

## 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.

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

## JOYFUL GIFT

30th of October 2022

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

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

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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. This morning we are blessed to have our newly-appointed Chaplain, **Fr. Carlos Almada** joining **Fr. Bernardino** in celebrating Mass for us today. The special Mass intention this morning is for Rakel, an 18-year-old girl who is very sick with leukaemia.

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(*Wisdom 11:22-12:2; Psalm 44(45); 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2; Luke 19:1-10*)

The **Book of Wisdom** has been describing ways in which Wisdom guided the patriarchs and took special care of Israel during their Exodus wanderings in the desert. God's mercy extends to all creation, even men's sins. The logic is impeccable: "you love all that exists", "for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it." Offenders are encouraged to trust in God by gentle reminders of their sins. **The Psalm** praises God's sovereign majesty and loving providence. For the next three weeks we have readings from Paul's second letter to the **Thessalonians**. After his opening greeting, Paul thanks God for the strength of the Thessalonians' faith, which he boasts about to other churches, and promises that those persecuting them will be punished. The Thessalonians are always in Paul's prayers, and should not be misled by false information about the second coming. Much has to happen before the end time. In the Gospel, **Luke** graphically describes the rich tax collector, Zacchaeus. Curious to see Jesus, Zacchaeus immediately follows Jesus and promises to give half his wealth to the poor. A contrast to the rich official who could not detach himself from his material possessions to follow Jesus. Though excluded from the Jewish community by his occupation, Zacchaeus receives salvation as a true son of Abraham.

### PSALM RESPONSE: I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

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

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

**Communion** - "As I kneel before you..." - n. 39

**Thanksgiving** - "O Lord hear my prayer..." - n. 418

**Final** - "O when the saints go marching in..." - n. 436



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**WELCOME FATHER CARLOS**

It was 11:00 PM of a cold cold night of September 11, 2020. I was in *Bica da Cana* located on the Hills of Madeira Island. A group of men and women were busy preparing and decorating the place where, on the following day, our Bishop was going to bless the Little Corner of the Good Shepherd. It was the month of September. It was a cold night. I was there but doing nothing. Instead, I was seated in the middle of the forest agonizing with cold, hunger and pain due to my back problem that was waiting for a back surgery.

Besides these strange inconveniences there was a thought torturing my mind. That was: I still had to go home, choose, prepare, type and print the readings and the rest of the material for the Mass that was going to be presided by the Bishop, on the following day, September 12, at 11 AM.

All Masses are special. But that Mass was supposed to be even more special. It was a Mass to inaugurate the *Little Corner of the Good Shepherd* and to honour the people on the Front Line combating the pandemic that was at its height.

Finally, I came home. Before doing anything else I opened my computer to start working on my project for what I expected to be a long night.

To my surprise when I opened my computer the first thing I saw was an email from Fr. Carlos Almada, the Bishop's Secretary. In his email he had done all the work that I was expecting to do that night. I almost cried. On the following day I thanked him during Mass and since then I never let him forget what he had done. His answer, because he was the Bishop's Secretary, is always the same: «That was my job». Actually it was not his job. He did it just to help me and until today I feel this deep gratitude towards him and I keep this image of Fr. Carlos, a person who likes to help even when he doesn't have to.

I have this «handicap» that is to evaluate people and their place to be in this world for what they do for others when they don't have to do it.



Fr. Carlos and Fr. Bernardino

Father Carlos was born on July 4, 1992, and was ordained as a priest on July 23, 2016. His first job was as the Bishop's Secretary and recently was assigned to be the Rector of the Seminary and the Chaplain here at the Chapel of Penha de França.

Today we welcome him as a priest and as a friend. We are friends. We are going to work together.

Thank you, Father Carlos, for being one of us.

Love & Peace,  
Fr. Bernardino Andrade

On the 1st October 2022, Fr Carlos Almada, became the new chaplain of the Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França. Here are some photos from his first Mass here:



Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> 2020 - Inauguration of the Little Corner of the Good Shepherd in Bica da Cana



**CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRIVE** - October to December at the Chapel



Every Christmas, we are reminded in the midst of plenty that for many families in Madeira Christmas is a continuing time of scarcity and struggling to survive. This year, we are hoping to present each family under the care of the *People Helping People* charity, with a surprise hamper. To do this, each month we are asking people to contribute specific items.

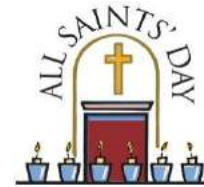
We are asking people to bring along toiletry items such as soaps, lotions, body wash, shampoo, toothpaste, etc. which may be placed in the basket at the entrance of the chapel. Supermarkets often have specials where these items can be bought at a discount.

By starting early, we hope that we will be able to provide each family with a hamper at Christmas especially suited to their needs.



**ALL SAINTS DAY - November 1st**

Mass at the Chapel Tuesday morning - 10am



Tuesday is All Saints Day. It is a Holy Day of obligation like on a Sunday, and is celebrated annually in the Catholic Church on the 1st of November.

Father Bernardino will be celebrating *All Saints Day* here at the Chapel with a Mass in English at 10:00 AM. All are welcome!

**HUMOUR FOR THE DAY**

A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on the way to church service, 'And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?' One bright little girl replied, 'Because people are sleeping.'



**Choir Festival**

Some of our Chapel's choir members will be performing at a Choir Group Festival!

**When:** Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)

**Time:** 17h00

**Location:**

Mudas – Museum of Contemporary Art (Calheta)

All are Welcome! Please come along and enjoy!

**Free Entrance!**

