

## 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).

### >> PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE CONTACTS:

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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: 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.

## JOYFUL GIFT

15<sup>th</sup> of May 2022

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year C

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

#### Website and Blog:

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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 is 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 14:21-27; Psalm 144(145):8-13; Rev 21:1-5; John 13:31-35)

Last week in Acts the first mission of Paul and Barnabas started. They preached in synagogues, with mixed receptions. Many Jews became Christians. But many did not, stirring up hatred and violence against the Apostles, leaving Paul for dead. Barnabas and Paul then preached to the Gentiles, showing how they could recognise God's activity in nature. Today we hear how this first mission ends, with religious leaders appointed in each church, and a report of "what God had done".

The **Psalm** praises the Lord's kindness and care for creation. In **Revelation** the promise of salvation described last week is now accomplished. The new Jerusalem comes down adorned as a bride for her marriage with the Lamb, the union of the Messiah with the community of the elect. God dwells with men on earth, after the "former heaven and the former earth" are replaced by a "new heaven and a new earth". God's ancient covenant is fulfilled. In **John's Gospel** we hear the first of Jesus' farewell discourses at the Last Supper. Jesus is sad to leave his followers. After washing the disciples' feet, Jesus draws out the meaning of this action. He predicts his coming death and gives a new commandment: love one another. The true mark of discipleship is that we "have love for one another".

### PSALM RESPONSE: I will bless you name for ever, O God my King.

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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 - "Immaculate Mary" - n. 256**

**Glory - n. 669**

**Offertory - "Take our bread" - n 528**

**Amen - n. 726**

**Shalom - n 495**

**Communion - "Love is his word" - n. 353**

**Final - "Love divine, all loves excelling" - n. 352**

**FROM MY HEART TO YOUR HEART** – by Fr. Bernardino Andrade  
(bernardinodandrade@gmail.com)



**LOVE... LOVE UNTIL IT HURTS**

Today Today's readings, Fifth Sunday of Easter C, are the ID of a Follower of Jesus. To illustrate this message I will offer you a **story told by Fr. Tony Kadavil:**

**"I wouldn't do that for a million dollars."**

**One day, as St. Teresa of Calcutta** (Mother Teresa, 1910-1997) and her Missionaries of Charity were tending to the poorest of the poor on the streets of Calcutta, they happened across a man lying in the gutter, very near death. He was filthy, dressed in little more than a rag and flies swarmed around his body. Immediately, Mother Teresa embraced him, spoke to him softly and began to pick out the maggots that were nesting in his flesh. A passerby was repulsed by the sight of the man and exclaimed to Mother Teresa, "I wouldn't do that for a million dollars." Her response was immediate, "Neither would I!" -- Obviously, monetary gain did not motivate the diminutive woman known as the Saint of Calcutta; love did. In her writings, Mother Teresa frequently affirmed the motivating power of love.



Quoting Jesus in today's Gospel, she wrote, "Jesus said, 'Love one another. Such as my love has been for you, so must your love be for each other.'" She continued, "We must grow in love, and to do this we must go on loving and giving and giving until it hurts - the way Jesus did. Do ordinary things with **extraordinary love: little things, like caring for the sick and the homeless, the lonely and the unwanted, washing and cleaning for them.**"

Elsewhere, Mother Teresa remarked that the greatest disease in the West today is not tuberculosis, leprosy or even A.I.D.S.; it is being unwanted, uncared for, unloved. That she did her part in trying to "cure" this disease was attested in everything she did and in every word she said.

(Sanchez Files) (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>).

Father Bernardino Andrade

**ECUMENICAL SERVICE - 17/05/2022 - 7:30pm**

On Tuesday the 17th May at 7.30pm an Ecumenical Service will be held at **St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church (Igreja de São Pedro) in Funchal**, which is situated not far from the La Vie shopping center (around 5 minutes' walk). At this Service, both Bishop Nuno, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Madeira and Bishop David, the Anglican Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Europe will jointly lead the worship. **Everybody is welcome** to this service, and hope you will be able to attend.



**FUNDRAISING EVENT:**

**Quiz Night for "People Helping People Charity"**

**Saturday 4th June 2022**

@ Moynihans Irish Pub

**Time:** 19h30 for 20h00

**Quiz master:** Tony Gomes

**Menu:**

Fish & Chips Or Hamburger & chips

**With beverage:**

Glass of wine / beer or soft drink.

**Details of prizes to follow**

**CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION TO HONOUR OUR LADY**

In Portugal, the month of May is dedicated to Our Lady. It has been a tradition for many years in Madeira that on the evening of May 13th (to commemorate the anniversary of the first apparition of the Virgin Mary in 1917 to 3 shepherd children in Fátima, Portugal) there is a candlelight procession through the streets of Funchal in honour of Our Lady. Since the pandemic started, it hasn't been possible. But this year for the first time in over 2 years, **the procession has taken place in a few parishes around the island.** On Friday, candlelight filled the streets of Funchal, with **hundreds of people taking part** in the procession to the Sé Cathedral. Here are some photos from this special event...



**A TRIBUTE TO PRESIDENT SHEIKH KHALIFA** – by Thelma Teixeira

On Friday morning, 13th May Sheikh Khalifa, president of the United Arab Emirates sadly passed away. This wonderful Arabic Muslim Sheikh Khalifa, **generously donated huge grounds to the Catholic Church where a Catholic cathedral, a Catholic school & a second Catholic church** has been built. He personally attended the opening Mass of each inauguration and paid for all the ensuing festivities over the years. On his invitation, the Pope visited & celebrated Mass in St Joseph's Cathedral in Abu Dhabi. **There is a huge mosque on the grounds beside the Catholic cathedral** and a few years ago he changed the name of that mosque to **"Mary the mother of Jesus Mosque"**. He declared a "Year of Tolerance" in the UAE and led it bravely with dignity.

Catholic Masses were celebrated for Sheikh Khalifa over the last 3 days. The ministry of presidential affairs declared **40 days of mourning with flags at half-mast** from Friday, and work suspended in the public and private sector for the first three days.



Sheikh Khalifa is laid to rest.

Let us pray for that saintly man who was so good to our brotherhood of Catholics.

"Mary the mother of Jesus Mosque". This mosque, built in 1989 as an initiative exemplifying the values of co-existence among religions in the UAE, is located in Al Mushrif, a central neighborhood in the city of Abu Dhabi.



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