

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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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
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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: l.a.contreras@sbcglobal.net

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The funds will then be transferred to Madeira.
Any questions or concerns about transferring to this account, please contact Sinead Moynihan at: sineadmoynihan7@icloud.com

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

24th of January 2021

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

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Good morning! Today's special Mass intentions are for Kenneth Hoyes who is very ill; for Roberto Romão Pestana Perreira who needs our prayers for his recovery from severe depression, and for the soul of John Hales who passed away 3 weeks ago in Bristol (on page 2 of this newsletter you can read more about John's life)...

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

(*Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 24(25): 4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20*)

In the short book of Jonah, God sent a great fish to force Jonah back to the mission God had given him, to warn Nineveh that it was to be destroyed. But, after the fish had spewed Jonah back on to dry land, Jonah was still angry that God relented. He had run away to avoid drawing God's mercy on the hated city, believing only Jews were worthy of God's mercy. After praying for pardon, the Psalm meditates on God's goodness towards the just. Responding to questions from the Corinthians about married life, Paul gives detailed advice – but against the background of expecting Jesus to return in glory virtually any minute. There may also have been a famine when he was writing. They should not be alarmed by any current world crisis, even if normal activities are interrupted for a time. But one day the world will end. What will matter then is their faithfulness to the Lord, whatever their social circumstances. Last week we heard from the Gospel of John about Jesus calling the first disciples. Our year B readings from the Gospel of Mark now resume until Lent, then continuing after Trinity Sunday. Mark describes Jesus beginning his ministry by first proclaiming the Good News, and then also calling the first disciples.

PSALM RESPONSE: Lord, make me know your ways.

* The Scripture notes are sent to us every week by Chris Oliver from the UK. If you'd also like to have these sent to you by email or included in your parish newsletter, please contact Chris at: chris@chris-oliver.net

TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC

Entry - "Let us build a house where love can dwell..." - n. 319

Penitential - "Kyrie, eleison." - n. 657

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

Sanctus - "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord..." - n. 704

Peace - "Shalom, my friend, shalom..." - n. 495

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

Communion - "Let us break bread together..." - n. 318

Final - "Take the word of God with you as you go..." n. 529



CALLED BY NAME

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1.- FROM BAPTIZED TO BAPTIZER

Some Bible scholars believe that after his Baptism, Jesus became a disciple of John, preaching his message of repentance and baptizing others (John 3:22). Over the course of time, Jesus began to discover a new ministry for himself. Jesus used exactly the same words John had used: *«Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven has come near»*.

2.- THEY WERE THE FIRST TO BE CALLED AND THEY WERE FISHERMEN

«As Jesus was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them: *«Follow me and I will make you fishers of men»*. And at once they left their nets and followed Him. Going on a little further, He saw James, son of Zebedee and his brother John: they too were in their boat mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him». (Mk. 1).

3.- WHY FISHERMEN?

Some people get confused about the first kind of people Jesus called to be His first disciples. Some are surprised that even if He wanted to choose simple people, why didn't he choose carpenters (which was his profession), or farmers, or shepherds... but chose fishermen instead.

This was the question that was put for discussion one day during a workshop in Brazil. It was a workshop about the renewal of the church. There were different kinds of people there with all kinds of professions. Among them, there was a group of fishermen.

The group of fishermen gave a very interesting answer which was: *«We suspect that the reason why Jesus chose fishermen for his first disciples was because fishermen never have set roads. Every day they have to find new roads to catch their fish. What was yesterday a good road to catch fish does not mean that it's going to be the same success today.* The conclusion is that the church must be in constant renewal. If the Church is the « salt of the earth and light of the world», every time the world changes the church must change. What was a good method yesterday doesn't mean that it will be a good method for today.

Fr. Bernardino Andrade

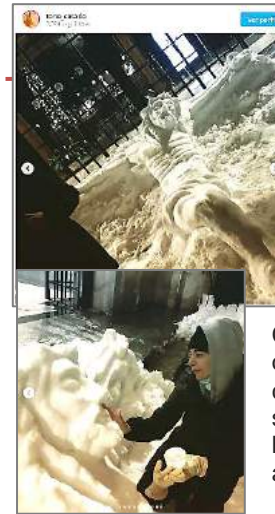
January 24, 2021



A beautiful tribute on the life of John Hales, written by his sister, Judy:

My brother, John, who died three weeks ago, in Bristol, aged 70 from Covid 19 always put the needs of others before his own. A keen amateur cyclist, he rode the 1,500 km length of Britain from Lands End to John O'Groats and many other routes raising money for charities. He took blind people out on his tandem bicycle giving them a unique and enjoyable experience! He developed a debilitating brain condition in his 40's. Brain surgery affected his ability to walk; subsequent surgery took away the use of his hands. These challenges made him more determined to carry on with life and to encourage others. An accomplished photographer, he worked with those, similarly disabled, to find ways to carry on enjoying their hobby. John and his wife Christine worked lovingly as a team over the years, dealing with his increasing disability. There's no doubt that his legendary sense of humour put everyone around him at their ease and made his own life more tolerable. We laughed a lot.

Judy Hales



PRIEST BUILDS A “SNOW CRUCIFIX” – after snowstorm in Spain last week

Source: www.churchpop.com/2021/01/11/my-snow-christ-priest-builds-amazing-snow-crucifix-after-winter-storm-in-madrid/

A week ago, Spain experienced a massive snowstorm, with more than 50 cm (20 inches) of snow falling in Madrid.

Sadly, at least 4 people died as a result.

One Spanish priest, Fr. Toño Casado, made something beautiful out of this bad weather: a giant crucifix out of snow! He posted several pictures on social media of his artwork before it melted. These are some of the photos he shared.



DON'T THROW AWAY YOUR OLD BLANKETS

Bring your old, worn-out blankets to the Chapel...if you have old blankets that you are thinking of throwing away, please don't! They can be used to keep animals warm in the Funchal municipal kennels this winter. You are welcome to bring any old carpets, or blankets to the Chapel, where a volunteer has offered to collect and take these to the kennels during the months of January and February.☺



SMILE YOU ARE IN CHURCH – Some humour to brighten your day!

1.- JONAH AND THE WHALE: There was a Christian lady that had to do a lot of travelling for her business, so she did a lot of flying. But flying made her nervous so she always took her Bible along with her to read, and it helped relax her. One day she was sitting next to a man on the plane. When he saw her pull out her Bible, he gave a little chuckle and went back to what he was doing. After a while he turned to her and asked: *«You don't really believe all that stuff in there do you?»* The lady replied *«Of course I do! It is the Bible.»* He said: *«What about that guy who was swallowed by the whale?»* She replied *«Oh, Jonah? Yes, I believe that; it's in the Bible. The Bible says Jonah was swallowed by a whale, and I believe that. And if it had said that Jonah had swallowed the whale, I would believe that too».* He asked: *«Well, how do you suppose he survived all that time inside the whale?»*



The lady said: *«I don't really know. I guess when I get to Heaven I will ask him».*

«What if he isn't in Heaven?» the man asked sarcastically.

«Well then you can ask him when you get to Hell» replied the lady.



2.- The best prayer I ever heard was:
«Lord, please make me the kind of person my dog thinks I am.»