

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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Associação Gente Ajudando Gente

BANK: Banco Santander Totta

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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: sineadmoyhian7@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.

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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

JOYFUL GIFT

7th of February 2021

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França,
Rua Penha de França 3, Funchal, Madeira

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(*Job 7: 1-4, 6-7; Psalm 146(147):1-6; 1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23; Mark 1: 29-39*)

In this Wisdom Book the blameless **Job** laments his sufferings at great length. The Lord allowed Satan to afflict Job any way he chose except death. Today's reading describes the drudgery that many people see in their lives, with only death to look forward to. Job refuses to curse God, but challenges God to say what he has done to deserve these sufferings. Then he accepts that "I have dealt with great things that ... I cannot know". But Job's challenge is not answered.

The Psalm sings the praises of God who restored Israel to Jerusalem after their exile, and who sustains the needy.

Our readings from Paul's letter to the **Corinthians** have omitted a long argument that Christians should not behave in a way that might be a stumbling block to others. Today Paul gives an example: he does not claim justifiable payments for spreading the gospel in case people doubt his motives – and so doubt the gospel message.

In **Mark's gospel** the demoniac was healed by word, now Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law by touch – well enough for her to get supper immediately. Jesus heals many more, but again the demons are not allowed to say who Jesus is - Jesus cannot be understood until the Cross demonstrates God's infinitely merciful love for mankind.

PSALM RESPONSE: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

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

* 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 on our knees..." - n. 318

Final - "Take my hands, Lord..." n. 526





Welcome Father Andrew

The last time I visited Father Michael who is the Chaplain of the Anglican Holy Trinity Church, in Funchal, I had the privilege of meeting Fr. Andrew who had arrived from Canada to visit the Anglican Community. I am not sure but I think that before I said "Hello! How are you" I immediately invited him to visit our Catholic Community at Penha de França and give the homily. He kindly said yes but it would have to take place on his next visit to Madeira. Well it happened that last Sunday I saw this man at Mass and he looked like Fr. Andrew. It was when I finished Mass and went to the sacristy that this man greeted me and said: "Yes! Next Sunday I will be here and ready to preach".

Besides, two weeks ago, the Christian world celebrated the "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity". And here we are with Fr. Andrew celebrating our Search for Unity and in this process rejoicing that in spite of our differences we all can live and pray together and also try to find other instruments to unite us in Body of Christ. I also asked him to write something about himself and send pictures. And here is Fr. Andrew.... Welcome to your house.

Fr. Bernardino Andr ade
07/02/2021



Fr. Michael, the Chaplain of the Anglican Church in Funchal and Fr. Andrew, visiting from Canada

Dear friends,

In the spirit of our recent *Week for Christian Unity*, I am very glad and honoured to receive an invitation from Fr. Bernardino to preach this week at Sunday Eucharist.

My name is Fr. Andrew Twiddy, and I serve as a diocesan priest of the Anglican Church of Canada, also licensed for the Diocese in Europe, and assisting Fr. Michael at the English Church, *Igreja Inglesa*, here in Funchal. I have a Franciscan charism as a Companion to the Society of Saint Francis, and my long-term mentor and inspiration in ministry is RC priest and friar, Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM, of the Center for Action and Contemplation.

Perhaps you know of Europe's rarest seabird, the *Freira da Madeira*, or "Madeiran Nun". It nests around Pico Ruivo in the winter and spring, and flies to Canada for the summer. Except it

is not really a nun, because it has a nest, a family, and brings chicks into the world! Well, I like to think of myself as a "Freire da Madeira". I have visited Madeira six times since 2014, usually in winter, and then I live and work most of the year in my parish of Parksville, in Central Vancouver Island, Canada. Except that I am not really a friar either, since I am a husband, and have 5 children and 4 grandchildren! I travel here with my wife Sandy, and my canine liturgical assistant Keelie, who helps me with a Franciscan Eucharist I celebrate monthly at home.

One more thing to tell you, and one of the reasons I rejoice in the convergence of our liturgies and practice since Vatican II, that makes it easier for us all to collaborate and for me to be here this Sunday as a guest preacher. I am glad to call as my friend and colleague, Bishop Remi de Roo, now aged 96, and the last active Roman Catholic bishop to have participated in all 4 sessions of the 2nd Vatican Council (1962-66). He lives a short distance from my home, and we collaborate and teach together on a project called *Spirituality Beyond Borders*, that helps me live out my Franciscan vocation in spirituality and teaching. Last summer we ran a retreat together with another friend, Pearl Gervais, and I played the role of Francis of Assisi, Pearl assumed the character of Hildegard of Bingen, and Remi was Thomas of Aquinas!

Thank you, Father Bernardino, and the good people of *Penha de Franca*, for your welcome!

Fr. Andrew Twiddy (atwiddy99@gmail.com)



Fr. Andrew, Sandy & Keelie at Fonte da Pedra in Madeira.



Sheikh Ahmad Al-Tayyeb and Pope Francis are pictured in this screen capture from a Feb. 4, 2021, virtual meeting marking the first International Day of Human Fraternity.

In December last year, the United Nations declared February 4th as *International Day of Human Fraternity*. This Thursday, February 4th, it was the first time it was celebrated. The idea started 2 years ago, with a document signed by Pope Francis and the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, Sheikh Ahmad Al-Tayyeb, the Leader of the Islamic Community.

"Fraternity is the new frontier for humanity. It is the challenge of our century, the challenge of our times. There is no time for indifference. Either we are brothers and sisters or we will destroy each other.... A world without fraternity is a world of enemies." That was the essence of

what Pope Francis said as he joined the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, Ahmad Al-Tayyeb, on Feb. 4, in an inspiring virtual conference to celebrate the first-ever International Day of Human Fraternity. The head of the Catholic Church and the head of Al-Azhar gave the world yet another powerful witness of their friendship and commitment to work together for peace among the nations. Speaking at the event, from Rome and Cairo respectively, the religious leaders reaffirmed, as they had done in Abu Dhabi two years ago, the fundamental teaching of their respective religious traditions: that all human beings are created by the one God and are called to live together as brothers and sisters. The event was hosted in Abu Dhabi by Judge Mohamed Abdel-Salam and transmitted worldwide by Vatican Media.

Read more at:

www.americamagazine.org/faith/2021/02/04/pope-f-francis-grand-imam-international-day-human-fraternity-239926

More information can also be found on the website: www.humanfraternityday.org

JANUARY 2021

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- Anthony John D... Barry & Pat J...
- Chrissie and Tom M... Eileen D...
- Graham & Anne B... John & Marie W...
- John & Janet H... Jose Henrique M.A...
- Julie & Ron G... Manuel Adolfo B.M...
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- Manuel Adolfo B.M... Sharon B...
- Sheila C...

UPDATE – Friends and Feet Washers - Donations received in January & February

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SMILE YOU ARE IN CHURCH



Athlete's Foot – Catholic "You know, Dad, that gym teacher makes us dry and powder our feet after each shower," said the boy to his father. "Why?" asked the father. "It's so we won't get Catholic's foot," the boy replied.

Attendance at church – sermons... "A minister met one of his parishioners at the door of church one Sunday. The reverend remarked: "It's good to see you in church again. Is it because of my sermons?"... The man answered: "Not your sermons, reverend. My wife's!"

Taken from the book: "Jokes Priests can tell, Vol.4" - by Msgr. Arthur Tonne

