

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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ACCOUNT NAME:

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BANK: Banco Santander Totta

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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
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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:
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The funds will then be transferred to Madeira.
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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

8th of November 2020

32nd Sunday In Ordinary Time, Year A

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CATHOLIC MASS IN ENGLISH, IN MADEIRA:

Good morning. The special intention of this morning's mass is for **Brian Lewington** who passed away earlier this week. His funeral was on Wednesday, here in Madeira. He loved life, a joke, and a pint. Survived by his wife Barbara and his 3 sons, daughters-in-law and grandchildren.



TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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(Brought to you by: Chris Oliver.)

Wis. 6:12-16; Ps. 62:2-8 r.2; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Matt 25:1-13

The Book of Wisdom was written in Greek, probably in Alexandria during the century before Christ. It seeks to strengthen faith by recalling the ways in which God rewards his people. But our just God also punishes individuals who act unjustly. We must learn wisdom to live justly in accord with God's justice, and so imitate and be drawn into the life of God. **The Psalm** expresses our homesickness for God's sanctuary, our true home, confident that God will help us overcome all our enemies. Good advice: when our minds are empty, as at night - fill them with thoughts of God. The parousia, when Christ will return - or be revealed in glory - was expected almost daily by the early Christians. But some believers had already died, so Paul reassures the **Thessalonians** that they will not "miss out" - they will join everyone else in the resurrection of the dead. Two thousand years later we may now see the parousia at the end of time being anticipated by Jesus revealed to us in every Mass. **Matthew's gospel** links the two readings together: we must live justly every moment of our lives so that we may be ready when the Lord calls us to him. We cannot rely on a last chance to repent.

PSALM RESPONSE: For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

** 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. **Voice:** Margarita Pestana, Sharon Brearley, Josefina Farinha

Entry - "This is the day, this is the day..." - n.574

Penitential - "Lord, have mercy" - n. 656

Offertory - "Take our bread, we ask you..." - n. 528

Sanctus - "Holy, holy, holy Lord..." - n. 702

Agnus Dei - "Lamb of God" - n. 739

Communion - "Amazing Grace..." - n.32

Final - "Follow me, follow me..." - n. 144





SHARING CULTURES

1.

Since I left Madeira for the first time, when I was 25 years old, I got deeply immersed into multicultural communities. Especially when I arrived in Mozambique, a Portuguese colony at the time, it was not uncommon to hear that one of the biggest «problems» of Mozambique was the difference of languages and cultures. It didn't take too long for me to discover that the difference of languages and cultures was not a «problem» but a «blessing». It is like watching a beautiful garden or a mosaic where a difference of colours is the essence of the beauty that attracts our eyes and our admiration. God made all of us on the basis of difference. My fingerprints are different from yours. And that is good. It is one of the most popular means, used in personal documents to define our own Identity.

2.

THE IMPACT OF DIFFERENT RELIGIONS AND MIXED MARRIAGES

Being born in Madeira Island, the first time I saw a Protestant I was already an adult. I have to confess that I was very surprised to realize that he looked like the rest of us. I was even more surprised to realize that he looked like a real human being.

Now I have to admit that one of the biggest blessings I have in my life as a priest is to see in my Sunday Mass at Penha de França different members of my worshipping community who belong to other churches. How can I feel indifferent when I see Peter, a devout Jew, married with Veronica, a devout Catholic who is a frequent reader in our Mass? How can I not feel emotional when I see Michael Hartnack a devout Anglican married with Yvonne a devout Catholic, preaching for the third time in a Catholic pulpit and taking the responsibility of cleaning the «Little corner of the Good Shepherd» (*Cantinho do Bom Pastor*) in Bica da Cana? The list would be too long if I don't stop here. It was Michael and Yvonne who explained to me the tradition of **Remembrance Day** in the United Kingdom and did not hesitate to write a little information about this event that involves so many sad and tragic memories.



Michael and Yvonne

Fr. Bernardino Andrade

3.

Remembrance Sunday – (8 November 2020)

Remembrance Sunday – a day for private and public recollection. The origins of Remembrance Sunday ceremonies lie deep within the First World War.

The history of Remembrance Sunday.

The end of the First World War came with Armistice Day, which is now honoured with our Remembrance Day ceremonies. The guns fell silent and arms were laid down at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of the year – an arbitrary moment chosen to end four years of turmoil that had spread across Europe, but a moment that has become embedded in everyone's consciences since then. Remembrance Day is now an instantly recognisable day. Remembrance Sunday ever since has commemorated the contribution to the war effort and victory made by British and Commonwealth troops, not only in the First World War, but the many conflicts, large and small, since. The Queen and Royal Family, politicians, the person in the street all take part in marking Remembrance Sunday.



4.

When and where Remembrance Sunday is commemorated.

Across Britain, Remembrance Sunday falls on the second Sunday of November, the nearest Sunday to November 11th. From the main ceremony in London's Whitehall Cenotaph, to small village greens across the United Kingdom, parades and church services take place to mark remembrance Sunday. Nations of the Commonwealth, from Australia to the other side of the globe, also hold their own Remembrance Day ceremonies, honouring their dead from conflicts and war.

Owing to Covid-19 this year, sadly, many of these ceremonies have been cancelled and probably the only place we can remember together is within our church communities.

5.

How Remembrance Sunday is celebrated.

Wearing a red poppy is the most immediately recognisable mark of Remembrance Day. Poppies remind us of the blood lost by so many in the trenches of France, Belgium and in all fields of war.

Parades and processions, ending with wreaths of poppies being laid at cenotaphs and memorials being laid across the length and breadth of the land used to mark Remembrance Day.

Starting at 11am on Remembrance Day a two minutes silence is held, creating an unforgettable impression when the thousands of people in London to the few score in small towns and villages all fall silent. The silence reminds us of when the guns across Europe fell silent.

6. "Let us Remember them"

The First World War was meant to be, "The war to end all wars." – it never did. As all nationalities come together here in beautiful Madeira, during our two minutes silence, let us remember all who have lost their lives and those who suffer as a consequence of war and conflict across the world.



Michael & Yvonne Hartnack

08/11/2020

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

