns about transferring to
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When sending any donation, please send an email to penhafranca.newsletter@gmail.com with the date, amount, and name on the transfer so that Fr. Bernardino is able to confirm with you as soon as the transfer is received. Thank you.

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JOYFUL GIFT

9th of August 2020

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

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CATHOLIC MASS IN ENGLISH, IN MADEIRA:

Good morning! We hope that this week's newsletter finds you all well, and that it brings you a little bit of happiness and some inspiration for the week ahead. We hope that soon we will be seeing you all back at the Chapel again!

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS



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

(1 Kgs 19:9,11-13; Ps. 84(85); Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33)

The books of Kings, Joshua, Judges and Samuel tell the story of Israel from entering the Promised Land until frequent unfaithfulness leads to exile. After Elijah successfully called on God to produce rain, and killed all the failed prophets of Baal, he fled from Jezebel's threat of revenge to Mount Horeb, ie Sinai. After Elijah recognises God in "a light murmuring sound" – "a sound of fine silence", God promises a remnant of faithful Israelites will survive, and gives Elijah more tasks.

In the psalm a prophet, after the return from exile, first listens to hear what the Lord has to say, and then reports the joyful future happiness revealed to him. Paul shows the **Romans** just how great is his agony that most of the Chosen People have failed to recognise God in Jesus: he would be willing to give up even his own hope of salvation "if it could help my brothers of Israel".

Matthew describes a small group who do recognise Jesus, and are willing to step out into the unknown to be with him. Jesus encourages them: they have "little faith", but it is enough for them to believe that he is "Son of God". (Matthew teaches what the disciples understood after the Resurrection, although Mark says "they did not understand".)

PSALM RESPONSE: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

* 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



CALLED OR NOT, GOD IS PRESENT

Above the office door of the Swiss psychiatrist, Carl Young, hung a stone plaque inscribed with the words «Called or not, God is Present».

The dramatic story of today's Gospel (19th Sunday A) is a parable of our lives. It is about «The Storm in the Lake» (Mathew 14: 22-33). It is about the storms in our lives.

Being born in an island in the time when the main means of transportation was by boat, without any comfort and any safety conditions I «tasted» a few «storms in the lake» or better... a few storms in the Atlantic Ocean that surrounds Madeira Island. I can tell that they are frightening and very uncomfortable. What today takes me thirty minutes to travel from my house to Funchal, in my childhood it would take about three hours. There were people who would start throwing up (vomiting) on the night before. Only the thought of taking the boat would make them sea sick.

Today's Gospel talks about a scary storm in the «fourth watch of the night». Jesus came, walked on the waters and calmed them down.

This dramatic story brings to my mind an old and very well-known story called «Foot Prints in the Sand».

I have seen this story framed and hanging on walls and in different places. «Called or not, God is present».



FOOT PRINTS IN THE SAND

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed a set of foot prints in the sand; one belonging to him, and the other to the LORD. When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the foot prints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of life there was only one set of foot prints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life. This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it.

«LORD you said that once I decided to follow you, you would walk with me all the way. But I noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why, when I

needed You most, You would leave me.»

The LORD replied:

«My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trials and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you.»

- (Fr. Tommy Lane)

But at once Jesus called out to them, saying: «Courage, it is I, do not be afraid». (Math. 14:27).

CALLLED OR NOT, GOD IS PRESENT.

Love and Peace,
Fr. Bernardino Andrade,

August 9, 2020



Fr. Bernardino with the list of names on the altar

Throughout the last few months during the coronavirus pandemic, people have been feeling uncertain and afraid. But despite all that has been going on in the world, many have still remembered those who are less fortunate than themselves.

People Helping People has been struggling to keep up with all the pleas for help that have been coming in. But with your help, through the donations sent in, it's been possible to help families with medication bills, to buy food, pay for gas, water and electricity bills. Thank you for helping to make a difference!

Father Bernardino has continued to add your names to the list which he has on the little altar where he says Mass every day at home, and also on the altar during the English Mass here at the Chapel every Sunday morning. Below is the list of those who donated in the month of July. In next week's newsletter we will update the donations received so far during the month of August.

If you sent a donation and don't see your name listed below, please let us know by sending an email so that we can check what has happened. (penhafranca.newsletter@gmail.com)

Donations received during the month of July:

- 01 July – Lurdes S.
- 01 July – Maria Arlinda S.
- 03 July – Alan OB
- 03 July – Manuel Adolfo B.M.
- 03 July – Michael Andrew B.
- 03 July – Marie W.
- 06 July – Anthony & Jaquine D.
- 06 July – Anthony S.
- 09 July – Maria Francisca F.
- 09 July – Ann T. & Alastair R.
- 11 July – Germaine F.
- 14 July – Graham & Ann B.



- 15 July – Neil & Dena S.
- 15 July – Michael Andrew B.
- 15 July – John & Anne A.
- 20 July – Helmut U. & Sieglinde K.
- 20 July – Joyce P.
- 20 July – Michael B.
- 20 July – Patricia and Mike K.
- 23 July – Chrissie M.
- 23 July – Jane and Peter C.
- 28 July – Terence and Patricia H.
- 28 July – Michael Andrew B.

(To respect confidentiality of those of you who have donated, we are using only the first names and the initial letter of the surname of the donors).

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

