

## 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.

### >> 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:

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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: l.a.contreras@sbcglobal.net

## JOYFUL GIFT

20th of November 2022

Christ The King, 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. The 10am Mass this morning will be celebrated by **Fr. Joseph Arun**, who is a Carmelite Priest, originally from India. Welcome Fr. Joseph! Straight after this mass, at 11am, there will be a Mass celebrated in Portuguese by Fr. Carlos Almada.

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(2 Samuel 5:1-3; Psalm 121(122); Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43)

The Books of **Samuel**, Kings and Judges, tell of Israel's history from when they entered Canaan about 1200 BC, up to their exile to Babylon in 587 BC. After the death of Saul, David became King of Judah. In today's key reading David then becomes King of all Israel. He goes on to capture the 1,000-year-old city of Jerusalem, and makes it his capital. He then brings the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem, making it also Israel's religious centre.

**The Psalm** celebrates arriving in Jerusalem, goal of pilgrims and seat of government.

**The letter to the Colossians** was written because they thought that angelic beings and other spiritual powers were either rivals to Christ or were needed to supplement Christ's work. Paul says this detracts from the person of Jesus Christ, who possesses the totality of power needed to gain our freedom, "the forgiveness of sins". The hymn praises Christ, who is the image of the unseen God. He existed before all things, which were created in him, and He is supreme over all creation. He has reconciled all things, the whole cosmos, by "the blood of the Cross".

**In Luke's Gospel** the crucified Jesus is recognised as King, both by the good thief and in the inscription written by Pilate, a Gentile.

### PSALM RESPONSE: I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's house."

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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** - "Alleluia sing to Jesus..." - n. 29

**Offertory** - "Blest are you..." - n. 69

**Communion** - "Soul of my Saviour..." - n. 512

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

**Final** - "Praise to the Lord..." - n. 468



**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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### 1. NO CATHOLICS IN HEAVEN

I heard a story told by a Protestant minister, a very good friend of mine, that a non-Catholic man died and went to heaven. God welcomed him with love and kindness and expressed his joy for seeing him in Heaven. One of the first

questions this man asked God was if there was any Catholic person in Heaven and God answered «No. There are no Catholics in Heaven».

He immediately reacted: «Of course. I knew. Catholics changed things in the Bible and were so far away from its teachings».

Then another question: «What about Anglicans»? «No. No Anglicans in Heaven».

And the man understood that Anglicans also were not good enough to go to Heaven. «And what about Lutherans and Baptists and Orthodoxies». And God's answer was always «No. Those denominations are not in heaven».

Finally the most important question. «And... what about my Church denomination?» The answer was also «no».

This pious man got completely lost. «But God if the members of my denomination who practiced every word in the Bible, if we are not in Heaven, then please tell me: Who is in Heaven».

God's answer was: «My Son. In Heaven I only have sons and daughters. I only created sons and daughters. You, people, are the ones who made that mess. Not me».

### 2. CHRIST THE KING

Today, the last Sunday of the Liturgical year, the Church celebrates the *Feast of Christ the King*. When we talk about kings and Queens we always associate with crowns on their heads and somebody on the top of the pyramid. My interpretation of Christ the King is of a «FEET WASHER». Jesus didn't come to establish the Catholic Church or any Church. Jesus came to establish the Kingdom of the Father where every human being would be, and feel, that he/she is a son/daughter of God. All human beings are brothers and sisters and all people are owners of the world. The world, food, medicine, and peace, love, kindness will belong to all human beings. No, Jesus didn't come to establish any Church. The Churches (whatever name they have) are only instruments to build the Kingdom of God our Father, who is also our Mother.

Love and Peace  
Fr. Bernardino Andrade



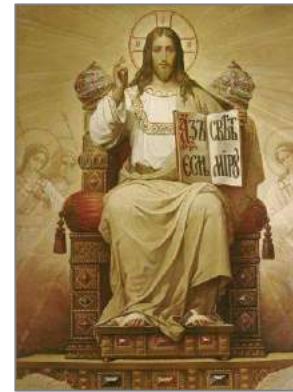
Painting by Nathan Greene - The Family Of God



### 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 for your support!



Today, the last Sunday of the Liturgical year, the Church celebrates the *Feast of Christ the King*. Christ the King Sunday celebrates the full authority of Christ as King and Lord of the universe. It is celebrated on the final Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Sunday before Advent. In 2022, the feast falls on November 20th.

Here in Madeira, in the town of Garajau, there is a 15 metre high (49ft) statue of Christ the King. In Portuguese it's called the *Cristo Rei* statue. It is the work of French sculptor Georges Serraz.

The monument was dedicated on the 30th of October 1927, and consists of a statue of Christ with open arms facing the ocean. It was financed & commissioned by

the Counselor Aires de Ornelas, who had it erected to fulfil a promise. The majestic statue stands on top of a hill which drops into a ravine towards the sea, and is open to the public all year round.



### PRAYING IN A CAVE, UNDER ICE – The Antarctic Chapel



The southernmost place of worship in the whole world, of any religion, is a Catholic church. **800 miles away from the South Pole**, braving winter temperatures of over a hundred degrees Fahrenheit below zero, a **few thousand people live** in the Antarctica at any given time. And because, like



most people, **they have spiritual needs**, there are a number of chapels at various government bases. **At the Argentinian Belgrano II Base there is a Catholic chapel with a unique attribute: it is carved out of pure ice!** That's right, it's in a permanent ice cave. The first Belgrano base was built in the 1950s, but had to be abandoned since the ice on which it was built wasn't stable enough. Finding good places for permanent bases is tough since 98% of Antarctica is covered in ice. Fortunately, the Argentine government found about a hectare of ice-free land close by, and Belgrano II Base was opened in 1979. Nonetheless, **in some ice nearby, people dug out a system of tunnels, and built a Catholic chapel inside.** It is still apparently used by scientists working on the base today. Isn't this amazing?



### THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

