

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

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9020-119, Funchal
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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

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The funds will then be transferred to Madeira. Any questions or concerns about transferring to this account, please contact Sinead Moynihan at: sineadmoynihnan7@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

JOYFUL GIFT

20th of March 2022

3rd Sunday of Lent, Year C

Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França,
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THE CATHOLIC MASS IN ENGLISH IN MADEIRA

Good morning! Is it your first time attending Mass here in the Chapel? Welcome! Father Bernardino Andrade is our appointed Sunday priest. He was born in Madeira but lived and preached for many years in America, and also in Mozambique.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(*Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15; Psalm 102 (103); 1 Cor 10: 1-6,10-12; Luke 13: 1-9*)

The book of **Exodus** describes how a group of Hebrew slaves becomes a nation unified by faith in the one God, who made a covenant with them. After killing an Egyptian, Moses fled across the Red Sea. He was given refuge by Jethro, marrying his daughter, Zipporah. In today's reading Moses is called by God to his life's task of leading the Hebrews to the promised land. God reveals his name as "being": he exists and involves himself with us. All creation is invited to join in this **Psalm** – a tender hymn of thanksgiving for the Lord's mercy, which is so great because he knows man's frailty. Paul warns the **Corinthians** not to be over confident in their faith. Even with God's continual support and unifying nourishment, the Israelites many times fell away from the covenant and into idolatry. Paul goes on to urge respect for the Eucharist. The sacraments help us to live our lives of faith, but salvation is not automatic. In **Luke's Gospel** Jesus continues teaching his disciples on the journey to Jerusalem. He uses examples of sudden death that his hearers would be aware of, to urge repentance and keeping one's life oriented towards God at all times. With the parable of the fig tree Jesus says God is patient, but judgement will come.

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 - "I'll sing a hymn to Mary..." - n. 255
Offertory - "Take our bread..." - n. 528
Amen - n. 726
Peace - "Shalom, my friend, shalom..." - n. 495
Communion - "This is my body..." - n.572
Thanksgiving - Silence for reflection
Final - "Hail glorious Saint Patrick..." - n. 202





1. MOSES BURNING BUSH EXPERIENCE

I dare to say that most of us has had his/her «Burning Bush» experience and remember the moment. It was that moment when our life turned around and we started something that we had never thought about. If we did, we will understand much better the first reading of today's Mass (III Sunday of Lent, Year C). I also dare to say that if the Book of Exodus is the heart of the Old Testament, this «Burning Bush» experience of Moses is the heart of the Book of Exodus. Moses was doing a simple job of a shepherd. In that very simple job God talks to him through a burning bush. God even tells him to remove his sandals from his feet «for the place where you are standing is holy ground». (Ex. 3: 1- 12). In that moment it was like a tsunami in the life of Moses and in the life of the People of God.



To illustrate this message of the «Burning Bush Experience» I would like to share this story of Fr. Anthony Kadavill:

2. SISTER ANTÓNIO'S BURNING BUSH EXPERIENCE

In the 1980's Mary Brenner was a divorced mother of seven children who owned a carbon paper manufacturing company in Beverly Hills. She was a friend of all the movie stars, went to their parties, and hobnobbed with celebrities. What turned her around, and made her see life differently? **She came across a very touching photograph** of the Holocaust. Among the people in the photograph there was a young boy facing a Nazi soldier who was pointing a rifle at him. The child's eyes showed deep fear and bewilderment. Mary Benner looked at that photograph and suddenly realized that life could never be the same for her. She felt an enormous compassion for all those who were victims of brutality, for those who were the most marginalized. She went to the Bishop of San Diego and said, **“I'd like to belong to some kind of a religious order and dedicate myself to those people nobody else seems to care for.”** She wound up being called Sister Antonio, and working with the women in the Tijuana Prison, a women's prison in Mexico. These inmates of the prison were among the most abject, forlorn, and neglected segment of humanity. Sister Antonio became their friend, companion, sister, and mother all in one. -- That holocaust picture was Mary Brenner's *burning bush*. Today's first reading speaks of a similar conversion that happened to Moses.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PILGRIM STATUE - sent to the Ukraine this week

Source: www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/250710/our-lady-of-fatima-statue-sent-to-ukraine-before-consecration



A special statue of Our Lady of Fatima has arrived in Ukraine. The statue was sent at the request of Archbishop Ihor Vozniak of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. It is one of 13 official copies of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima that travel worldwide. Carved in 1920, sculptor José Ferreira Tedin created the original statue with the help of Sister Lucia, one of the three children at the Marian apparitions in Fatima in 1917. **The statue will be in Ukraine when Pope Francis consecrates Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.** Pope Francis' decision

comes after Ukraine's Latin Rite Catholic bishops requested that Pope Francis do the consecration, amid the invasion of their country. They sent a letter to Pope Francis on March 2 asking him to “publicly perform the act of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Ukraine and Russia, as requested by the Blessed Virgin in Fatima.” **The pope will perform the consecration in St. Peter's Basilica on Friday, March 25th**, while Cardinal Konrad Krajewski, the papal almoner, will do the same at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal.



“FATHER I JUST WANT A HUG”

A week ago, we came across a photo that has been shared many times on Facebook. Beneath the photo the following description was written:

«In the midst of Eucharistic Adoration, a homeless man from the street prostrated himself before the presiding priest and shouted “Father I just want a hug”. The priest did not hesitate to kneel and embrace him.... It was the embrace of Christ in the Eucharist ❤️ »
This is the photo..... ➔



SAINT PATRICK and THE SHAMROCK

As many of you may know, **March 17th is when we celebrate Saint Patrick's Day.**

Saint Patrick is one of the world's most well-known Saints, and the foremost patron saint of Ireland. **Every year here at the Chapel of Penha de França we celebrate St. Patrick's Day** with our Irish community and visitors!

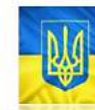
A shamrock is a young sprig of clover, and has been used as a symbol of Ireland since the 18th century. Traditionally, there is a legend of Saint Patrick using a shamrock to teach the mystery of the Holy Trinity... as in the words you can see on the picture above:

"Just like the leaves on each shamrock I see, there are three parts to the Holy Trinity. First is God the Father, then Jesus, His only Son. With the Holy Spirit, together, they are Three in One."



Concert to support Ukraine

The English Church presents an afternoon of music



Sunday 27th March at 1.30pm
In the beautiful gardens of the English Church.

“Music for everyone”

Featuring world class musicians playing a concert lasting approximately 2 hours

Light Classical - Mozart, Vivaldi, Pachelbel, RV Williams

Jazz - The music of Stephan Grappelli and Django Reinhardt

BEATLES - Including Eleanor Rigby, When I'm 64, Penny Lane

ROCK - music of Pink Floyd, Led Zeppelin, Rolling Stones

Refreshments - Water, soft drinks and snacks available.

Admission €15 per person - cash on arrival.
All proceeds will go to help The Ukrainian people in their time of need.

Please note: all musicians are performing free for this good cause.

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