

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 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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ACCOUNT NAME:

Associação Gente Ajudando Gente

BANK: Banco Santander Totta

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 0003 4938 1759020

IBAN: PT50 0018 0003 49381759020 94

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BANK: Lloyds Bank

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 02461743

BRANCH: Univ. of Cambridge

SORT CODE: 30-13-55

IBAN: GB05 LOYD 3013 5502 4617 43

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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: sineadmoynihian7@icloud.com

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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
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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

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

13th of November 2022

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

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CATHOLIC MASS IN ENGLISH IN MADEIRA

Good morning. **The special intention of this morning's Mass is for the soul of Irene Augusta Jesus Gonçalves de Gouveia** who passed away on the 11th of September. May her Soul rest in peace ☩ Father Bernardino Andrade is our appointed Sunday priest for this 10am mass in English. This is the only Catholic Mass celebrated entirely in English on the whole Island of Madeira. Father Bernardino was born in Madeira but lived and preached for many years in America, and also in Mozambique.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(*Malachi* 3:19-20; *Psalms* 97(98); *2 Thessalonians* 3:7-12; *Luke* 21:5-19)

Writing anonymously about 460 BC, after the Jews returned from their Babylonian exile to rebuild the Temple, **Malachi** criticises the people's religious indifference, priestly abuses, intermarriage with pagans and divorce: "Where is the God of justice?" But he promises the day of the Lord is coming, preceded by a messenger to prepare the way, seen by Christians as John the Baptist. When that day comes evil-doers will be burnt up, while those who fear the Lord will be energised and healed, gambolling with joy, treading on ashes of evil-doers. **The Psalm** urges all creation to praise the Lord for His victorious salvation. The **Thessalonians** had heard a forged letter saying the Lord's second coming was very close. Some had stopped working for a living and were "interfering in everyone else's" work. Paul says they are "busybodies", stirring up trouble! They should be shunned until they pull their weight in the community, as Paul did when he was with them. **In the Gospel**, Jesus foresees the destruction of the Temple, and the disasters, persecutions and false prophets that must precede the second coming. But we must not worry about these future problems, nor try to guess the day of the Lord's second coming. We should concentrate on the day-to-day following of Jesus, placing all our trust in Him.

PSALM RESPONSE: The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.

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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 - "Abide with me..." - n. 6

Offertory - "Eat this bread..." - n. 128

Peace - "Shalom..." - n. 495

Communion - "When I needed a neighbour..." - n. 623

Thanksgiving - "Longing for light..." - n. 329

Final - "All over the world..." - n. 19



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VI WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

1. POPE FRANCIS' PASSION:

Everything Pope Francis does, he does it with love and passion. Why this passion for the Poor? He tells part of the story.

When in 1913 he was elected Pope, he says that he was seated next to Cardinal Humes from Brasil. After the election, Cardinal Humes, approached him, hugged and kissed him and said: «DON'T FORGET THE POOR». Then, Pope Francis says, that statement started bombarding his brain all day long.

I believe that being from Latin America this was not an Epiphany for Pope Francis. It is impossible to live in South America without being in a daily contact with poverty and misery.

2. WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

In 2016 Pope Francis established the World Day of the Poor which always falls on the 33rd Sunday of the Ordinary Time. The theme of this VI year is «FOR YOUR SAKES CHRIST BECAME POOR (2 Cor. 8:9)

3. THE PREFERENTIAL OPTION FOR THE POOR:

The preferential option for the poor is not optional. It's the heart of the Christian life. When Jesus inaugurated his public life, He was very clear about his purpose of coming to the world: «The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor» (Lk. 4: 18).

4. AN ORIGINAL AND MANDATORY FORM OF STARTING A MEETING:

One of the things that touched me the most in America was the fact that one Archbishop had ordered that in his Diocese all the church meetings should start with this poignant question: «How important is this meeting for the poor?». I tried it in my Parish but I confess that I have not been very successful.

5. THE RESPONSE OF THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING COMMUNITY OF PENHA DE FRANÇA:

In all my 57 years as a priest I have never met a community that has tried to approach the vision of Jesus as we find at Penha de França. All our worship is guided by the two key words of the Scriptures. It is a Mass where we don't need a homily. The two words are COME and GO. In the Prayers of the Faithful, Debbie brings the world to the Church= **Come**. Then at the end of Mass there is always a member of the community that makes an appeal for the poor. It is like saying: «Go, find a hurt and heal it, find a need and fill it». Go to the world and make it a better world. **We are People Helping People.**

6. MY APPEAL:

The two biggest challenges in People Helping People (PHP) are lack of Volunteers and lack of finances. Today I would like to make a special appeal. I beg for MONTHLY PLEDGES. PLEASE!

The present situation of PHP is: «We receive 10, donate 20 and need 30».

Love and Peace
Fr. Bernardino Andrade



CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRIVE FOR THE POOR - here at the Chapel



This Christmas we are hoping to present each poor family under the care of the *People Helping People* charity, with a surprise hamper. From now until Christmas we are asking people to please **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 on Sunday mornings before Mass.

Thank you to all who have donated so far! It's much appreciated!

Source: Agência Ecclesia

https://agencia.ecclesia.pt/portal/vaticano-papa-benze-escultura-que-alerta-para-a-situacao-das-pressoas-sem-abrigo

On Wednesday, 9th November, Pope Francis unveiled and blessed a new sculpture in St. Peter's Square dedicated to the homeless. It's a life-size bronze statue titled "Sheltering" by Canadian artist Timothy Schmalz. The statue, a life-size figure of a homeless person being covered by a blanket that is pulled by a dove in flight, invites society to take care of homeless people, in the context of the VI World Day of the Poor.

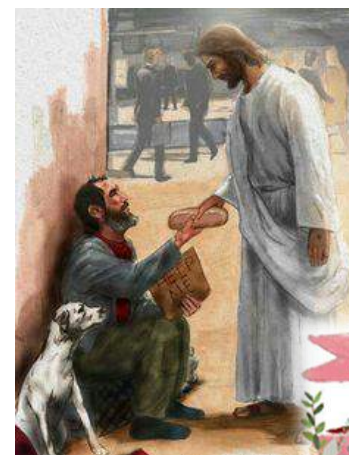


"This statue makes a crucial statement about homelessness: It forces us to be aware of the homeless people around us. Before we can solve the homelessness problem, we have to understand it, we have to stop and listen to the stories of homeless people and involve them in solutions that bring about long-term change. No one should be left without a home,"

says Mark McGreevy, FHA ('FamVin Homeless Alliance') coordinator and President of the Depaul International Group, in the context of this blessing and inauguration.



Also to celebrate the World Day of the Poor this year, the Pope will be present at a lunch for disadvantaged people, offered by the Vatican, this Sunday.



THOUGHTS
FOR
TODAY



11 NOVEMBER
REMEMBRANCE DAY

Lest we forget



- LEST WE FORGET -

There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.

- JOHN 15:13

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