

## 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,  
9020-119, Funchal  
Madeira, Portugal.



### >> PAYPAL:

genteajudandogente2016@gmail.com

### >> 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](mailto: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](http://www.rcmassmadeira.org) or requested from: [penhafranca.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:penhafranca.newsletter@gmail.com)

## JOYFUL GIFT

Welcome

21th of November 2021

Christ the King, Year B

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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 Bernardino, was brought up in Madeira but has worked as a Priest in both Moçambique and, for many years, in California.



### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(Daniel 7: 13-14; Psalm 92(93): 1-2.5; Rev 1: 5-8; John 18: 33-37)

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The Book of Daniel was written about 165 BC. It looks forward with certainty to the day of the Lord at the end of history, when the kingdom of God will triumph. In this vision the worldly kingdoms opposed to God have been portrayed as various beasts. In contrast, Jesus and the glorified people of God who will form his kingdom on earth, are represented in human form, as "one like a son of man". This became the most characteristic way in which Jesus referred to himself, as the one through whom the salvation of God's people is realised. The Psalm praises the eternal kingship of the Lord, who triumphs over rebellion and chaos. The Revelation to John was probably written about 90 AD, during a time when Christians were being persecuted. Today we hear John's greeting to the seven churches of Asia, before he criticises them. His summary of the Christian faith includes a reference to Daniel's vision. The Gospel of John was also probably written near the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> century. It is very different from the other 3 gospels, which are read in Ordinary Time over the 3 year cycle. In today's reading Jesus clearly tells Pilate the nature of his kingship, reflecting how much the understanding of Jesus had developed over the 60 years since his death.

### PSALM RESPONSE: The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

\* 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** - "Christ is our King..." - n. 86

**Offertory** - "O bread of Heaven beneath this veil..." - n. 392

**Communion** - "Christ is King of earth and Heaven..." - n. 84

**Thanksgiving** - "This is my desire, O Lord..." - n. 583

**Final** - "Jesus is Lord!..." - n. 281



## FROM MY HEART TO YOUR HEART – by Fr. Bernardino Andrade

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### THE SHIVERING AND HUNGRY KING

To transmit a moving and powerful message about the Feast of Christ the King, Fr. Tony Kadavil tells an Irish story about «A Shivering and hungry King».

According to the story, an Irish King had no children to succeed him on the throne, so he decided to choose his successor from among the people. The only condition set by the King, as announced throughout his Kingdom, was that the candidate must have a deep love for God and neighbour.

In a remote village of the Kingdom, lived a poor but gentle youth who was noted for his kindness and helpfulness to all his neighbours. The villagers encouraged him to enter the contest for kingship. They took up a collection for him so that he could make the long journey to the royal palace. After giving him the necessary food and a good overcoat, they sent him on his way. **As the young man neared the castle, he noticed a beggar sitting on a bench in the royal park wearing torn cloths.** He was shivering in the cold while begging for food. Moved with compassion, the young man gave the beggar his new overcoat and the food he had saved for his return journey. After waiting for a long time in the parlour of the royal palace, the youth was admitted for an interview with the king. As he raised his eyes after prostrating himself before the king, he was amazed to find the King wearing the overcoat he had given to the beggar at the park and greeting him as the new king of the country.

When He comes in glory, Christ the King is going to judge us on the basis of our corporal and spiritual works of mercy:

«Come and possess the kingdom which has been prepared for you ever since the creation of the world. I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink; I was a stranger and you received me in your homes, naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me... whenever you did this for one of the least important for these who are members of my family you did it to me. (Mathew 25)

Fr. Bernardino Andrade

21/11/2021, Feast of the Christ the King



## THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING - November 21st



Today we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. Christ the King Sunday celebrates the full authority of Christ as King and Lord of the universe. It is celebrated on the final Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Sunday before Advent. In all Catholic churches today, the priest's vestments are coloured white or gold, in keeping with other joyous feasts honouring Christ.

Here in Madeira, in the town of Garajau (which is about 20 minutes' drive from Funchal), there is a 15 metre high (49ft) monument of Christ the King. In Portuguese it's called the *Cristo Rei* statue. It is the work of French sculptor Georges Serraz.

The monument was dedicated on the 30th of October 1927, and consists of a statue of Christ with open arms facing the ocean. It was financed and commissioned by the Counselor Aires de Ornelas, who had it erected to fulfil a promise. The majestic statue stands on top of a hill which drops into a ravine, towards the sea and is open to the public all year round.



## TWO SPECIAL FUNDRAISER ACTIVITIES – Update!

On behalf of the poor whose suffering has been alleviated this past week with a special financial help, I want to thank a generous group who spent some of their time to organize two fund raiser activities and also those who participated. One was a dinner and entertainment at the Mezze Grill Restaurant that raised the amount of €673,00 and a sponsored walk at Santa Catarina Park that brought the amount of €620,00.

A special *thank you* also to the generous donors of the Fundraiser Dinner raffle prizes: Tadhg and Sinead Moynihan (dinner for 2 people at the Mezze Grill restaurant); Christopher Blandy (a generous wine hamper); Colleen Abreu of VMT Madeira (a dolphin watching trip for 2 people).

Thank you to everyone who organised, and those who participated in these events for your time, love and generosity.

Love and Peace

Fr. Bernardino Andrade



## MASS AT “CANTINHO DO BOM PASTOR” – Next Sunday - 2:30pm



On the last Sunday of every month, a traditional Mass is held up in the forest areas of Paúl da Serra, in a place called Bica da Cana. After about a 45-minute drive from Funchal, you will find the *Cantinho do Bom Pastor* (Little Corner of the Good Shepherd). Next Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup> there will be a Mass celebrated there at 2:30 PM.

All are welcome.  
Fr. Bernardino



## NEW MASS REGULATIONS – Introduced by the Madeiran Regional Government

Earlier this week, the Madeiran Regional Government announced new measures after noticing a sudden increase of covid cases on the island. The regulations came into effect yesterday morning (November 20<sup>th</sup>), and affect everyone on the island, visitors included. The Government has allowed the next 7 days for everyone to fully adapt to the new rules. Our Mass will also be affected.

Those attending Mass must bring proof of:

- a valid Covid-19 Vaccination Certificate

**OR**

- a negative Covid-19 Antigen Test - dated within the preceding 7 days.

The usual measures which have been in place up to now will continue: (masks to be worn at all times inside and outside the Chapel, maintaining of social distance, disinfecting of hands, etc.)

