

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

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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: la.contreras@sbcglobal.net

>> DONATIONS FROM THE UK:

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BANK: Lloyds Bank

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 02461743

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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: sineadmoynihan7@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.

Older issues of the newsletter can be downloaded from the Chapel's website/blog: www.rcmassmadeira.org

JOYFUL GIFT

16th of October 2022

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

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CATHOLIC MASS IN ENGLISH IN MADEIRA

Good morning! Welcome to the Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França. This 10am Mass is the only Catholic Mass celebrated entirely in English on the whole Island of Madeira. We are blessed to have **Fr. Bernardino Andrade** celebrating Mass for us today.



TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(Exodus 17:8-13; Psalm 120(121); 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2; Luke 18:1-8)

During the **Exodus**, after escaping from Egypt across the Red Sea, the Israelites' frequently grumbled about God, who responded by giving them water, quail and manna. Then they were challenged by the Amalekites living between Palestine and Sinai. Moses needed a lot of human help to keep his arms up! But his persistence showed complete faith in God. They continued to quarrel and test the Lord, but he showed yet again that he will always look after them. The **Psalmist**, full of confidence in the Lord, assures his companion he too may have total confidence in God. Paul emphasises that **Timothy**, like Moses, must "be persistent" in proclaiming the word "whether it is convenient or inconvenient". He describes the uses of scripture: "for teaching, for refuting error, for guidance and for teaching people to be holy". For Paul, writing before the Gospels were written, "scripture" meant what we now call the Old Testament. So we need to persist in trying to understand the Jewish Scriptures. Just before Jesus enters Jerusalem **Luke** gives us two parables about prayer. Today we hear how the persistent widow gets justice. Jesus assures us: God will "see justice done to his chosen who cry out to him day and night even when he delays to help them".

PSALM RESPONSE: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

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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

TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC

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

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

Communion - Hymn n. 134

Thanksgiving - Silence for Reflection

Final - "Ave Maria Gratia Plena..." - n. 39





PRAYER DOESN'T CHANGE THINGS...

«Prayer doesn't change things. Prayer changes people and people change things».

A lady told me one day: «The more I eat the more I want to eat. The more I sleep, the more I want to sleep. The more I smile, the more I want to smile. The more I keep grudges, the more I want to keep grudges. The more I pray the more I want to pray. The more I forgive, the more I want to forgive. The more I love, the more I want to love»

The readings of this Sunday (29th Sunday of Ordinary time C), revolves around prayer. I would like to share a story. It's a story told by Father Tony Kadavil.

Prayer Power: Some years ago, *Guideposts* magazine printed a remarkable story. It was about a young high school teacher named Mary. She wanted so much to succeed as a teacher. But a student named Bill was turning her into a nervous wreck.

One morning, before school began, Mary was sitting at her classroom desk writing something in shorthand. Suddenly Bill appeared at the door. "What are you writing?" he asked as he approached her desk. "I'm writing a prayer to God," she said. "Can God read shorthand?" he joked.

"He can do anything," said Mary, "even answer this prayer." Then she tucked the prayer inside her Bible and turned to write on the chalkboard. As she did, Bill slipped the prayer from her Bible into his typing book.



Twenty years later Bill was going through a box of his belongings that his mother had stored in her attic. He came across his old typing book. Picking it up, he began to thumb through it. Lo and behold, he found the shorthand prayer. It was yellow and faded with age.

Bill stared at the jottings on the paper and wondered what they said. He took the prayer and put it in his wallet.



When he got to his office, he gave the prayer to his secretary to decipher. She read it and blushed. "It's rather personal," she said. "I'll type it out and put it on your desk when I leave tonight."

That night Bill read the prayer. It said: "Dear God, don't let me fail this job. I can't handle my class with Bill upsetting it. Touch his heart. He's someone who can become either very good or very evil."

The final sentence hit Bill like a hammer. Only hours before, he had been contemplating making a decision that would commit him to a life of evil. During the next week Bill took the prayer out several times to read it.

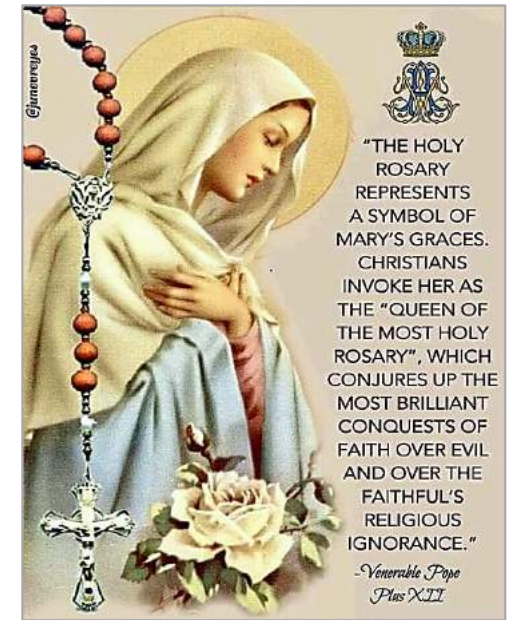
— To make a long story short, that prayer caused Bill to change his mind about doing what he was contemplating.

Weeks later Bill located his old teacher and told her how her prayer had changed his life. (Mark Link in Sunday Homilies). (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>).

Love & Peace,
Fr. Bernardino Andrade



MIRACULOUS PROTECTION OF THE ROSARY



An amazing story of miraculous protection from Atomic Bomb in Hiroshima:

During World War II, an atomic bomb was dropped on the town of Hiroshima, Japan. Everything within a mile was annihilated. The only survivors within that one mile radius were four priests. Not only did they all survive with (at most) relatively minor injuries, but they all lived well past that awful day with no radiation sickness, no loss of hearing, or any other visible long term defects or maladies. Naturally, they were interviewed and examined numerous times (Fr. Hubert Schiffer, a survivor, said over 200 times) by scientists and health care people about their remarkable experience and they say "we believe that we survived because we were living the message of Fatima. We lived and prayed the rosary daily in that home."



Fr. Hubert Schiffer being interviewed



Read more about this miracle here:

https://immaculate.one/prayer-is-more-powerful-than-the-atom-bomb-fr-hubert-schiffer-hiroshima-survivor#_YOp8R3bMK3A

Hiroshima after the bombing - 4 Catholic priests stand outside their church

