

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

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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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>> DONATIONS FROM THE UK:

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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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Easter Sunday, Year C

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CATHOLIC MASS IN ENGLISH IN MADEIRA

Good morning! Today is **Easter Sunday**. 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

(Acts 10:34,37-43; Ps 117(118); Col 3:1-4/1 Cor 5:6-9; Jn 20:1-9)

Luke's **Book of Acts** describes how after his death Jesus continues his work on earth through his Holy Spirit, who interrupts Peter's speech to Cornelius. Peter then realises that forgiveness of sins is offered to "everyone who believes" in Jesus' name. The dramatic **Psalms** thanks and praises the Lord for rescuing us from the dangers threatening us. It includes the shouts that welcomed Jesus into the Temple on Palm Sunday, now the second verse of the "Holy, Holy, Holy". Our second readings are all from Paul's letters. The vigil reading from Romans compares baptism to death: our sinful life has died: we have risen to a new life in Christ. The Sunday reading from **Colossians** draws attention away from earthly marks of religion: our focus should be on our new life in Christ. The alternative reading is an early Easter homily. In the Jewish calendar, Passover was followed by the feast of Unleavened Bread. In the three synoptic gospels three women discover the tomb empty and run to tell the apostles, who disbelieve. But in **John's gospel**, Mary of Magdala, alone, finds the stone removed from the tomb. Without going inside she runs to tell Peter. Peter goes in first and sees the empty burial cloths. When the other disciple goes in, he believes.

PSALM RESPONSE: This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.

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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 - "Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia!..." - n. 279

Offertory - "Crown him with many crowns..." - n. 119

Amen - n. 727

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

Communion - "Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord..." - n. 27

Thanksgiving - "Now the green blade riseth..." - n. 389

Final - "Thine be the glory..." - n. 570



«THEY ARE HERE», BUT «HE IS NOT HERE»

Being the youngest of a large family has many good privileges but also some sad challenges. One of the good privileges was that I felt protected not only by my parents but also by my ten brothers and sisters. Some sad challenges are that I didn't have the privilege of meeting my grandparents and many of my uncles and aunts, especially those who had emigrated to the USA and Brazil. I heard about them like legends that never existed. But I knew that they existed, and inside me I always felt this longing to meet them.

Finally, one day I also emigrated to the USA and met one of my uncles who lived in California. But the rest of my family, who I had never met, all lived in Massachusetts. Very far away from California. Those family members died before I had the opportunity to meet them.

One day, while making my Sabbatical in the Notre Dame University in Illinois, I took advantage of being close to Massachusetts and visited the place where my uncles and aunts had lived. I still had a few cousins alive who welcomed me. One of my priorities was to go to the Cemetery where they had been buried, visit their graves and pray over them. When I was looking around, I heard the voice of my cousin saying out loud: «**They are here**». I ran to their graves, prayed a little bit and then I wept over them for a while.



Sometime later I was offered the opportunity to visit the Holy Land. One of my biggest desires was to visit the tomb of Jesus. I enjoyed the trip, I did swim in the Lake of Galilee and in the Dead Sea, I made the Stations of the Cross in Via Dolorosa but my highest moment would be to see the tomb of Jesus. Finally, we arrived. Facing long lines, here was the moment. Immediately at the entrance of the place where Jesus had been buried there was an inscription that could be disappointing for some people. The written inscription had four words: «**HE IS NOT HERE**».



I walked slowly to the tomb of Jesus, prayed a little bit and then I wept over it for a few moments. What was the difference? The difference was that the bodies of my relatives were there in their graves, but the Body of Jesus had left the tomb. Jesus had risen. Body and soul. He was alive and **is alive**. This is Easter Sunday. This is the central mystery of our faith. St. Paul writes: «*If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain*», (1 Cor. 15).

To live is to experience Easter Sunday every day. After Good Friday there is Easter Sunday. We all experience dark *Good Fridays* in our lives. We don't need to be sick to feel depressed once in a while. But in every *Good Friday* we have a friend called Jesus always telling us: «*Wait my brother. Wait my sister. Tomorrow will be Easter Sunday*».

As Dr. Robert Schuller says: «**Tough times never last. Tough people do**».

Happy Easter!

Fr. Bernardino Andrade

17-04-2022

On Good Friday this year, the youth group from the Santa Cecilia parish of Camara de Lobos recreated the VIA SACRA. It is one of the most cherished traditions of the Madeiran Catholics during Holy Week. This is the first time since the pandemic started that this event has been allowed to take place. Here are some photos:



EASTER HUMOUR - 1

A Sunday school teacher had just finished telling her third graders about how Jesus was crucified and placed in a tomb with a great stone sealing the opening. Then, wanting to share the excitement of the Resurrection, she asked: "**And what do you think were Jesus' first words when He came bursting out of that tomb alive?**" A hand shot up into the air from the rear of the classroom. Attached to it was the arm of a little girl. Leaping out of her chair she shouted out excitedly "*I know, I know!*" "Good" said the teacher, "Tell us, what were Jesus first words?" And extending her arms high into the air she said: "**TA-DA!**" Another little boy offered, "*Please stop staring and pass me the fish sandwiches -- it's been three days and I'm starving!*"

The teacher asked a second question: "Why did Jesus appear to women first after the Resurrection?" A girl answered, "*He wanted to be sure the news spread quickly!*"

From Fr. Tony Kadavil's homilies
(<http://frtonyshomilies.com/>)

EASTER HUMOUR - 2

Loaned for a weekend:

Joseph of Arimathaea was a very wealthy Pharisee, a member of the Council, and a secret follower of Jesus.

It was Joseph who went to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body after the crucifixion.

And it was Joseph who supplied the tomb for Jesus' burial.

I wonder if someone pulled him aside and said, "*Joseph that was such beautiful, costly, hand-hewn tomb. Why on earth did you give it to someone to be buried in?*"

"*Why not?*" Joseph may have answered. "*He only needed it for the weekend.*"

