

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

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IBAN: PT50 0018 0003 49381759020 94

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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: l.a.contreras@sbcglobal.net

>> DONATIONS FROM THE UK:

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ACCOUNT NUMBER: 02461743

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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.

JOYFUL GIFT

21st of March 2021

5th Sunday of Lent, Year B

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THE CATHOLIC ENGLISH MASS IN MADEIRA:

Good morning! Welcome to the Chapel of Penha de França. This morning's mass intention is for the soul of Vladyslav Makarov, father of our talented Ukraine musician, Larysa. May his Soul Rest in Peace. Our condolences to Larysa and her whole family.



Statue of St. Joseph
in our Chapel

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

by: Chris Oliver

(Jer 31: 31-34; Psalm 50(51); Hebrews 5: 7-9; John 12: 20-33)



Jeremiah warned Israel against their idolatry and failure to respond to God's love, breaking God's covenant. At the time of the exile to Babylon Jeremiah proclaimed this great oracle of the "New Covenant", promising that God's Law will be written on men's hearts, giving them for ever the power – or "grace" – to respond with love to God's love. This most famous penitential Psalm echoes David's humble admission of his sin with Bathsheba: every sin is an offence against God. The Letter to the Hebrews emphasises that Jesus is truly human: He shared our humanity and our weaknesses and afflictions. So he sympathises patiently with us in our sinfulness and is well able, as a high priest, to intercede with God for us, and to offer sacrifice on our behalf. He prayed with such love and respect that God heard his prayer. In the gospel of John some pagan Greeks ask their fellow Greek, Philip, to help them meet Jesus. The gospel message is now reaching out to Gentiles and this is taken by Jesus as the signal that his work is nearing its inevitable climax. Jesus' life has shown the way to salvation, but the human Jesus is very troubled by anticipation of his coming suffering, also described by the other Gospels in the Garden of Gethsemane.

PSALM RESPONSE: A pure heart create for me, O God

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* 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



IT IS EASY, JUST ADD WATER

Years ago, when General Mills, Inc. first began selling Betty Crocker cake mixes, the company offered a product which only needed water. All you had to do was to add water to the mix which came in the box, and you would get a perfect, delicious cake every time. It bombed. No one bought it and the company couldn't understand why, so they

commissioned a study which brought back a surprising answer. It seemed that people weren't buying the cake mix because it was too easy. They didn't want to be totally excluded from the work of preparing a cake. They wanted to feel that they were contributing something to it. So General Mills changed the Betty Crocker formula and required the customer to add an egg in addition to water. Immediately, the new cake mix was a huge success.

Unfortunately many of us make the same mistake when it comes to «packaging» or presenting the Christian religion. They try to make the call of Jesus Christ as easy as possible because they are afraid that, if it seems too hard, people won't «buy» it. You hear this fear operating all the time in popular religion, from well-known Gospel songs and bestselling books to earnest evangelists standing on your doorstep. All you have to do is tell Jesus you love Him. All you have to do is accept Him as your Lord and Savior. All you have to do is pray to St. Jude and put an ad in the newspaper classifieds. All you have to do is to ask for what you want in the Name of Jesus and that it will be done for you.» Whenever you hear someone saying «All you have to do is ...» in relation to Christian Faith, all you have to do is to walk away as fast as you can! You don't buy a religion where you don't even have to break an egg, where it's all premixed in the box. That kind of Faith has an immediate appeal, but it lacks the depth to sustain you over the long haul of Christian living. Jesus did not «package» Himself in this way. Jesus said a number of things about the blessings of Faith, and He talked about asking in order to receive, but he never presented the overall Christian life as being particularly easy.

(Fr. Tony Kadavil)

2.

Advancing more and more in this Lenten Journey (V Sunday, B) the more dramatic are the Gospel stories that are leading us to the Holy Week and Paschal Triduum that concludes with the death and Resurrection of Jesus. He is our leader. And what we can see ahead of us is not easy. «Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it... Now my soul is troubled... (Jn 12: 20-30). But after all these troubles we know that the life of Jesus doesn't end in a tomb. Our lives don't end in a tomb. Heaven is Jesus' and ours last dwelling place forever.

3.

We still have one week of Lent ahead of us. We still have time to renew our Lenten plans. «It is never too late when we start right now». We still have the time to plan our prayer life, to evaluate and renew relationships; we still have the time to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Confession where God in his unlimited mercy will embrace us and say: SHALLOM. GO AND LIVE IN PEACE.


Fr. Bernardino Andrade

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CONFESSIONS DURING LENT



Confessions with Father Bernardino are available during Lent, by request. Feel free to call Fr. Bernardino on 916.192.783 or contact him by email: (bernardinodandrade@gmail.com)



SAINT JOSEPH
Protect my family and me as you did the Holy Family. Kindly keep us ever united in the love of Christ, ever strong in imitation of the virtue of our Blessed Lady, and always faithful in devotion to you.
AMEN



Our lovely mothers with their flowers

Last Sunday was Mother's Day in the United Kingdom, so Father Bernardino decided to honour some of the mothers who attended Mass by giving them flowers! We could not give a flower to every mother at Mass, so Father chose the youngest mother (40 years old), the oldest mothers... there were two!... (83 and 77 years old), and the mother with the most children (4), to give flowers to.



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Every year on March 19th, we celebrate Father's Day in Portugal.

It is the day the Church celebrates the Solemnity of St. Joseph. Our community at Penha de França is a celebrating community. Last Sunday we celebrated the British Mother's Day, and every Sunday we celebrate Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries and our Manny is always searching for more occasions to be celebrated. It is not uncommon to hear him asking if anybody has stopped smoking, and I believe that pretty soon he is going to ask «Did anybody stop drinking?». Then let us have a glass of wine at Moynihan's to celebrate, ha... ha... ha... Well the list would be big. We really should learn more and more to be a celebrating community, a celebrating family and learn also to celebrate the people we are. Today we want to congratulate all the Fathers and pray for all the Fathers of the world especially those who are present here today celebrating together the Holy Eucharist.



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

-Fr. Bernardino Andrade

ALAN AND ANNE O'BRIEN



Alan and Anne

A Famous writer said that our lives are always a continuous saying good-bye. We say good-bye to our families, to our friends, to the places we love and also good-bye to ourselves. Every day we change a little bit and that is saying good-bye to ourselves. But we have to admit that saying good-bye is always painful.

Today we want to say good-bye to Alan and Anne O'Brien.

After many years living in this Island and serving this community at Penha de França they are returning to their green and fascinating Ireland.

We are loaning them to Ireland because now they belong to us. And we will miss them a lot. And one of the things we will miss is Alan's special appeal to the poor at the end of Mass and Anne's waiting outside with her beautiful smile and the famous white bag. I am pretty sure that Anne always evaluates how good the appeal is by checking the weight of the bag. Then she gives him her thumbs up and says «Good job, honey, good job».

-Fr. Bernardino Andrade

May love and laughter light your days, and warm your heart and home.

May good and faithful friends be yours, wherever you may roam.

May peace and plenty bless your world with joy that long endures.

May all life's passing seasons bring the best to you and yours!

TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC



Please feel free to sing along with the choir during this morning's Communion hymn.

These are the words:

LORD, YOU HAVE COME TO THE LAKESHORE

Lord, you have come to the lakeside,
Seeking neither wealthy nor wise folk,
You only ask, Lord, that I should love You

(Chorus)

***With love you have looked in my eyes,
Lord,
Smiling gently, you called me by name;
And I left my boat by the lakeside,
Now with you I will seek other shores***

Lord, you have need of my hands
I shall labour that others may rest;
And from my love, Lord, may others love you

Lord, other seas call me onward;
Hope eternal for hearts that are searching;
And love will bind us as friends for ever



Entry - n. 618

"Were you there when they crucified my Lord?"

Penitential - n. 330

"Kyrie, eleison..."

Glory to you - n. 693

"Praise to you, O Christ..."

Offertory - n. 189

"God of mercy and compassion..."

Sanctus - n. 704

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord..."

Amen - n. 727

"Honour and glory, amen!..."

Our Father - n. 732

"Our Father, who art in heaven..."

Peace - n. 495

"Shalom, my friend, shalom..."

Agnus Dei - n. 734

"Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us..."

Communion - *"Lord, you have come to the Lakeshore"... words in the News letter*

Thanksgiving - n. 285

"Jesus, remember me ..."

Final - n. 419

"O Lord, my God! When I in awesome wonder..."