

## PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE (PHP)



"You should wash each other's feet"  
(John 13:14).

*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).

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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: 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.

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## JOYFUL GIFT

1<sup>st</sup> of May 2022

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year C

Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França,  
Rua Penha de França 3, Funchal, Madeira



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### CATHOLIC MASS IN ENGLISH IN MADEIRA

Good morning! **Happy Mother's Day!** Father Bernardino Andrade is our appointed Sunday priest for this 10am mass in English. This the only Catholic Mass in English on the whole Island of Madeira. Father Bernardino was born in Madeira but lived and preached for many years in America, and also in Mozambique.

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Psalm 29(30); Rev 5:11-14; John 21:1-19)



After the healings we heard in last week's reading from **the Book of Acts**, the Apostles were again arrested, but miraculously freed. They immediately continued teaching in the Temple, and were again brought before the Sanhedrin, where they defended themselves strongly. Omitted from today's reading is Gamaliel's urging that they be released because if their activity "comes from God, you will not be able to destroy them". **The Psalm** thanks God for rescue from a sudden illness. In the **Book of Revelation** John sees God seated on a throne, with praises rippling out through widening circles of heavenly creatures. The one on the throne holds a scroll written on both sides and sealed with seven seals. An angel proclaims "Who is worthy to open the scroll?" But everyone is in despair because there seems to be no one worthy to break the seals and open the scroll. But then someone says "The lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David has triumphed". Instead of a lion, a slain lamb steps forward to receive the scroll. After the reading last week of the first ending to **John's Gospel**, we hear today most of the second ending. With his three repeated questions, Jesus forgives Peter's three denials, and insists that the essential pre-condition for authority is love.

**PSALM RESPONSE: I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.**

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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** - "O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today..." - n. 73

**Offertory** - "Glory and Praise to our God..." - n. 166

**Amen** - n. 726

**Communion** - "As I kneel before you..." - n. 39

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

**Final** - "I will be with you..." - n. 249



I would like to share with you my letter, which was sent to different Madeiran state entities inviting their members to attend a special Mass that is taking place next Saturday (May 7th) in the Cantinho do Bom Pastor (*Little Corner of the Good Shepherd*), up in the forest areas of “Bica da Cana”:

**A SPECIAL INVITATION from Father Bernardino Correia Andrade  
 Cantinho do Bom Pastor (Little Corner of the Good Shepherd), Bica da Cana,  
 Paúl da Serra, Madeira**

Funchal, 20th April 2022

It was during one of the highest moments of the pandemic (September 12, 2020) that D. Nuno Brás, Bishop of Funchal, blessed, in Bica da Cana (Paúl da Serra) a small sanctuary dedicated to Christ the Good Shepherd. With him were represented some of the main authorities of Madeira Island and especially a good crowd of people.

At a time when, fortunately, after a very competent, persistent and responsible struggle, everything indicates that we are coming out of the pandemic, we will take advantage of the date of the Feast of the Good Shepherd, to meet again, with our Bishop, our Shepherd, in this Little Corner in order to thank God for this success. And let's also ask God to continue to illuminate the minds of our health professionals so that this stage we are in continues and evolves, and will definitely eradicate this tragedy that has caused so much damage worldwide. We will also offer our pleas for peace in the world, especially for peace to return to Russia and Ukraine. We will also offer our Prayer for all those who have not survived this cruel disease.

This special celebration of the Feast of the Good Shepherd will also be a very affectionate and grateful tribute to all the "Frontline Personnel" and to all those who spend their lives serving others, often enduring work above and beyond their strength. This was evident especially in the highest wave of the pandemic. I would very much like to invite all our great professionals and their families to this celebration which, in addition to being a Prayer, will also be a profound expression of our gratitude.

At this moment I am thinking of doctors, nurses, assistants, members of the PSP (Police), GNR (Republican National Guard), Firefighters, Civil Protection, Forest Guards, Priests, Garbage Collectors, Social Security, Food Bank, finally, all those who are in any way more directly connected to the public, although they are not part of this list that, however hard I try, will always be incomplete. I would like to ask you to send this invitation to all those who are under your jurisdiction.

I would also like to ask you to come dressed in your service uniform and for medical personnel to bring around their shoulders their stethoscopes which will be blessed by the Bishop at a special moment during Holy Mass.

Respectfully, in the "maternal" tenderness of the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Bernardino Andrade  
 Email: bernardinodandrade@gmail.com  
 Tel. 91 61 92 783

What: **Mass**, Location: **Bica da Cana**,  
 Day: **Saturday, May 7th**,  
 Time: **11:00 h.**



Sept. 12, 2020 – Bishop Nuno’s blessing of the Little Corner of the Good Shepherd

**HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY – It’s today in Madeira!**



**Today we celebrate Mother’s Day in Madeira!**

Most other countries around the world will only celebrate Mother’s Day next week (on the 2nd Sunday in May), but here **we always celebrate Mother’s Day on the 1st Sunday in May**. In the UK and Ireland, Mother’s Day was already celebrated on March 27th this year (on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent). Norway is the first country to celebrate Mother’s Day every year. This year it was on February the 13th!

These countries will all be celebrating Mother’s Day today: Portugal, Spain, Romania, Hungary, and Lithuania.



**DO YOU KNOW WHY - the month of May is dedicated to Our Lady?**



**Did you know that here in Madeira and in Portugal, the month of May is dedicated to Mary, the Mother of Jesus?**

This is because **the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three shepherd children (Lúcia, Francisco, and Jacinta)** in the town of *Fátima*, in Portugal, on the 13th of May 1917.

Our Lady told the children that she was Mary, the mother of Jesus, and that she had been sent by God with a message for every man, woman and child in our century. A church was built at the spot where Our Lady of Fatima appeared to the children,

and which has become a place of pilgrimage to thousands of visitors from all over the world.



**MADEIRA’S FLOWER FESTIVAL**

It’s that time of year again when the Madeiran flower festival takes place! This year, it will be held from **May 5<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>**, with the highlight being the Parade of floats and dancing participants (mostly children). **Next week Sunday** afternoon, May 8<sup>th</sup>, at **4.30pm** you can go and watch the beautiful **parade** in downtown Funchal. It will be on the main road down by the sea front.



**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

