

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: l.a.contreras@sbcglobal.net

>> DONATIONS FROM THE UK:

ACCOUNT NAME: Sinead Moynihan

BANK: Lloyds Bank

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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: 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 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

8th of May 2022

4th Sunday of Easter, Year C

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CATHOLIC MASS IN ENGLISH IN MADEIRA

Good morning! 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 13: 14, 43-52; Psalm 99(100); Rev 7: 9, 14-17; John 10: 27-30)

The Antioch church sent Barnabas and Paul on mission. After visiting Cyprus, Barnabas' birthplace, they arrived at Perga on the south coast of what is now Turkey, and travelled north to Antioch in Pisidia. Everywhere they went they spoke first to the Jews about Jesus as the climax of the whole Jewish history. Jesus who was killed by the Jewish leaders, but raised from the dead by God. At first many Jews listened attentively. The processional **Psalm** sings joyfully of God: "he made us, we belong to him". In the **Book of Revelation** John sees events in heaven which mirror events on earth. Witnesses persecuted for their beliefs do not suffer in vain: they will be vindicated and evildoers punished. Not vengeance, but God's justice. And a message of hope: the faithful of every nation will be rewarded with perfect life in God's renewed creation. **In John's Gospel**, after Jesus had healed the man born blind, the Jewish leaders argued about Jesus, and asked him to say plainly if he was the Messiah. Jesus says the healing he does in the Father's name testifies to him. He ends with a clear statement: "I and the Father are one" The Jews picked up rocks to stone Jesus: they understood Jesus was claiming to be God.

PSALM RESPONSE: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

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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

Glory - n. 669

Alleluia - n. 679

Offertory - "Blessed are you lord" - n 69

Amen - n. 727

Shalom - n 495

Communion - "Christ be our light" - n. 329

Final - "Go the mass is ended" - n. 175



AN ACTOR, A PSALM AND A SHEPHERD

Today 8/5/2022, the 4th Sunday of Easter, is known by the name of the “Good Shepherd Sunday”. Jesus tells one of the most moving stories about His mission in the word. He shows us who are his favourites.



This Shepherd, according to him, leaves nine sheep in the barn and goes far away to the most strange places looking for his lost sheep. He tells us that his favourites are the lost, the last and the least. To illustrate this moving message, Fr. Tony Kadavil tells the following story:

“I know the Psalm, but he knows the Shepherd:”

Years ago the great actor Richard Burton was given a grand reception in his childhood parish. While replying to the complimentary speeches in the parish auditorium he asked if there was anything they specially wanted to hear from him. After a minute’s pause his old pastor asked him if he could recite the Good Shepherd Psalm (Psalm 23), which he had taught Burton in his Sunday school. A strange look came over the actor’s face. He paused for a moment, and then said, "I will, on one condition - that after I have recited it, you, my pastor and teacher, will do the same."

"I," said the old, retired pastor, "am not an actor, but, if you wish it, I shall do so." Impressively the actor began the Psalm. His voice and intonation were perfect. He held his audience spellbound, and, as he finished, a great burst of applause broke from the audience. As it died away, the old pastor rose from his wheelchair and began to recite the same Psalm. His voice was feeble and shivering and his tone was not faultless. But, when he finished, there was not a dry eye in the room. The actor rose and his voice quivered as he said, "Ladies and gentlemen, I reached your eyes and ears, but my old pastor has reached your hearts. The difference is just this: I know the Psalm, but he knows the Shepherd." -- This Good Shepherd Sunday, Jesus wants us to know him by experiencing him and to become good shepherds to those entrusted to our care. (https://frtonyshomilies.com/)



Love & Peace,
 Father Bernardino

CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION – 13 May

The Diocese of Funchal informs that on **Friday the 13th of May**, to celebrate the date of the first apparition of the Virgin Mary to the three little shepherd children in Fatima, there will be a **candlelight procession and a mass in portuguese** at the **Sé Cathedral** at **20:30 pm**. All are welcome.



THE TILES THAT CROWN Funchal’s Sé Cathedral

(source: <https://cultura.madeira.gov.pt/en/did-you-know-that-1/1129-the-tiles-of-the-crown-from-funchal-cathedral.html>)

Did you know that - The tiles that crown Funchal’s Cathedral are among the oldest placed on the island?



Portugal started to import tiles from Spain in the 15th century, during the reign of D. Manuel I and it was this monarch who, in 1514, **ordered the tiles for the “Sé” tower**. Because tiles were not manufactured in Portugal, they were a rare coating, only accessible to the wealthy.

These tiles, probably from Seville, are smooth and painted in one color, in this case green, blue, honey and white. The decorative impact results from the reflection of light on the glazed surface and its application in diagonal rows of different alternating colors, which gives the illusion of movement. This is the basic formula of the subtle compositions that became popular over the 16th and following centuries, in **increasingly complex patterns of oblique lines that intersect in a checkerboard pattern**, which is limited to two colors: white in contrast to blue, green, or, less common, black.



“Casa-Museu Frederico de Freitas” has a small sample of the tiles that crowned the Cathedral of Funchal, integrated in the collection during the restoration intervention carried out by the “Direção Geral dos Edifícios e Monumentos Nacionais”, in the late 80s.

8 Beautiful Ways to Honour Mary Throughout the Month of May

(source: <https://www.churchpop.com/2019/05/21/8-beautiful-ways-to-honor-mary-throughout-the-month-of-may/>)



May is such a beautiful month because we honour Mary! **Here are some ideas:**

- 1: Put up an image of Mary** - Decorate your home, office or workplace with an altar, a statue, a painting or any image of the Virgin Mary.
- 2: Read Bible passages about the Virgin Mary** - Reading bible passages, such as the annunciation, the birth of Jesus, the presentation of Jesus in the temple, and Mary at the foot of the Cross.
- 3: Pray the Rosary** - Praying the rosary is one of the main prayers of the Church. The Virgin Mary herself taught St. Dominic how to do it.
- 4: Participate in a Marian procession**

5: Receive the Sacraments

6: Perform the Works of Mercy - You can help a pregnant mother in need, or visit a nursing home, where you may find older women who feel lonely or abandoned.

7: Evangelize - “It is important to remind others how much the Virgin Mary loves them, and to teach them to pray to the Mother of God.”

8: Give someone a Marian gift - a Marian medal or the Scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, blessed by a priest.