

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE (PHP)



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).

"You should wash each other's feet"
(John 13:14).

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>> TRANSFER TO BANK ACCOUNT IN MADEIRA:

ACCOUNT NAME:

Associação Gente Ajudando Gente

BANK: Banco Santander Totta

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 0003 4938 1759020

IBAN: PT50 0018 0003 49381759020 94

SWIFT: TOTAPTPL

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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:
la.contreras@sbcglobal.net

>> DONATIONS FROM THE UK:

ACCOUNT NAME: Sinead Moynihan

BANK: Lloyds Bank

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 02461743

BRANCH: Univ. of Cambridge

SORT CODE: 30-13-55

IBAN: GB05 LOYD 3013 5502 4617 43

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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.

Older issues of the newsletter can be downloaded from the Chapel's website/blog: www.rcmassmadeira.org

JOYFUL GIFT

11th of October 2020

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França,

Rua Penha de França 3, Funchal, Madeira

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CATHOLIC MASS IN ENGLISH, IN MADEIRA:

Good morning! We are blessed to have Fr. Bernardino celebrating mass every Sunday morning for us, here at the Chapel. After an absence of almost 6 months, **the Portuguese masses have now also resumed** on Saturdays at 18h30 and Sundays at 11h00.



TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isa 25:6-10; Ps. 22(23) r.6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Matt 22:1-14

(Brought to you by: Chris Oliver.)

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After the desolation of the earth and the final judgement, **Isaiah** describes in mouth-watering detail the great banquet the Lord will provide. It will be on Mount Zion and all peoples are invited. Not only will all sorrows be wiped away, but also the ultimate worry – death – will be destroyed. The familiar **psalm** expresses our personal confidence that the Lord is preparing a beautiful surprise for us to enjoy after death. Our readings from Paul's letter to the **Philippians** conclude with Paul again thanking them for their continued support and the money they had sent him. God's help enables him to be content whatever his problems, but their thoughtfulness is especially welcome now that he is in prison. He ends his letter with a fond farewell: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit". **Matthew** compares the kingdom of heaven to a wedding feast – the heavenly banquet to which all are invited. But if we accept the invitation we must prepare adequately and be willing to participate fully. Otherwise we may still be thrown out. Our membership must be visible to others. We must do more than just belong. Like the Philippians we must share what we have with the community we have joined, and with those in need.

PSALM RESPONSE: In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

* 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

TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC

Keyboard: *Larysa Makarova (The Ukraine)*

Entry - "Father, I place into your hands..." - n.134

Offertory - "Blessed be God! Blessed be God!" - n. 69

Communion - "The peace of God I leave you..." - n.558

Final - "Colours of day dawn into the mind..." - n. 93





HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AGNES

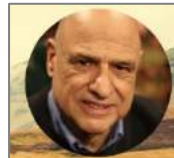
“A few years ago, the wonderfully creative Christian sociologist, Rev. Tony Campolo, traveled to Honolulu, Hawaii, for a speaking engagement.

He flew all the way from Pennsylvania to Hawaii and had an awful case of jet lag. Therefore, at 3:00 AM, he was wide awake. Tony found a donut shop near his hotel. As he sat there sipping coffee and glancing at a newspaper, the door to the diner swung open and in marched eight or nine provocative and boisterous prostitutes. Their talk was loud and crude. Tony was just about to make his getaway when he overheard one of the women say, *“Tomorrow’s my birthday. I’m gonna be thirty-nine.”*

One of her friends responded in a sarcastic tone, *“So, what do you want from me, a birthday party?”* “No,” she said. *“I’ve never had a birthday party in my life. Too late to start now.”*

Suddenly, Tony Campolo had an idea.

As soon as the women had left, he said to Harry, the owner of the diner, *“Do those women come in here every night?”* “Yep,” he said, “about this same time. Hope they weren’t bothering you.” “No,” Tony said, *“but I have an idea. The one sitting next to me is going to have a birthday tomorrow. I’ll pay the bill if we can have a little birthday party for her.”*



Rev. Tony Campolo

A smile spread across Harry’s face. “That’s a good idea. Her name is Agnes.” He called his wife out of the kitchen area and told her about it. They agreed to bake the cake.

The next morning by 3:00 AM Campolo had decorated the diner with crepe paper and had made a big sign reading, *“Happy Birthday, Agnes.”* Word had gotten around somehow because by 3:00 AM every prostitute in Honolulu was in the place. Wall to wall prostitutes, and Tony Campolo.

At 3:30 AM on the dot, Agnes walked in and was confronted with the cake with burning candles and the crowd singing loudly, *“Happy Birthday.”* She was flabbergasted, stunned, shaken. Her eyes moistened. Then after she blew out the candles, she completely lost it and openly cried. After the party was over, Tony asked the group if he could say a prayer. He prayed for Agnes and everyone else in the group. Then after everyone was gone, he thanked Harry for going along with the party. Harry said, “Hey, you didn’t tell me you were a preacher. What church do you belong to?” In one of those moments when just the right words came, Tony answered, *“I belong to a church that throws birthday parties for prostitutes at 3:00 AM.”*



And Jesus ends the parable like this: *«The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests»* (Mat. 22:10). (Story told by Fr. Tony Kadavil)



Carlo Acutis a young Italian boy, who died at the age of 15, was beatified on Saturday, October 10th, 2020, in Assisi.

He was best known for documenting Eucharistic miracles around the world and cataloguing them all onto a website that he created in the months before his death from leukemia. The website where he listed these miracles is:

www.miracolieucaristici.org/en/Liste/list.html

Carlo also catalogued a list of Marian apparitions around the world. The website address where you can see these is:

<http://www.themarianapparitions.org/en/avm/home>

FRIENDS AND FEET WASHERS – Updated lists

Thank you to all of you who have sent in a donation to *People Helping People* after reading Father Bernardino’s appeal a few months ago. Every donation received, no matter how small, has been a blessing, and is helping to make a difference. Father Bernardino calls you “Friends and Feet Washers”, and he still continues to place your names on the altar every Sunday morning during Mass at the Chapel.

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