

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.



>> 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

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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: sineadmoynehan7@icloud.com

>> PAYPAL:

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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

JOYFUL GIFT

5th of June 2022

Pentecost, Year C

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In loving memory of
MIQUEL FERNANDES

CATHOLIC MASS IN ENGLISH

Good morning. **The special intention
of this morning's Mass is for the soul
of Miquel Fernandes** who passed
away 1 year ago on the 02/06/2021.
May his Soul rest in peace ☩

Father Bernardino Andrade is our appointed Sunday priest for this 10am
mass in English. This is the only Catholic Mass celebrated entirely 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 2: 1-11; Psalm 103(104); Romans 8: 8-17; John 14: 15-16, 23-26)

The Jewish feast of Pentecost, 50 days after Passover, was less well known
than the other two pilgrimage feasts. Passover was linked to the nomadic sacrifice of lambs and the
barley harvest in the Spring. Tabernacles after the grape harvest was associated with the wanderings
in the desert. Recently it was realised that Pentecost was associated with God giving the Covenant
on Sinai. So the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles at Pentecost fits neatly with this Covenant
feast: the formal birth of the Christian Church. **Acts** lists the regions where the Church was to grow.
The Psalm calls us to praise God's creative wisdom. Filled with wonder at the details of God's glorious
works, this psalm is well worth reading in full. Paul urges the **Romans** to live by the Spirit who, with
Christ, has made his home in us. We are now Sons of God. If we are led by the Spirit within us to
follow God's laws, we will have confidence that the Father will "give life to our mortal bodies", just as
Jesus was raised. In **John's Gospel** we hear from Jesus' long Last Supper talk, promising that his
Father would send the Advocate, through whom he and the Father would be with his church for all
time.

PSALM RESPONSE: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC

Entry - "Bind us together..." - n. 65

Glory - n. 669

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

Amen - n. 726

Shalom - n. 495

Communion - "Father, I place into your hands..." - n. 134

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

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



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.



THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS LOVE

No matter how literate people are, when we talk about «power» we feel like asking «what do you mean?»

«Power» is a word, like many other words, that can have many meanings. It can be very positive or very negative. It can be life-giving and also very destructive. Pope Francis has a book with the title of «True power is to serve».

Today, the Church dedicates all her attention to the power of love. And its name is the «Holy Spirit». **Today is Pentecost Sunday.**

Fr. Tony Kadavil tells a story that illustrates this power of transforming even little inadequacies into big events:



Ignacy Jan Paderewski,
1920, photo: Polona.pl

A GREAT ARTIST AND A NAUGHTY BOY

Once, a mother took her five-year-old son with her to a concert by Ignacy Paderewski, the great Polish pianist. The mother and her son got their seats close to the stage. Then the mother met her old friend and got involved talking with her. She failed to notice that her son had slipped away to do some exploring.

At the right time the lights dimmed and the spotlight came on. Only then did the mother see her five-year-old son on the stage, sitting on the piano bench, innocently picking out "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little star."

Before she could retrieve her son, Paderewski walked on to the stage. Walking over to the piano, he



* Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star *

whispered to the boy, "Don't stop! Keep playing."

Then, leaning over the boy, Paderewski reached out his left hand and began to fill in the bass. Later, he reached around the other side of the boy and added a running obbligato.

Together, the great maestro and the tiny five-year-old mesmerized the audience with their playing.

-- The image of the great maestro and the tiny five-year-old at the piano makes a fitting image of the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples. On the first Pentecost, the Holy Spirit whispered encouragement to the disciples. The Holy Spirit transformed the feeble efforts of the disciples into something powerful. (John Pichappilly in *The Table of the Word*; quoted by Fr. Botelho).

Fr. Bernardino Andrade,
05/06/2022

MASS AT "CANTINHO DO BOM PASTOR" – Sunday 12 June - 5:00pm



To celebrate the 57th anniversary of Father Bernardino's Ordination as a priest next Sunday, he will be celebrating Mass at the *Cantinho do Bom Pastor* (Little Corner of the Good Shepherd), which has a special place in his heart.

The Good Shepherd shrine can be found at *Bica da Cana* which is about a 45-minute drive from Funchal, up in the forest areas of *Paul da Serra*.

All are welcome!

PS. (We will still be having our usual 10:00AM Mass in English here at the Chapel next Sunday morning).

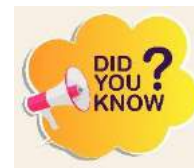
FOUR HUNDRED YEARS OF FAITH – Chapel of Penha de França

Did you know that people have been praying in this Chapel for 400 years? It's true!

This year marks the 400th anniversary of the Chapel. It was founded by António Dantas in 1622, and soon became a famous shrine, with people coming to it on pilgrimage from all parts of the Island. In 1721 the chapel was restored and enlarged. When the Diocese of Funchal took possession of the chapel it was used for the bishops as a Country House or Summer Residence for many years. **The English Mass is a tradition that dates back to 1966**, when Fr. Rafael Andrade, having just returned from his first visit to England, complied to the Bishop's request to start an English celebration. It was first held in the Church of Santa Clara but a few months later it changed to Penha de França. It was closer to Funchal and of easier access to the visitors. Fr Rafael presided this mass for over 20 years, until in 2007 when Fr. Bernardino took over the celebration, and still does it today.



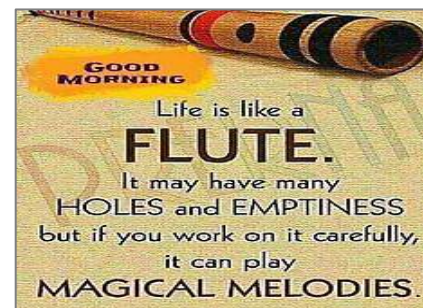
Photo of the Chapel from the 1800s, showing the peak on which it was built. Photo credit: from the Facebook page: *Madeira Quase Esquecida*



THE FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT –



"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law."
(Galatians 5: 22-23)



HAVE A
BLESSED
SUNDAY!

