

## 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

**ACCOUNT NUMBER:** 0003 4938 1759020

**IBAN:** PT50 0018 0003 49381759020 94

**SWIFT:** TOTAPTPL

**NIB:** 0018 0003 49381759020 94

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9020-119, Funchal  
Madeira, Portugal.



### >> PAYPAL:

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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

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**SORT CODE:** 30-13-55

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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](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

4th of April 2021

Easter Sunday, Year B

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### THE CATHOLIC ENGLISH MASS IN MADEIRA:

*Good morning! Happy Easter!*

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(Vigil/Day Acts 10:34,37-4. Psalm 117(118). Romans 6:3-11/Colossians 3:1-4/1 Corinthians 5:6-8. Matthew 28:1-10/John 20:1-9)

In a vision in **Acts**, Peter is told that all animals and birds are suitable for eating: the restrictions of the Jewish Law are ending. So he can enter the house of Cornelius, a Gentile. Peter's speech is interrupted by the Holy Spirit welcoming the Gentile community into the church. Peter realises that forgiveness of sins is offered to "everyone who believes" in Jesus' name. The vigil reading from Paul sees our baptism as joining Christ in his tomb, to rise to a new life in Christ, freed from the slavery of sin. The dramatic Passover **Psalm** thanks God for repeatedly coming to our rescue and saving us. Paul's letter to the **Colossians** draws attention away from earthly marks of religion: having died to things on earth, they should focus on the life to come when they "will appear with Christ in glory". The alternative reading refers to the feast of Unleavened Bread, which followed Passover.. In the three synoptic gospels three women discover the tomb empty and run to tell the apostles. But in **John's gospel**, Mary of Magdala is alone. Finding the stone removed from the tomb, she runs to tell Peter. Peter goes in first and sees the empty burial cloths. When the other disciple goes in, he believes.

**PSALM RESPONSE:** This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.

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### TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC

**Entry** - "Give thanks to the risen Lord..." - n. 27  
**Penitential** - "Kyrie, eleison...." - n. 657  
**Offertory** - "He is risen, tell the story..." - n. 216  
**Sanctus** - "Holy, holy, holy!..." - n. 226  
**Peace** - "Shalom, my friend, shalom..." - n. 495  
**Agnus Dei** - "Lamb of God, Holy One..." - n. 303  
**Communion** - "He is Lord, he is Lord." - n. 215  
**Final** - "Christ is risen! Hallelujah!" - n. 157





### BEYOND THAT DARK CLOUD

When I was a missionary in that immense Africa and working in the city it was not uncommon that the missionaries working in the interior would invite me to travel to their missions and give some small retreats in Portuguese. Most of the times I would fly in small planes of four, six or the maximum of eight passengers.

One of those events happened before Holy Week. I flew in a very small plane from the city of Quelimane to a village called Milange, next door to Malawi.

The weather was beautiful. I was seated on the front seat, side by side with the pilot. I could see every switch he touched and could ask any questions. We were flying in between mountains. We could enjoy the view of the wild animals, the tea and palm tree plantations that were making those valleys so green and so breathtaking. We could even see people working in their fields.

This was my trip from the city to the village close to Malawi. I did my job and one week later I had to return.



The weather was gloomy, the rain was abundant, and the clouds were dark and frightening. This time I was seated in one of the back seats, far away from the pilot. When the airplane flew through those dark clouds it would dance up and down like a dry leaf on a windy day. Nobody screamed, nobody talked to anyone else. All of us were glued to our seats, grabbing the arms as if they were our only salvation. I knew that we were flying in

between mountains and I was «sure» that the pilot could not see them. My thought was «if we fall among these mountains none of us will have a funeral». Nobody will be able to find us and the wild animals will take care of our bodies. It was a really terrifying return flight.

But I had a spiritual experience that has been part of me for the rest of my life. When I saw those dark clouds I always thought: «I am sure that beyond that cloud there will be sun. But after that dark cloud there was no sun. After each dark cloud there was another cloud. Then I would think again: «after that dark cloud there will be sun». But there was no sun. And from a dark cloud to the next dark cloud I always kept my hope alive, looking through the window of the pilot. And we never were able to catch a bit of sun. But at the end of the trip something much better was waiting for us. That thing was a safe landing.

Today is Easter Sunday. Good Friday was not a pleasant day for Jesus. Actually it was a very dark cloud after so many dark clouds that He had to go through. But at the end, Jesus had a safe landing. It was Easter Sunday. He left the tomb. Jesus resurrected. Jesus is alive again.

Albert L. Roper was a prominent Virginia attorney. He once began a thorough legal investigation into the evidence of the Resurrection of Christ, asking himself the question: «Can any intelligent person accept the Resurrection story?» After examining the evidence at length, he came away asking a different question: «Can any intelligent person deny the weight of this evidence?».

Good Friday and Easter Sunday tell me, and all of us, that it doesn't matter how many dark clouds we have to go through, we can be sure that walking with Jesus we will have a safe landing.

Today on this Easter Sunday we can decide to get closer to Him and walk closer to Him. He is going to be our pilot, and I am sure we will have a safe landing.

Love and Peace,

Fr. Bernardino Andrade  
Easter Sunday, 2021-04-04



### CHOCOLATE SUCCESS! – Easter Eggs for under-privileged children

For the last two weeks, the congregation of the Chapel of Penha de França and the members of the Anglican Church in Funchal have been working together to collect Chocolate Easter Eggs for under-privileged children. The owners of Moynihans Irish pub were kind enough to keep the collection box in their pub during week for anyone wanting to contribute.

On Wednesday morning we fetched the remaining Easter eggs from Moynihans and took everything from Penha de França to the Anglican Church library where we packed out the eggs, the chickens, the bunnies & the little bags very methodically. Combined with those from the Anglican church there were one hundred and twenty-one altogether. We divided them into 3 groups. 52 went to *Abrigo de Nossa Senhora da Conceição*; ten to the *Zino Foundation*; 59 to Father Miguel in the Nazaré parish where the social workers will do the distribution to children who live in very needy families.

Jean Faulkner from the Anglican Church, Freddie Teixeira my husband, who was the driver/translator and I, were allowed into the orphanages, but we took a chance and “smuggled” Justyna, our photographer in too. Thank you for all your contributions towards sweetening the bitterness of the lives of children who have been traumatised, rejected, neglected and abandoned.

God bless and happy Easter.  
Thelma Teixeira



Organizing the Easter Eggs in the Anglican Church library



Delivering the Easter Eggs to Abrigo Nossa Senhora da Conceição



A sweet Easter Bunny card made by the children at the Zino Foundation to say “Thank you” for their Easter Eggs



Handing over a box full of chocolate Easter Eggs at the Zino Foundation, and receiving a special Card



With Father Miguel from the Nazaré church



At the end of job well done! Freddie Teixeira, Jean Faulkner, Thelma Teixeira, and our photographer Justyna Baran