

## 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

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**SWIFT:** TOTAPTPL

**NIB:** 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  
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

### >> DONATIONS FROM THE UK:

**ACCOUNT NAME:** Sinead Moynihan

**BANK:** Lloyds Bank

**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: sineadmoyhian7@icloud.com

When sending any donation, please send an email to [penhafranca.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto: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

28th of March 2021

**Palm Sunday, Year B**

Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França,  
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### THE CATHOLIC ENGLISH MASS IN MADEIRA:

Good morning! Today is Palm Sunday, and the start of Holy week. There will be no services in English at the Chapel during the week, only next Sunday (Easter Sunday) at 10am!

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(Is 50:4-7; Ps 21(22); Phil 2:6-11; Mark 14:1 – 15:47)



**Second Isaiah** was writing during the exile of the Israelites in Babylon after Jerusalem was destroyed. The people are discouraged, in despair, and tempted to give up their faith in God. In today's 'servant-song' Isaiah offers consolation, recommending non-resistance and trust in the Lord. Isaiah's words express our horror at the way Our Lord was treated. But, trusting confidently in his Father, Jesus "sets his face like flint", even though it is covered with spittle. **The Psalm** moves from this mood to express unshaken faith, praising God for our redemption and the promised conversion of all peoples. The hymn in **Philippians** rejoices that – unlike Adam – Jesus did not seek to be equal to God. But God raised him high, so that all creation should "acclaim Jesus as Lord, to the glory of God the Father". Jesus died at Passover, when Jews celebrated their freedom from slavery. The soldiers, the Jewish leaders, the inscription on the Cross, all ironically give Jesus his true title of "King of the Jews", the Messiah, who frees us from death. When Jesus dies, the first human being in **Mark's gospel** to recognise Jesus as "Son of God" is a Gentile, the centurion. All the disciples had run away when Jesus was arrested. Only some women watched, and they saw where he was buried.

### PSALM RESPONSE: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

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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](mailto:chris@chris-oliver.net)

### TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC

**Entry** - "Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!..." - n. 14  
**Penitential** - "Lord, have mercy on us all..." - n. 655  
**Offertory** - "We have a King who rides a donkey..." - n. 611  
**Sanctus** - "Lord, have mercy on us all..." - n. 655  
**Peace** - "Shalom, my friend, shalom..." - n. 495  
**Agnus Dei** - "Lord, have mercy on us all..." - n. 655  
**Communion** - "When I survey the wondrous cross..." - n. 624  
**Final** - "Meekness and majesty..." - n. 367





### A WOMAN ARRESTED ON PALM SUNDAY

1.

**The light turns green, but the man doesn't notice that the light has changed.**

The woman behind him begins pounding on her steering wheel and yelling at the man to move! The man doesn't move! The woman is going ballistic, ranting and raving at the man, pounding on her steering wheel. When the light turns yellow, the woman begins blowing her car's horn and screaming curses at the man. Finally, the man looks up, sees the yellow light, and accelerates through the intersection just as the light turns red. While she is still ranting, she hears a tap on her window and looks up into the barrel of a gun held by a very serious policeman.

**The policeman tells her to pull her car to the side**, shut off the engine, come out and stand facing the car, while keeping both hands on the car roof. She is quickly cuffed, and hustled into the patrol car. The woman was too bewildered to ask any questions, and she is driven to the police station, where she is fingerprinted, photographed, searched, booked, and locked up in a cell. After a couple of hours, a policeman approaches the cell, and opens the door. The policeman hands her the bag containing her things, and says: «I'm sorry for this mistake, but you see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, and cursing at the car in front of you. I noticed the «Choose Christ» license plate holder, and «Follow me to Sunday school», bumper sticker, and Palm Sunday palm leaves inside the back windshield. So naturally I assumed you had stolen the car because such a nice Christian, who courageously displays Christian symbols in her car, would never act as you did». (Father Tony Kadavil)

2.

**The Bible is a parable of our lives.** When we read the Bible and if we don't see ourselves in it, we are missing a lot. It is another book or a library of 73 books. When we read the Bible we need to see ourselves in that Book. During the readings of our Sunday Mass we need to see ourselves in those readings. It is a love story between God and us. The readings during Mass are a mirror where we must see ourselves and confront our lives.

During the reading of the Passion I am going to try to see me with a different name, but it is me:

- 1) I am PETER who denied Jesus
- 2) I am JUDAS who betrayed Jesus
- 3) I am HEROD who ridiculed Jesus
- 4) I am PILATE who acted against my conscience as I condemned Jesus to death on the cross.
- 5) I am a member of the LEADERS of the people who preserved my position by getting rid of Jesus.
- 6) I am JESUS who is faithful to His project of showing to the world how good, merciful and forgiving the Father is, who always has a lap for each one of His children. I am Jesus who breaks the law to touch the untouchable, to love the unlovable and to be a «feet washer». But... am I?

Love & Peace

Fr. Bernardino Andrade

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### CONFESSIONS DURING LENT



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

### HOLY WEEK



### PALM SUNDAY



Today is **Palm Sunday, the final Sunday of Lent**, and the beginning of Holy Week. We commemorate the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified. Palm Sunday always falls on the Sunday before Easter. In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey (which is an animal of peace, versus the horse, which is the animal of war), and to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, or possibly palms or small branches, in front of Him as a sign of homage. This was a customary practice for people of great respect. Today we have olive branches for our Mass which were prepared by these ladies in the photograph. They are from the Church of Assomada, in the parish of Caniço.

### FATHER'S DAY – We honoured the fathers last Sunday at the Chapel

Last Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup> was Father's Day in Madeira, so on the Sunday, Father Bernardino decided to honour some of the fathers who attended Mass, the same as he did for the mothers on Mother's Day. Father Bernardino called up the oldest father at Mass (we had two fathers over 80 years old), the youngest father (56 years old), and the father with the most children (we had two fathers with 4 children). Each were given some flowers.



Our fathers with their flowers

### CHOCOLATE EASTER EGGS – for under-privileged children



Mrs Thelma Teixeira with the box which will be used to collect Easter Eggs for the children

The congregation of the Chapel of Penha de França and the members of the Anglican Church in Funchal are working together to collect Chocolate Easter Eggs for under-privileged children. The priests of both churches have given us their support.

There is one collection box at the Anglican church and another box here at Penha de França. During the week our box is kept at Moynihans Irish Pub up the road. We will be delivering the Easter eggs to *Abrigo de Nossa Senhora de Conceição* in Funchal on Wednesday afternoon. There are 50 children in that institution.

To those who have already donated Easter eggs, thank you very much. To those who plan to do so, thank you too.



### THERMOMETER GIFTED TO THE CHAPEL – last Sunday



A thermometer for taking temperatures was generously gifted to the Chapel last Sunday by John, a gentleman who has been coming to our Chapel for quite some time now. It was a wonderful surprise, and greatly appreciated as we did not have one.

The thermometer was handed over to Manny by Alan O'Brien during Mass.

