

## 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: 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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## JOYFUL GIFT

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### CATHOLIC MASS IN ENGLISH

Good morning! Today we are blessed to have **Fr. Stephen Roberts (from the UK)** celebrating Mass together with Fr. Bernardino. Welcome Fr. Stephen!

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(*Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23; Psalm 89(90):3-17; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21*)

Qoheleth the Preacher struggles with the contradictions of life and the vanity of created things which give no lasting satisfaction. Good people suffer, sinners enjoy life and prosper. With no idea of life after death, the Preacher's only solution is to trust that God will make it right eventually.

**The Psalm** contrasts the shortness of our lives with God's eternity, seeing suffering and death as punishment for sin. But also prays that God will grant some happiness before death.

This final extract from **Colossians** hints at Paul's very detailed moral teaching. The Christian's life is now "hidden with Christ", but when Christ is revealed "you too will be revealed in all your glory". Paul then spells out how we should live our lives focussed on Christ. So that we will grow in knowledge and maturity towards the images of our creator that God intended us to be. We must put away sins of both sex and speech, which damage individuals and the Christian community.

**Luke's Gospel** answers the Preacher's problem in the first reading: good actions in this life are rewarded after death, and evil will be punished. The rich man's approach was sensible in capitalist terms, and not immoral. But Luke insists that we must help the poor while we can!

**PSALM RESPONSE:** O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

### TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC

**Entry** - "Walk with me o my Lord..." - n. 600

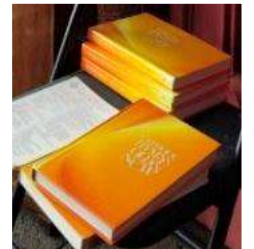
**Offertory** - "Gifts of bread and wine..." - n. 159

**Amen** - n. 727

**Communion** - "We come to share our story..." - n. 607

**Thanksgiving** - Silence for Reflection

**Final** - "Go the Mass is ended..." - n. 175





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**THANK YOU TO MOYNIHANS DOESN'T MEAN GOODBYE**

Before I began saying Mass in English at the Chapel of *Our Lady of Penha de França* there was already Mass in English, and one of the good traditions that was connected with this Mass was inviting the entire community to go to the Social Room (Little Corner of Brother John) where coffee, cake and biscuits would be served, offered by the Franciscans who were responsible for the Chapel.

But especially this «Little Corner» was a place where people could socialize, introduce themselves to one another, break barriers and build bridges. It was amazing to see in that small room how many nationalities were represented. Well, once in a while somebody would come from the Portuguese Mass to inform us that our enthusiastic voices were disturbing the Community attending the Portuguese Mass. And for a few minutes, only for a few minutes, our sound would be a little lower until the next warning, hahaha.

When we were attacked by that cruel coronavirus pandemic, the chapel closed and the social room also closed. No Mass, no coffee, no cake and no socializing.

When things started getting better, with all the precautions, the Mass started in the Chapel but the social room was still a little dangerous especially for its small size where people could not keep the distances imposed by the authorities and by the good common sense.

The Mass started in the Chapel but very few people, including me, arrived to the Chapel early enough to «catch» Manny, Tracy and Jenny «furiously» cleaning and disinfecting the entire chapel, especially the pews. When we arrived at the chapel it seemed that a professional cleaning company had been hired to welcome us with so much hygiene and such a wonderful aroma.

Meanwhile we missed the old socializing with coffee and cake.

That's when Moynihan's entered the scene. Without neglecting our masks and our sanitization, and with less risks than in the Social room of Penha, Sinead and Tadhg opened their Bar-Restaurant to all members of our community; Manny started using his cake-baker skills and Moynihan's was transformed into a social home.

...Finally, the pandemic started being more controlled and the health authorities along with the government alleviated their strict rules, especially about wearing masks and social distancing. The community was informed that even if the pandemic was not completely over, people could now, with the necessary precautions, start having a more normal life.

Getting to this less and less stage of the pandemic it was decided to return to our social room, to where it had started and belonged to. That's the reason why last Sunday, on July 24<sup>th</sup>, the Community of Penha de França returned to its first home which was the «Little Corner of Brother John» (*Cantinho do Frei João* in Portuguese).

At this moment, on behalf of Manny De Ponte and his family and on behalf of the entire community that worships every Sunday at Penha de França we want to express our deepest gratitude to Sinead and Tadhg, and all their employees who knew how to transform a business place into a family place. This is our profound **thank you** but not our goodbye. We know that if it is needed again, that the doors of Moynihan's will be wide open again with open arms and open hearts.



Sinead, Fr. Bernardino and Tadhg



Dear Sinead and Tadhg THANK YOU!... and in our name please also say «thank you» to your wonderful employees.

Love and Peace,  
Fr. Bernardino Andrade,



31-07-2022



20-08-2017 As a Seminararian, with Deacon Craig Aburn and Fr. Bernardino during Mass at our Chapel

Last Sunday, 24th July, we were blessed to have two priests celebrating Mass here at the Chapel!

Fr. Juan Noite (from the Catholic Religious order Priests of the Sacred Heart, normally known as Dehonian priests) and Father Stephen Roberts (on holiday from the UK). Fr Stephen joined us by surprise last week, & today joins us again). Fr. Stephen has visited us many times before from the UK, while he was still a Seminarian, and for the first time last Sunday he celebrated Mass here at our Chapel, as an ordained priest!



24-07-2022 Now as a Priest, 5 years later, celebrating Mass together with Fr. Juan Noite

**MADEIRA HAS THREE NEW PRIESTS!!**



Yesterday morning, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July, the Bishop of Funchal ordained 3 new priests at the Sé Cathedral. These new priests will serve the communities in the parishes of: *Campanário*, *Piquinho* and *Serra de Água*.

**FREE MADEIRAN SUMMER LUNCH IN BICA DA CANA**

This afternoon, being the last Sunday of the month, and as it is become a tradition, Fr. Bernardino is going to say Mass at the **Cantinho do Bom Pastor (little Corner of the Good Shepherd) in Bica da Cana** at 4:00 PM. A group of Madeiran people connected with agriculture have decided to prepare a Free Summer Lunch for everyone. It is a summer lunch prepared with fresh produce that has just come from the earth. All of you are welcome. No reservations are necessary.



Lunch will be served at 1:30 PM and Mass will be celebrated at 4:00 PM.

Please join us! ....

Fr. Bernardino Andrade