

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

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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:
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>> DONATIONS FROM THE UK:

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BANK: Lloyds Bank

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 02461743

BRANCH: Univ. of Cambridge

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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: sineadmoynihn7@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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CATHOLIC MASS IN ENGLISH MADEIRA:

This morning we are blessed to have Fr. Aires Gameiro celebrating Mass for us. Father Aires will be with us over the next few weeks, as he stands in for Fr. Bernardino while he recovers from his back surgery.

The special intention of this morning's Mass is for the soul of José de Sousa who passed away in South Africa a week ago. May his Soul rest in peace. ☩

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(Job 38: 1, 8-11; Ps 106(107): 23-26, 28-31; 2 Cor 5: 14-17; Mark 4: 35-41)

Satan said that if **Job** lost all that he valued he would curse God. So Satan was permitted to test Job in this way. After losing everything Job laments his losses, asking why God has treated him - a just man - so badly. Eventually God answers at great length - a beautiful hymn of praise to God's power over and in all creation, confirming that God is indeed "greater than any mortal". **The psalm** praises God for helping and rescuing storm-tossed seafarers. The writer of the **2nd Letter to the Corinthians** has said he would prefer to be with the Lord, who has rescued him from near despair, but nevertheless he accepts that he is required to do further work on earth. But in doing this he - and the Corinthians - must constantly have in mind the new creation they have become, now they know the risen Christ. So he does not lose heart, even though people might have thought God is no longer caring for him. Job and the psalm provide a fitting background for Mark's description of Jesus stilling the storm. But in **Mark's gospel** the disciples do not understand: they cannot make the connection to the lesson learned so painfully by Job. They do not yet have faith that he will care for them - even when asleep! Understanding can come only after Jesus' death on the cross.

PSALM RESPONSE: O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever.

Scripture Readings 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 - "I will be with you wherever you go..." - n. 249

Alleluia - "Alleluia, alleluia...." - n. 685

Offertory - "Walk with me, O my Lord..." - n. 600

Our Father - "Our Father, who art in heaven..." - n. 728

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

Communion - "Amazing Grace..." - n. 32

Thanksgiving - "Be still, my soul: the Lord is at your side..." - n. 59

Final - "Go, the Mass is ended...." - n. 175



Father Bernardino received a phone call from his surgeon this week, letting him know that his back surgery had finally been rescheduled. Before going in for his operation yesterday morning, Fr. Bernardino wrote something for the newsletter, which we share with you:



ANOINTING OF THE SICK - A priest anoints a priest

I entered the Hospital this afternoon (Friday, June 18, 2021). My back surgery is planned for tomorrow morning (Saturday). One of the main ministries of Jesus during his earthly life was to heal the sick. It happens that He still has his "business" open for miracles. Jesus was and still is so concerned about our well-being that He even instituted the Sacrament of the Sick. This Sacrament unfortunately for a long time in the history of the Church was not very well considered and not used properly because the Sacrament of the Sick was transformed into the Sacrament of the dying, improperly called the "Last Rights". Thanks God the Church restored the right meaning for this Sacrament that I had the privilege of receiving today from the hands of my friend Fr. Bonifácio who is the Chaplain of the Hospital.



Fr. Bonifácio with Fr. Bernardino at the hospital, before his surgery

My surgeon, Dr. Pedro Lima, who is going to perform the surgery told me that every time he does a surgery, he consecrates his hands to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Please, my friends, pray for the success of this intervention.

Love & Peace,
Fr. Bernardino Andrade

The role of God in calming the storms of life is the central theme of the readings for this *Sunday*. Storms caused by unexpected death of dear ones: One famous study, called "Broken Heart," researched the mortality rate of 4,500 widowers within six months of their wives' deaths. Compared with other men the same age, the widowers had a mortality rate 40 percent higher. What greater storm can we go through than the loss of a loved one? In Ernest Hemingway's *Islands in the Stream*, an anguished father mourns the loss of his oldest son. The boy has been killed in war. The father is grief-stricken. He will not eat or sleep. He walks alone on the beach for hours. A friend tries to persuade him to leave the beach and begin to come out of his depression. The father says to his friend, "I have been out here all day thinking about him and wanting to have him with me always. I know I have got to let him go. I have got to, but I cannot do it today." Some of you can identify with that father's deep hurt. The loss of a loved one is a dreadful storm. -- Today's Gospel tells us that when the storms of life are raging, Jesus does care. When it seems you cannot hold on a moment longer, God does care. When the waters threaten to engulf, He does care. - Fr. Tony Kadavil

MASS SPECIAL INTENTION - José de Sousa



Today's Mass intention is in memory of José de Sousa.



Born in Santa Cruz, Madeira, on the 8th September 1930. Sadly passed away on the 14th June in South Africa, after a week's hospitalization on account of Covid infection. Our heartfelt condolences go out to his son, Zac, a member of our community here at the Chapel, and to all his family in South Africa.



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May his Soul Rest in Peace ☩

FOOD BASKET - Donations received

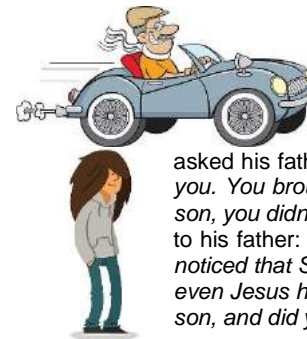


Thank you to everyone who have so generously brought food items to the Chapel for the poor. Since last year, when an urgent appeal was made, many of you have continued to help the poor here in Madeira. There is a basket outside the Chapel door every Sunday morning to collect any items that you wish to bring along (eg. Bread, rice, pasta, spaghetti, eggs, vegetables, tinned foods like tuna fish, peas, etc.) Also, toiletry items like soap, toothpaste, shampoo etc., are also greatly appreciated. If you would like to help make a difference to those less fortunate, details on how to donate are on the last page of the newsletter. Thank you in advance.



SUNDAY HUMOUR

The hurricane prayer: A hurricane had struck. People were huddled together in a Church building for safety. A preacher was praying with great oratorical effects in the midst of this violent storm, crying out, "Send us the Spirit of the children of Israel, the children of Moses, the children of the Promised land." At this, an old man with less oratory but more directness prayed, "Lord, don't send nobody. Come Yourself. This ain't no time for children."



Dad's car: a young boy had just gotten his driving permit. He said to his father: "Dad could we discuss the use of your car?" His father said to him: "Sure, I'll make a deal with you. You bring your grades up, read the bible every day, and get your hair cut; then we'll talk about it." A month later the boy came back and again asked his father if he could use the car. His father said, "Son, I'm really proud of you. You brought your grades up. You're pretty faithful to your bible reading. But son, you didn't get your hair cut!" The young man waited a moment and then said to his father: "You know dad, I've been thinking about that. In reading the bible I noticed that Samson had long hair, Moses had long hair, Noah had long hair, and even Jesus had long hair." His father tapped him on the shoulder and said, "Yes son, and did you notice that they walked everywhere they went?"

QUOTES FROM THE SAINTS

