

## 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.

## JOYFUL GIFT

25th of September 2022

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França,  
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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 6:1, 4-7, Psalm 145(146):6-10, 1 Timothy 6:11-16, Luke 16:19-31)

**Amos** warns both the northern kingdom, Israel, ie Samaria, and the southern kingdom, Judea, with its capital Zion or Jerusalem, that the idle rich in both kingdoms will be the first to go into exile. 40 years later, in 721 BC, Samaria was conquered, and later Judea followed into exile. **The Psalm**, echoed by Mary in Luke's Magnificat, confirms that God's justice will prevail: the hungry will be fed, the blind given sight, but the wicked will lose out. Instructing **Timothy** how to organise the early Christian church, Paul also insists the rich should use their wealth for good deeds. Christians should ideally aspire to show the Christian virtues as examples to all, and so witness to the truth, until our Lord Jesus Christ returns to appear in glory as King of kings. And Paul insists that only God "has immortality": we do not simply have souls that live on after death – our creed says we believe in "the resurrection of the body", a gift from God in which our whole person, body and soul, lives for ever. **The Gospel** graphically illustrates the dangers of riches: the rich man, who is not named, asks that the poor man - who is named - Lazarus - be sent to relieve his torments in hell. Abraham tells him the rich should listen to the prophets.

**PSALM RESPONSE:** My soul, give praise to the Lord.

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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** - "This is the day..." - n. 574

**Offertory** - "Take my hands..." - n. 525

**Communion** - "Take my life..." - n. 527

**Thanksgiving** - Silence for Reflection

**Final** - "O Lord my God..." - n. 419



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### THE TERRORISM OF INDIFFERENCE

It was two o'clock in the afternoon of a very hot month of August... I was driving through one of the busiest streets of Funchal with two passengers.

On one side of the street, we noticed a man lying down covered with a heavy coat, consequently a very hot coat. Hot day, hot hour and a heavy and hot coat.... the worst combination to offer protection and comfort to a human being on a hot day and in a busy and noisy street.



One of the ladies riding with me, seeing that scene said: «**Look!** It's a man sleeping at this time under this very hot sun. It must be horrible». And then she added: «And people don't even look at him». Many people were constantly passing by. But they didn't look at him. «That scene was too insignificant. That scene didn't deserve the attention of anybody. It looked more like a piece of garbage and, by the way, if that man was lying down at this hour in that place he must be a drunkard or a drug addict. It's his fault and he didn't deserve attention». I am pretty sure that no one said: «That man is my brother. What can I do for him?».

I learned long time ago that the opposite of love is not hatred.

The opposite of love is *indifference*. Pope Francis calls it the «Terrorism of Indifference».

The Gospel of today's Mass (Luke 16: 19-31) is for me one of the most disturbing Gospels of the liturgical year. It's the story of two men. One is just called «a rich man». The other one was identified by a «poor man called Lazarus». The rich man used to «dress in fine linen and feast magnificently every day». The poor man called Lazarus covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table, lay at his door. Both died. The poor man called Lazarus went to Heaven. The rich man was condemned to hell. The rich man was not condemned for being rich. The rich man was condemned for being indifferent to the suffering of the poor man.

**What is disturbing** is that the Gospel doesn't say that the rich man did anything wrong. It doesn't say that the rich man insulted or hurt Lazarus or even sent him away. The rich man was condemned *not for being rich* but because he was *indifferent to the suffering of another human being*. He was condemned because he did nothing to alleviate the suffering of another human being.

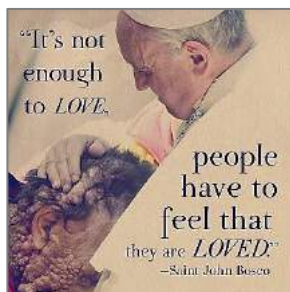
«The opposite of love is not hatred. The opposite of love is indifference».  
How important is the suffering of other people in my life? What can I do to alleviate it?

Love & Peace

Fr. Bernardino Andrade

25-09-2022

The opposite of love is not hate, **it's indifference.**



### THE HILL OF CROSSES - In Lithuania

There is a hill in northern Lithuania which has over 200.000 crosses, carvings and shrines made out of everything from wood to metal. It is known as The Hill Of Crosses, and has been a site of pilgrimage for more than a hundred years.

The tradition of leaving crosses began after an uprising against the Russian *tsar* was put down in 1831. Relatives of the dead rebels, with no bodies to bury, instead left crosses on this hill to commemorate their fallen.

In 1991, when Lithuania acquired its long-awaited independence, the hill became a dual symbol of Lithuania's Catholic faith and her national identity. Some of the crosses stand as much as three meters tall, while there are also countless tiny examples hanging upon the larger crosses. Some of the crosses bear messages to God. Rosaries, pictures of Jesus and the saints, and photographs of Lithuanian patriots also decorate the area.

For more pictures and information about the Hill of Crosses you can see this website:

<http://www.lovethepics.com/2015/03/hill-of-crosses-lithuanian-landmark-story-of-hope-defiance-faith-freedom-pics/>



### PRIEST'S VESTMENTS HAVE SPECIAL NAMES

