

## PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE (PHP)

*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).



"You should wash each other's feet"  
(John 13:14).

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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

**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

### >> 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

## JOYFUL GIFT

2nd of October 2022

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França,  
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### CATHOLIC MASS IN ENGLISH IN MADEIRA

Good morning! Welcome to the Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França. Our appointed Sunday priest is Father Bernardino Andrade. This 10am Mass is the only Catholic Mass celebrated entirely in English on the whole Island of Madeira. The special intention of this morning's Holy Mass will be for Maria Alzira Dias Sebastião who passed away 3 years ago on September 26th. May her Soul rest in peace ☩

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(*Habbakuk 1:2-3,2:2-4; Psalm 94(95); 2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14; Luke 17:5-10*)

**Habbakuk** appears to have prophesied while Judah was being threatened by Babylon, who destroyed Jerusalem in 586 BC. Habbakuk expresses the ever-present frustration of mankind that evil people always seem to triumph. Since God is good and just, why doesn't He intervene to help those who worship Him? Instead of punishing his erring people by a nation even more wicked? God's answer here is that "the upright man will live by his faithfulness". So Habbakuk agrees to "quietly wait" for the invaders to be punished. **The Psalm** invites us to praise and worship the Lord daily, for he is our king and shepherd. We must not lose faith in God, as did the Israelites in their desert journey. In the first of four readings from Paul's second letter to **Timothy**, he is urged to "bear the hardships" relying on God's power, using and developing his skills to testify to the good news. You should "guard the rich truth that has been entrusted to you" the truth that Jesus, "has abolished death". In **Luke's Gospel** Jesus continues to teach on his way to Jerusalem. We must have confidence in God's plan, carrying out the tasks God has given us. We must not expect God to put this world to rights in our lifetime.

### PSALM RESPONSE: O that today you would listen to his voice! "Harden not your hearts."

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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** - "Father in my life I see..." - n. 135

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

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

**Thanksgiving** - "Oh 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](mailto: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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(Introduction note: I wrote this text 20 years ago when I was the Pastor at St. Anthony's Parish in the Diocese of Oakland, California, USA)

**“LOAVES AND FISHES” - A TASTE OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

November 11, 2002 will leave a deep mark in the history of St. Anthony's Church in Oakley. “Loaves and Fishes” inaugurated today is a program to serve free meals to the public. Today, November 11, 2002 free meals were served between 11:30 AM and 1:15 PM in our Parish Hall.



St. Anthony's Church in Oakley

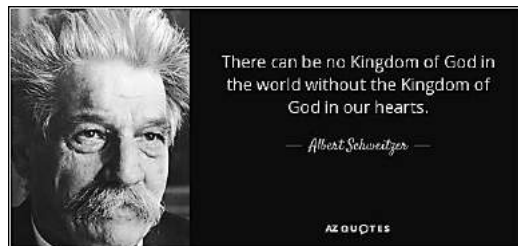
**What most fascinates me** and makes me see this program as a taste of the Kingdom of God is that one of the most important policies of the program is “no questions asked”. It reminds me of a similar program I visited many years ago in Half Moon Bay. The name was “No Strings Attached”. All the programs I know make a terrible effort to separate the poor from the less poor and from the rich. I think that one of the signs that the Kingdom of God is near is when all human beings will feel comfortable to sit around the same table to share their food and their stories.

**It was around one of the tables at the St. Anthony's Hall, while drinking a cup of coffee and eating some tortillas,** that I heard the story of a Parishioner who crossed the border from Mexico to the USA 63 times. The Border Police had told him that if he was caught for the 63rd time he was going to have an experience to never forget. Smiling he agreed that they were right. On the 63rd time he was caught, he faced jail, starvation and beatings. Still smiling he commented that “I was not counting the times. I had no idea how many times I had crossed the border illegally. But they knew it”.



**Today I saw people from different social levels, seated around the same table** sharing the same food and the same friendship. I saw illiterate migrant people eating very close to a pregnant medical doctor and her husband who were enjoying the same food and the same friendship. I saw Catholics and Protestants sharing their experiences and their dreams while sharing the same food. I saw children and elderly touching each other, laughing and talking while sharing a delicious menu of roast beef, mashed potatoes, fruit salad, juice, coffee and lots of pastries.

**One thing left me speechless.** The Director of *Loaves and Fishes*, Rick Richardson, approached me last Sunday and handed me a closed envelope. When I opened it there was a check of \$500 dollars for the Church. I couldn't believe it. Today, jokingly, I asked him if he had made a mistake because I thought we were the ones who should pay them for offering such a great service to St. Anthony's and our people. God is a good God. The Kingdom of God is near.



Love & Peace,  
Fr. Bernardino Andrade  
02/10/2022

**God has a plan for my life, that's all I need to know**



God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for nothing. I shall do good. I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it, if I do but keep His commandments. Therefore, I will trust Him. Whatever, wherever I am, I cannot be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. (John Henry Newman)



**PRAYER & PSALM FOR TODAY**

*Hail Mary*

In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Hail Mary, full of Grace!

The Lord is with Thee

Blessed art Thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God

pray for us, sinners, now and at the hour of our death Amen.

**TWENTY THIRD PSALM**

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD; HE LEADETH ME TO LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES: I SHALL NOT WANT.

HE LEADETH ME BESIDE THE STILL WATERS. HE RESTORETH MY SOUL: THY ROD AND THY STAFF THEY COMFORT ME.

YEA, THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH, I WILL FEAR NO EVIL: FOR THOU ART WITH ME.

THOU ANOINTEST MY HEAD WITH OIL; SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY SHALL FOLLOW ME ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE: AND I WILL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD FOR EVER.