

## 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

18th of September 2022

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

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

### Website and Blog:

<http://rcmassmadeira.org/>

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### CATHOLIC MASS IN ENGLISH

**Good morning!** Welcome to the Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França. It was here in this Chapel in 1966 that the first mass in English was celebrated on the island of Madeira. Father Agostinho Rafael was the priest at the time, and our appointed Sunday priest is now Father Bernardino Andrade. This continues to be the only Catholic Mass celebrated entirely in English on the whole Island of Madeira.



### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 112(113):1-8; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13)

**Amos** was a shepherd from Judah who around 760 BC prophesied doom to the northern kingdom Israel, largely because of its social injustice. Israel under Jeroboam was very prosperous, but when it was overrun by Assyria 40 years later the prophet's warnings were remembered. It was not just the ways the rich cheated the poor – inflating the currency and giving short measure. Worse was their belief that sacrifices and fasting would absolve them from God's blame: sacrifice without justice is meaningless. **The Psalm** urges praise for God at all times and in all places for he who is supreme over all stoops down to raise up the poor. In our modern liturgies we follow all of Paul's advice to **Timothy**: we lift up our hands in the traditional manner to offer prayers of petition, intercession and thanks, and we pray for secular authorities – "so that we may live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet". We should reject false gods like riches or possessions. There is only one God, and Christ Jesus, our one High Priest, is the only mediator between us and God. **In the Gospel**, Jesus also warns us not to be seduced into worshipping money. Jesus says though the steward was "dishonest", his motive was right: to gain friends who would help him later.

### PSALM RESPONSE: Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

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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** - "We behold the splendor of God..." - n. 604

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

**Communion** - "Amazing Grace..." - n. 32

**Thanksgiving** - Silence for Reflection

**Final** - "Bind us together Lord..." - n. 65



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HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH AN ICON OF THE WORLD

I always thought that Queen Elizabeth belonged to the United Kingdom only. It was after her death that I realized that Queen Elizabeth belongs to the world. All the world is grieving for this precious lady. Hundreds of Presidents will represent their countries in this last farewell to the Queen that became an icon to the world.

I invited Father Michael Jarman, Chaplain of the Anglican Church, to share with us some of his thoughts and feelings...

Love and Peace

Fr. Bernardino Andrade

18-09-2022



Fr. Michael Jarman

It was with great sadness that we learned on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022 of the death of Queen Elizabeth II. She was monarch of the United Kingdom and of the Commonwealth and had reigned for seventy-one years.

In addition, Queen Elizabeth II was Defender of the Faith and Supreme Governor of the Church of England, a title she inherited from her ancestor Henry VIII, and faith has been her rock.

During her long life, her majesty often referred to her faith and is quoted as saying 'I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God!'

Her majesty, like all of us has had good and bad times in her life and in explaining her way of dealing with life's up and downs she said 'To many of us our beliefs are of fundamental importance. For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life. I, like so many of you, have drawn great comfort in difficult times from Christ's words and example.' He is an inspiration and an anchor in my life. A role-model of reconciliation and forgiveness, he stretched out his hands in love, acceptance and healing. Christ's example has taught me to seek to respect and value all people of whatever faith or none.'

The world has lost a truly remarkable woman. Her spirituality, humanity and kindness are an example to all of us. We shall miss her terribly as she has been for most of us that constant throughout all of our lives.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory!

Fr. Michael, Chaplain, Anglican Church, Funchal.



Queen Elizabeth II (1926- 2022)



Feast of Our Lady of Penha de França – Last Weekend

Last weekend (10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> September) we celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Penha de França here at the Chapel. Mass was presided by the Bishop of Funchal at 5pm, and afterwards there was plenty of music, traditional food, beverages, and also coffee and cake served in the social room of the Chapel. Here are some photos from this event...



Traditional Folk dancing



Mass presided by Bishop Nuno



Procession around the block surrounding the Chapel



Traditional Sandwiches served



Traditional Beverages counter



Coffee and Cakes in the social room

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us.

- Albert Schweitzer

