

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

Bank Address:

Caminho de Santa Quiteria 46A,
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Madeira, Portugal.



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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

BRANCH: Univ. of Cambridge

SORT CODE: 30-13-55

IBAN: GB05 LOYD 3013 5502 4617 43

BIC: LOYDGB21035



The funds will then be transferred to Madeira. Any questions or concerns about transferring to this account, please contact Sinead Moynihan at: sineadmoynihian7@icloud.com

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, 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

7th of November 2021

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time,
Year B

Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França,
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Welcome

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CATHOLIC MASS IN ENGLISH MADEIRA:

Good morning! Welcome to the Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França. This 10am Mass is the only Catholic Mass celebrated entirely in English, on the whole island. The English Mass is a tradition that dates back to 1966, when Fr Rafael Andrade, having just returned from his first visit to England, complied with the Bishop's request to start an English celebration. Fr Rafael presided over this mass for over 30 years, when he had to stop in 1999 due to overlapping duties. For eight years there was no Catholic mass in English in Madeira, until it began again on the first Sunday of Lent in 2007. Father Bernardino Andrade is now our appointed Sunday priest. Father Bernadino, was brought up in Madeira but has worked as a Priest in both Moçambique and, for many years, in California.



TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(1 Kings 17: 10-16; Psalm 145(146): 7-10; Hebrews 9: 24-28; Mark 12: 38-44)

www.bible-groups.info

Ahab, the **king** of Israel "did evil in the sight of the Lord more than any of his predecessors" by worshipping false gods, introduced by his wife, Jezebel. Elijah told Ahab the Lord would punish him with a drought lasting many years. In today's reading a widow gives Elijah the last of her food, and is rewarded with food until the drought ends. **The Psalm** advises us not to put our trust in princes, but in our God, who is kind and good. **The Letter to the Hebrews** shows how Jesus Christ is our eternal high priest, "mediator" of the new covenant, which replaced the old covenant. The high priest no longer goes each day into the sanctuary of the Temple, where God dwells on earth, to mediate between man and God. Christ has entered heaven, so he can intercede directly with God on our behalf. Christ died and offered himself as a sacrifice once only, perfectly confirming man's agreement to the new covenant for ever. Like the first reading, today's gospel also involves a widow who gives her all. The widow exemplifies loving God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength, instead of meaningless ritual.

PSALM RESPONSE: My soul, give praise to the Lord.

* 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 - "Blest be the Lord..." - n. 70

Offertory - "Take my hands and make them as your own" - n. 525

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

Communion - "O God, you search me and you know me" - n. 405

Thanksgiving - "Hail, Mary, full of Grace..." - n. 203

Final - "Walk in the Light..." - n. 561





MY ARROGANCE AND «I KNOW WHAT SHE NEEDS»

Most people are familiar with the misery of some people, especially in Latin America who live in «shanty towns». I have visited some of them in Brazil and in Mozambique. That's not poverty. That's misery. In the words of Pope Francis «misery is poverty without hope».

There was a very good lady with a good heart and some money in her bank account. One day she decided to visit a shanty town in Brazil. She knew the poor family she was going to visit and decided to take with her one of the most beautiful dresses she had in her wardrobe and donate to the lady of the house. The poor lady expressed her deepest gratitude and she seemed to be happy with the gift.

The following week the same visitor decided to visit the poor lady again. She was horrified when she saw her former beautiful dress transformed into a dirty rag covering a hole of the only door of the poor hut. What happened was that the nice lady had forgotten to ask what the poor lady needed. Actually, what she needed at that moment was not a beautiful dress that would make her feel uncomfortable and maybe be mocked by her neighbours and friends. What she needed was a simple piece of wood to cover that hole to defend her and her family from the wind and the cold.



St. Francis of Assisi says that the sick and the poor are our masters.

Love & Peace,
Fr. Bernardino Andrade

07/11/2021

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Last Sunday, we were blessed to have the Reverend Neil Cockling, a Methodist Minister from Britain (who was on holiday in Madeira), say a few words at Mass. This week we received an email from him which we'd like to share with you:

from: Revd Neil Cockling <neil@thischurch.com>
to: Chapel <penhafranca.newsletter@gmail.com>
cc: Fr. Bernardino <bernardinodandrade@gmail.com>
date: 31 Oct 2021, 12:54
subject: My invitation to give the homily on 31 October.



Dear newsletter editor

Please would you print the following in next week's newsletter?

"I would like to thank Fr Bernardino for his extraordinary hospitality last week by inviting me, as a Methodist Minister from Britain, to give the homily. I hope it was not too long – as we have longer sermons in the Methodist tradition! My wife and I felt greatly welcomed by the parish at coffee afterwards, and we look forward to our next visit in April.

The Reverend Dr Neil Cockling."

- (1) **Next Sunday (14 November)** a Lutheran Pastor, Ilse Berardo, will be preaching at our Mass in English.
- (2) We have also invited a talented blind Musician to come and play and sing at our Mass next Sunday. She is a music professor from another parish on the island.



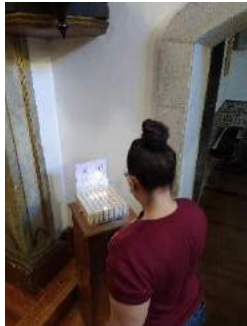
We are collecting items to make up as Christmas Hampers for needy families for Christmas. **During the month of October** we asked people to donate toiletry items. We have had a good response to this, and would like to thank all those who have so far contributed. **In November** we are asking people to donate **nonperishable food items** such as tinned goods (e.g. fish and fruit), condensed milk, coffee, tea, jams, cereals, biscuits, spaghetti, olive oil, etc. Please bring along your donations to the 10am Mass at the chapel. Items can be left in the basket at the entrance to the Chapel, or deposited at Moynihans Irish bar (up the road from the Chapel). Toiletry items are still welcome. Thank you for your support!



OUR CHAPEL HAS A CANDLE-LIGHTING MACHINE



In January 2018, after many requests by visitors who wanted to light a candle and say a prayer for their loved ones in the Chapel, we acquired an electronic candle-lighting machine. This was made possible through generous donations by several people from the English and Portuguese Mass communities. Unfortunately, due to safety reasons we aren't able to have real candles burning in the Chapel, but the electronic candle machine has been a wonderful alternative! You'll find it right at the front of the Chapel, just below the statue of Our Lady of Penha de França.



There is also a small prayer by the candle-lighting machine which you're welcome to read.

APPEAL & THANK YOU:

Last Sunday at Mass, Father Bernardino read out an appeal that he received from one of the Caretakers of the poor. A family was needing a chest of drawers for children's clothes. We are happy to report that a generous lady who was at mass has donated the chest of drawers to this family. They are so grateful that they now have a place to put their clothes. Thank you!

A small kitchen Table and double bed sheets are still needed if anyone is able to help. Thank you 😊



5th World Day of the Poor

Next Sunday will be the 5th World Day of the poor, with the theme from Pope Francis: "The poor you will always have with you" (Mk 14:7). The World Day of the Poor has been celebrated since 2017.

It was established by Pope Francis to celebrate the end of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy in 2016. You can read Pope Francis' message on this webpage link: <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/poveri/documents/20210613-messaggio-v-giornatamondiale-poveri-2021.html>

