

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

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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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BANK: Lloyds Bank

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The funds will then be transferred to Madeira.
Any questions or concerns about transferring to
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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.

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JOYFUL GIFT

20th of February 2022

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

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THE CATHOLIC MASS IN ENGLISH IN MADEIRA

Good morning! Welcome to the Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França. Father Bernardino Andrade is our appointed Sunday priest. He was born and grew up in Madeira but has worked as a Priest in both Moçambique, and for many years in California, USA.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(1 Sam 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23; Ps 102(103); 1 Cor 15: 45-49; Luke 6: 27-38)



In the first book of **Samuel**, Saul, Israel's first king, became unreasonably jealous of David, his anointed successor, and tried to kill him. Saul entered a cave where David and his men were hiding, but David merely cut off a piece of Saul's cloak. Then David crept into Saul's camp but only took away his spear. David believed it wrong to kill an anointed king, preferring to put his trust in God. **The Psalm** offers grateful thanks and praise to God that his mercy is so great because of our frailty. In last Sunday's Reading, Paul had insisted to the **Corinthians** that Christ's resurrection is essential to our faith. In today's Reading, Paul quotes Genesis saying that the first Adam became a living soul. But the last Adam, Christ, became a life-giving spirit. Therefore, after the earthly man, there must be a heavenly man, whose body is animated by the Holy Spirit. Now we are modelled on the earthly man, subject to natural death. After the resurrection of the body we will be modelled on the heavenly man. In **Luke's Gospel**, Jesus takes David's restraint further: do good to your enemies, do not judge or condemn lest you suffer the same. In the Lord's Prayer we ask for forgiveness, but the pre-condition is that we forgive others.

PSALM RESPONSE: The Lord is compassion and love.

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* 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 - "O Lord, all belongs to you..." - n. 416

Alleluia - 251

Offertory - "Christ be beside me..." - n. 82

Amen - n. 727

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

Communion - "To Jesus' heart, all burning..." - n. 585

Thanksgiving - "O Lord, hear my prayer..." - n. 418

Final - "Take the word of God as you go..." - n. 529





LOVE YOUR ENEMIES, DO GOOD TO THOSE WHO HATE YOU

It happened in two different countries after two different Masses, by two different friends. I used the verb “to hate” in my homily and both of these friends in two different countries told me in a very kind way never to use that word again. They said that it is too ugly. It is too rude. And they suggested to me another verb as an alternative, which is “like”.

I know that Jesus was, and is, a very kind and sweet man. But once in a while He could sound a little rude. I’d better say “a little strong.” This is what

He sounds like in today’s Gospel (VII Sunday C, Luke: 6,27): “Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you”.

To illustrate this message I would like to share with you one or two stories told by Fr. Tony Kadavil:

“A MUSLIM CHILD IN A HINDÚ FAMILY”

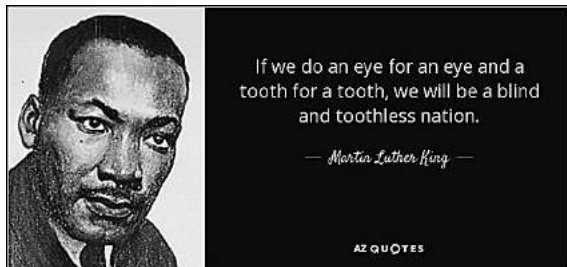
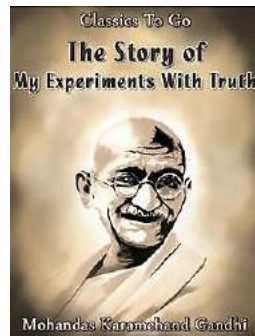
In his autobiography, *The Story of My Experiments with Truth*, Mahatma Gandhi mentions the “Sermon on the Mount” as one of the main religious works that inspired him to search for ways of bringing about political freedom for India by non-violent resistance to oppression. He writes: *“I came to see that the Sermon on the Mount was the whole of Christianity for one who wanted to live a Christian life. It is that sermon that has endeared Jesus to me.”*

In 1947, when British India was divided into Hindu India and Muslim Pakistan, Mahatma Gandhi went on a hunger strike to end the communal violence which had erupted between Hindu and Moslem fanatics in the Indo-Pakistani Border States.

During this time, a Hindu fanatic came to him and confessed, “I will surely go to hell and no one can save me.” Gandhi asked the man why he thought he was doomed to hell. The man replied that he was a Hindu, and that Muslims had killed his child during a riot. In revenge, he had slaughtered a Muslim child and his parents, but felt very guilty afterwards. Gandhi said, “I know one way to save you from going to hell. *“Find a Muslim child who has lost his parents, take him home, bring him up and educate him so that he grows up as a Muslim in your Hindu family. Then you won’t go to hell.”*

When Mohandas Gandhi was gunned down in 1948, his last gesture was to press his palms together and raise his folded hands to his lips in the Hindu sign of forgiveness.

Martin Luther King was a great admirer of Gandhi. When a gang of racial fanatics set fire to King’s house, an Afro-American mob gathered, ready to take revenge. But he told them, *“When you live by the rule ‘an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth,’ you end up with a nation of blind and toothless people.”* Then he led the gathering in prayer for the white brothers who had burned his house.



That is what the "Amazing Grace" of forgiveness, the central theme of today’s readings, is all about.

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Fr. Bernardino Andrade
20/02/2022



Besides our normal 10am Mass here at the Chapel on Sunday morning, next week Sunday, 27th of February, there will also be a traditional Mass at *Cantinho do Bom Pastor* (Little Corner of the Good Shepherd). This is in a place called Bica da Cana. This special place is about a 45-minute drive from Funchal.



The mass will be at 2:30 PM.
All are welcome!

Fr. Bernardino

THE SWISS GUARD – Who are they?

Source: Zenit – *The World Seen From Rome* (www.zenit.org)



Every year on May 6, new recruits are sworn into the Vatican’s Swiss Guard, commemorating the date in 1527 when 147 Swiss soldiers died defending the pope during an attack on Rome. Known locally as the Guardia Svizzera, they are responsible for the safety of the pope.

Often called “*the world’s smallest army,*” they serve as **personal escorts to the pontiff and as watchmen for Vatican City.** During the swearing-in ceremony, with their left hands clutching a standard and their right hands raised with three fingers open symbolizing the Holy Trinity, the new recruits pledge to “*faithfully, loyally, and honorably*” serve and protect the pope and, if necessary, sacrifice their lives for him.



THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

