

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

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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:

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ACCOUNT NUMBER: 02461743

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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.

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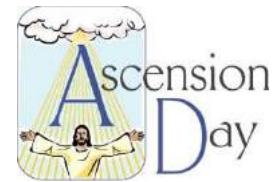


CATHOLIC MASS IN ENGLISH IN MADEIRA

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

In some countries and some places of the world including England, Wales and Scotland, **Ascension Day** is celebrated 40 days after Easter Sunday. This year it was on Thursday, May 26th. But in other countries like Portugal, Ireland and USA it is celebrated on the 7th Sunday of Easter. This is why today we will be celebrating **The Ascension of the Lord** here at the Chapel (and also in all other churches around the Island of Madeira).



Today's Scripture Readings:

Acts 1:1-11 (First Reading)

Psalms 46: 2-3; 6-7; 8-9

Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23 (Second Reading)

Luke 24:46-53 (Gospel)

PSALM RESPONSE: God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC

Entry - "I will sing I will sing" - n. 251

Glory - n. 669

Offertory - "I am the bread of life" - n. 237

Amen - n. 726

Shalom - n. 495

Communion - "Eat this bread, drink this cup" - n. 128

Thanksgiving - "Give thanks with a grateful heart" - n. 164

Final - "Immaculate Mary" - n. 256





ASCENSION OF JESUS, A JOB'S CONTINUATION

TWELVE-YEAR-OLD GIRL, A THEOLOGIAN IN TRAINING

For nine years I taught Religion in a High School in *Quelimane* (Mozambique). One day I assigned a group project to my students. *Quelimane* was a small and beautiful African city where everybody knew everybody. **I asked my students to go around and ask people this question: «What do you live for?»**

And they did. They went around, stopped cars, interrupted people having coffee or having meals in coffee shops, with paper and pen in their hands, and explained that they were doing a school project and they would like to ask this question. And the question was: «What do you live for?». The answers were very interesting.

Some people just said: «For nothing». But when they realized that the students were serious and were writing their answers they stopped for a while and tried to say something. The majority of the people answered saying that they had never thought about that.

When the students brought me the results of their research, it was their turn: I asked them: «What do you live for?». This happened around 55 years ago. But even after this long time I never forgot the answer of a 12-year-old girl: «I live to continue the work of God». I thought I knew the answer but I realized that I didn't know how to verbalize it so well. God had a project for the world and for each one of us. **According to her, and I agree, our purpose in life is to continue the work of God.**

Jesus instructs us in His Ascension message to finish His work of saving mankind by proclaiming His Good News by words and deeds. Jesus brought to the world an enormous project. The project of Jesus was to build the Kingdom of His Father. The Father didn't send Jesus to the world to build the Catholic Church. The Catholic Church is just an instrument to build the Kingdom of God.

But He didn't finish His job. Now, like my student in Africa it's up to us to continue His job.

Fr. Bernardino Andrade,
29/05/2022



Ascension of the Lord

ASCENSION: the act of rising to a higher level

The Ascension of the Lord takes place forty days after the resurrection of Jesus (Easter).
Technically, this day falls on a Thursday, but the celebration is transferred to the following Sunday.
On this day, Jesus was taken up to Heaven in his resurrected body in the presence of his apostles.

BIBLICAL REFERENCES

- While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.
Luke 24:51
- So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.
Mark 16:19

- As the apostles were watching, Jesus was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."
Acts 1:9-11

Jesus departs, he ascends to Heaven. He returns to the Father. But this does not mean a separation, for he remains forever with us, in a new way. **By his ascension, the Risen Lord draws the gaze of the Apostles - and our gaze - to the heights of Heaven to show us that the end of our journey is the Father...** Yet, Jesus remains present and active in the affairs of human history through the power and the gifts of his Spirit; he is beside each of us: **even if we do not see him with our eyes, He is there!** He accompanies us, he guides us, he takes us by the hand and he lifts us up when we fall down.... **The Lord is with us!**
Pope Francis, June 1, 2014

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The ascension is also professed in the Nicene Creed and in the Apostles' Creed:
"He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father..."

MASS AT "CANTINHO DO BOM PASTOR" – Today at 4:00pm



Besides our normal 10am Mass here at the Chapel this morning, there will also be a traditional Mass at *Cantinho do Bom Pastor* (Little Corner of the Good Shepherd). This Mass takes place every last Sunday of the month in a place called *Bica da Cana*.

This special place is about a 45-minute drive from Funchal, where there is a shrine of the Good Shepherd surrounded by trees up in the forest areas.

The mass today will be at 4:00 PM.
All are welcome!
Fr. Bernardino



Jesus Is Everything You Need.

When storms come your way, just remember you know the Master of the wind.

When sickness finds you, just remind yourself you know the Great Physician.

When your heart gets broken, just say I know the Potter.

When roads are closed against you, remind yourself you know the Great Ocean Divider.

It doesn't matter what we face or go through **JESUS IS THE Way, the Truth, and the Life, He is everything we need**

DON'T MISS OUT! 😊

Fundraising PHP event:
Saturday June 4th 🍀

QUIZ Right

@ Moynihans
Irish Pub.
Time: 19h30

All are welcome!