

## 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:**

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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)

## JOYFUL GIFT

6<sup>th</sup> of March 2022

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent, Year C

Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França,  
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Welcome

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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

(Deut 26:4-10; Psalm 90 (91); Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13)



**Deuteronomy**, the "second law", repeats the law given on Sinai. It describes events just before the Israelites crossed the Jordan from the desert into the promised land. In today's Reading, Moses uses an ancient formula to prescribe how the first fruits of the harvest are to be offered in gratitude for the gifts God has given to a landless people. As with our offerings during Mass, the priest's role is to begin the celebration by setting the offerings "before the Lord your God". **The Psalm** describes benefits of trusting in God: protection from evils and terrors as God goes with us in our distress. Paul has lamented to the **Romans** that the works and rituals of the Mosaic Law did not bring Israel righteousness, and they cannot justify us, that is make us right with God. Everyone can be saved, but only by confessing faith in God from their heart. In **Luke's gospel** we hear how, after his baptism, Jesus was tempted in the desert. The devil's power is real. Perhaps Jesus was often tempted during his ministry to use lavish gifts, force or exhibitions of supernatural power to convince people. But Jesus remained faithful to his Father. The only way to God is by service and suffering. The devil is routed for now, but will return during Jesus' passion.

**PSALM RESPONSE: Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.**

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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](mailto:chris@chris-oliver.net)

### TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC

**Entry** - "Christ, be our light..." - n. 329

**Offertory** - "Take my life and let it be..." - n. 527

**Amen** - n. 726

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

**Communion** - "I am the bread of life..." - n.237

**Thanksgiving** - Silence for reflection

**Final** - "The king of love my Shepherd is..." - n. 546





**THE ABSURDITY OF ANY WAR  
- DO YOU HATE ME?**

There were two soldiers from two different armies, from two different countries that were fighting against one another during a ferocious war. Actually, they were not very sure why they were fighting. They were sent to fight and they had no choice. They were supposed to be enemies.

Both were wounded and both fell, bleeding, close to one another. Very close.

Both were agonizing in pain. All of a sudden one asked the other:

-«What's your name»? And he said his name.

-«And yours?» Asked the second soldier.

And the first soldier said his name. Then... silence and pain.

**A few moments later the first soldier asked the second:**

- «Do you hate me?».

The second soldier answered:

- «No. Absolutely not. I don't even know you. How can I hate you?».

Then more silence and more groaning with pain. Then the second soldier asked the first:

- «And you? Do you hate me?»?

- «No! Absolutely not. I don't even know you». Then more silence.



**Both started calling for their mothers.** It is hard to understand why two tough young men, lying down in pain, thousands and thousands of kilometers away from their homes were calling for their mothers. They didn't know each other and both had confirmed that they didn't hate each other.

In that moment of pain and agony they were just two harmless «babies» who needed their mothers.

Finally, those two young men, without planning with one another, just stretched out their arms to each other, joined their hands, said a prayer together, and died together.

This is the absurdity of any war.



Love and Peace,  
Fr. Bernardino Andrade  
06/03/2022

**A MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS**

As war broke out last week between Russia and the Ukraine, Pope Francis made a special request just before the start of Lent:

*"I have great pain in my heart as the situation in Ukraine deteriorates." Once again, the peace of all is threatened by the party interests.*

*I request all parties involved to refrain from any action that causes even more suffering to the population.*

*I invite everyone to make the coming 2nd of March (Ash Wednesday) a day of fasting and prayer for peace.*

*Queen of peace preserve the world from the madness of war."*

(Pope Francis)



**LENT**

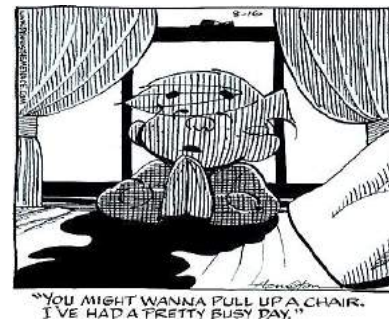
Lent is the penitential season of 40 days (excluding Sundays) set aside by the Church in order for the faithful to prepare for the commemoration of the Lord's Passion, Death and the celebration of His Resurrection.

Lent begins at midnight of Ash Wednesday and officially ends at the start of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.

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**CARTOON CORNER.....**



**Thank you** to everyone who has generously donated towards helping those less fortunate. Father Bernardino continues to place all your names on the Altar every Sunday morning during Mass. May God continue to bless you all! Did you donate, and your name is not here? Please let us know!

**PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE DONATIONS UPDATE -**

**NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2021**

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