

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

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NIB: 0018 0003 49381759020 94

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>> DONATIONS FROM THE UK:

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BANK: Lloyds Bank

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 02461743

BRANCH: Univ. of Cambridge

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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

>> 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
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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

JOYFUL GIFT

15th of January 2023 – 10h00 Sunday Mass

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

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CATHOLIC MASS - ENGLISH SERVICE

Good morning! Welcome to the Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França. Our Mass today will be celebrated by Father Joseph Arun. Please join us after Mass in the little social room across the garden where tea, coffee and cake will be served.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(Isaiah 49: 3,5-6; Psalm 39(40); 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34)

Second Isaiah's servant songs were written after the Israelites had been released from their captivity in Babylon. The servant, chosen before he was born, is to take God's salvation to the whole world, as well as to Israel. **The Psalm** offers thanks to God for rescue from danger. Doing God's will is the best sacrifice we can offer, trusting in God's Law and his plans for us. From now until Lent we read from Paul's first letter to the **Corinthians**, written from Ephesus about 56AD. Paul cannot stop talking about the centre of his life: Jesus, who called him to be his envoy. Those in the "assembly called by God in Corinth", are called to be holy, part of the universal fellowship of believers, and subject to Christ's authority. He blesses them with grace – God's unconditional love – and peace. **John's Gospel** does not have Jesus being baptised. Instead, after the Baptist insists to questioners from Jerusalem that he is not the Messiah, he recognises Jesus. Uniquely he describes Jesus as the Passover sacrificial "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world", the "Chosen one of God", who "baptises with the Holy Spirit". This gift of new life in God, is greater than the cleansing given by John's baptism with water.

PSALM RESPONSE: Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

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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 - "Here in this place..." - n. 220

Gloria - "Sing glory to God..." - n. 666

Offertory - "In bread we bring you, Lord..." - n. 258

Peace - "Shalom, my friend, shalom..." - n. 495

Communion - "Love is his word..." - n. 353

Thanksgiving - "Give thanks with a grateful heart..." - n. 164

Final - "This is the day, this is the day..." - n. 574

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.

FROM MY HEART TO YOUR HEART



- Brought to you by Fr. Bernardino Andrade

It was 1:30 AM, many years ago. I was sound asleep. A big boom wakened me up and every neighbour on the block. We got together on the corner of the street close to my house. Yes, something terrible had happened. When I arrived there, still in my pyjamas, a police officer was very hurt lying down on the pavement. In front of him there was a dead young girl inside her Volkswagen. This police officer was driving fast on a police call and an accident happened.

The neighbours started talking with each other. I asked the lady close to me: «Do you live around here?», she replied «Yes! Right there.».

There was just one house between my house and her house. So then I said: «Oh I thought that was Manuel Rodrigues house.», she replied: «Yes. Manuel Rodrigues was my father. He died two years ago.»

I was speechless! My neighbour had died two years ago and I had not noticed. So that morning I promised that this was not going to happen in my life again. Then I found this text called *The Paradox of Our Time*, that I want to share with you today. It applies deeply to me. I wish this applies to me only. Only me.

God loves you and so do I,

Fr. Bernardino Andrade

THE PARADOX OF OUR TIME

The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings *but shorter tempers*, wider Freeways, *but narrower viewpoints*. We spend more, *but have less*, we buy more, *but enjoy less*. We have bigger houses and *smaller families*, more conveniences, *but less time*. We have more degrees *but less sense*, more knowledge, *but less judgment*, more experts, *yet more problems*, more medicine, *but less wellness*.

We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom. We have multiplied our possessions, *but reduced our values*. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often. **We've learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've added years to life not life to years.**

We've been all the way to the moon and back, *but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbour*. We conquered outer space *but not inner space*. We have done larger things, *but not better things*.

Remember, spend some time with your loved ones because they are not going to be around forever. Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side.

Remember, to **give a warm hug** to the one next to you, because **that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent**. Remember, to say, «I love you» to your partner and your loved ones, but most of all, **mean it**.

A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside of you.

Remember to **hold hands** and **cherish the moment** for someday that person will not be there again.

Give time to love, give time to speak! And give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind.

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER: Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away. (Anonymous)



“SANTO AMARO” FEAST - January 11th to 15th

Every year from January 11th to 15th the town of Santa Cruz pays tribute to its patron saint, *Santo Amaro* (Saint Maurus), in a very lively religious festivity, which marks the end of the Christmas holidays. It is during this time when Madeiran families gather to share the remaining delicacies of the festive season, take off the Christmas decorations and dismantle the *lapinhas* (nativity cribs) and “clean” the kitchen cabinets.

Yesterday evening, for the first time since covid restrictions have eased on the island, hundreds of people made their way to the church in Santa Cruz, in a procession led by firefighters carrying a statue of *Santo Amaro* (Saint Maurus).

Here are some photos of this special event: ([Source: www.dnoticias.pt/2023/1/14/344343-procissao-em-homenagem-a-santo-amaro-reune-centenas-de-fieis-em-santa-cruz/](http://www.dnoticias.pt/2023/1/14/344343-procissao-em-homenagem-a-santo-amaro-reune-centenas-de-fieis-em-santa-cruz/))



THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

