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 25).

You should wash each other's feet" (John 13:14).

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>> <u>DONATIONS FROM</u> 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

Food items are also appreciated and can be left in the basket at the Chapel door on Sunday mornings. 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.

Older issues of the newsletter can be downloaded from the Chapel's website/blog: **www.rcmassmadeira.org** or requested from: penhafranca.newsletter@gmail.com

JOYFUL GIFT

19th of September 2021

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

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CATHOLIC MASS IN ENGLISH MADEIRA:

Good morning! Welcome to the Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(Wisdom 2:12,17-20; Psalm 53(54); James 3:16 - 4:3; Mark 9: 30-37)



Wisdom was the last book of the Old Testament to be written, probably in Alexandria about 50 BC. Written in Greek, it is not in the Hebrew Scriptures and is therefore treated as apocryphal in non-Catholic bibles. The wicked are blinded by their thoughts: "haphazard were we born", they thought, and we leave no trace when we die, "because no-one returns." So "let us enjoy the good things that exist" and "oppress the righteous", simply because "he annoys us". But Wisdom responds: "God formed man to be imperishable; in the image of his own nature". **The Psalm** implores God's help against our enemies, confident that he will help. Prayed by David when his hiding place was betrayed to Saul. **James' letter** continues emphasising we must show our faith in good works, for which we need "wisdom from above". We must "show works in the meekness of wisdom", not in "jealousy and selfish ambition". "Friendship with the world is enmity with God". **In the Gospel**, Jesus uses a quiet moment on the way back from the Transfiguration to tell his disciples again that he will be killed and "after three days he will rise". But as yet they cannot understand. He then insists that his way is to "be last of all and servant of all", giving welcome to the least significant, even little children. God's wisdom is not the world's wisdom.

<u>PSALM RESPONSE</u>: The Lord upholds my life.

* 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 www.bible-groups.info

TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC

Entry - "The Lord's my shepherd..." – n. 554 Offertory - "All I own and all I do I give to you..." – n. 141 Peace - "Shalom, my friend, shalom..." – n. 495 Communion - "O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder ..." – n. 419 Thanksgiving – Portuguese song: "Canção da Família" Final - "Go, the Mass is ended..." – n. 175



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FROM MY HEART TO YOUR HEART -

by Fr. Bernardino Andrade



(bernardinodandrade@gmail.com) HANDCUFFED GIRL WITH A FORBIDDEN BLESSING

When some years ago I was a chaplain at the Hospital, I was in the Emergency Room one day, when I saw a strong, big giant Prison Guard entering the facilities accompanied by two other prison guards, who were much smaller than him. One of them was a woman. They were bringing a beautiful prisoner girl to the Hospital. This girl was handcuffed and immediately was ordered to sit down. With a very embarrassed and shy smile she sat down, showing her

handcuffed wrists. This happened many years ago and I still have in front of me that depressing image. I felt a revolt inside of me for seeing a person exposed to the eyes of other people who are

normally very inclined to judge, to condemn and to comment. I am not sure if it was Pope Francis who said that «any human being is always much more important than any of his/her actions». I thought that no matter how big her crime was, they could have had the decency to cover the handcuffs with a towel or something, but under no circumstances they should have made a public show of those horrible instruments (...not in a hospital).



I felt that I had to do something but I didn't know what. After a few minutes of hesitation, I approached the big prison guard and asked him: «Can I give her a blessing?». His answer was a firm «no». I hesitated for a few moments and then I looked at him and said: «I am the Chaplain of this Hospital and I will do my job». The female guard was in shock. She looked at him and then at me, and it was very visible that she was anxious to see what would be the results of that short dialogue. I wouldn't be surprised if he decided to handcuff me, and I was ready for that. Without



touching the prisoner, I extended my hands over her head and prayed a moving, spontaneous prayer. Then I ended my prayer by tracing the sign of the cross over her, saying: «In the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen». Then I turned to the big man, extended my hands over him without touching him, and made another spontaneous prayer, ending in the name of the

Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirt, Amen. Then I did the same thing with the other two guards. Finally, I said good bye and left. I am sorry that I don't know what happened afterwards.

Jesus is always on the side of the most vulnerable, the voiceless, the needy, the suffering. «Those who start by judging have no time to love». «Mother Teresa».

I believe that one of my biggest jobs in this world is to alleviate the suffering of those who are in pain.

Fr. Bernardíno Andrade 19/09/2021



SCHEDULE FOR OUR SUNDAY READERS AT MASS

	Year B	1st Reading	2nd Reading	Bidding Prayers
September 19	25th Sunday	Tony	Veronica	Skip
26	26th Sunday	Jane	Freddie	Debbie

If any visitor/tourist/holiday maker would like to read, please contact Thelma on WhatsApp: 965074322, or email: eim3397@gmail.com



55th EMERALD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY Luis and Teresa Jardim

55 years ago, Luis and Teresa Jardim started on a journey of love together, and today they will be receiving a special blessing from Fr. Bernardino.



May God bless them both for many more years to come!

Luis and Teresa Jardim

Happy Anniversary!

MASS AT "CANTINHO DO BOM PASTOR" - Next Sunday, September 26th - 2:30pm

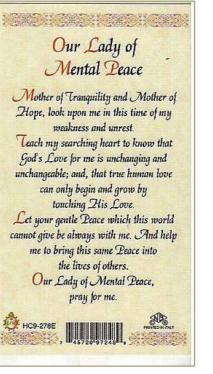


Next Sunday afternoon there will be a traditional Mass at Cantinho do Bom Pastor (Little Corner of the Good Shepherd), in a place called Bica da Cana.... about a 45-minute drive from Funchal.

The mass will be at 2:30 PM

All are welcome.

Fr. Bernardino

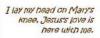


SHORT PRAYERS



soul to keep. His love guard me through the night, and wake me with the morning light. At Four Corners of my

bed, are four angels over head. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, bless this bed T lay upon.



Heart of Joseph I adore, Heart of Mary I implore, Heart of Jesus pure and just, In those three hearts, I place my trust.

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Amen.

