

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

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IBAN: PT50 0018 0003 49381759020 94

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>> 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: sineadmoynihn7@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: la.contreras@sbcglobal.net

JOYFUL GIFT

29th of January 2023

10h00 Sunday Mass

4th 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.

The special intention of this morning's mass will be for the soul of myung -ja chung (Helena) who passed away 1 year ago.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(*Zeph 2:3,3:12-13; Psalm 145(146): 7-10; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12*)

About 630 BC, **Zephaniah** strongly denounced the idolatry that had developed during the reign of Josiah. He prophesied "A day of wrath, ... a day of darkness and gloom" - from which we have our hymn *Dies Irae*. But God would leave a remnant of humble and lowly people - from whom tradition believes Jesus' and John the Baptist's parents came, and also Simeon and Anna. **The Psalm**, echoed by Mary in Luke's Magnificat, confirms that God's justice will prevail: the hungry will be fed, the blind given sight, but the wicked will lose out. Continuing his letter to the **Corinthians**, Paul reminds them "the world did not know God through wisdom". God has made us members of Christ, who has become our wisdom. God's plan works in ways that seem foolish and weak to us. We have nothing to boast about except the Lord. About forty years after Jesus died, **Matthew** followed Mark in writing a gospel, which he arranged as five collections of sayings by Jesus, alternating with five collections describing what Jesus did. The first collection of sayings, the Sermon on the Mount, starts with the Beatitudes, which we hear today. Over the remaining Sundays before Lent we hear the rest of this Sermon, in which Jesus develops the Commandments given to Moses into positive ways of living. Although much of the promised happiness of the kingdom of God is in the future, it does extend to the present time in anticipation.

PSALM RESPONSE: How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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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 - "Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord..." - n. 532

Gloria - "Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo" - n. 669

Offertory - "The love I have for you, my Lord..." - n. 555

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

Communion - A new commandment... - n. 2

Thanksgiving - Panis Angelicus

Final - "Go, the Mass is ended..." - n. 175



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.



WHEN BEING POOR IS GOOD NEWS

Most of the countries in the world celebrate their «Declaration Day of Independence». The Beatitudes are a «Declaration Day of our Dependence of God».

As Father Kadavil says, the Beatitudes are a «series of bombshells» or «flashes of lightning followed by thunder of surprise and shock» because Jesus reverses our «natural» assumption that happiness lies in riches, power, pleasure and comfort. We believe in personal pride; Jesus blesses poverty of spirit. We seek pleasure; Jesus blesses those who mourn. We see the prosperity of aggressive people; Jesus blesses the meek. We love good food and drink; Jesus blesses those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. He challenges his listeners to find fulfillment of their needs in God, in their particular socio-economic context.

The peasants, the farm workers, and the artisans of the villages in Palestine were the oppressed class.

The majority of them had no political power or rights. In contrast to them were the rich and powerful, who owned most of the land, collaborated with the hated Romans, controlled the Temple cult, and interpreted the laws of God. Jesus addresses this situation in his Beatitudes.



GRATITUDE

More than one month in the Hospital. There's no doubt that after a few surgeries, nights without sleeping, questions without answers and lots of discomfort proper of the Hospital, coming home is a great relief. But more than that I want to express all my gratitude to the members of the Community of Penha de França, especially for their persistent prayers and the expression of their love. **But in a special way I want to say thank you to Father Joseph** for his fidelity to our Sunday Mass. Our whole community loves you Father Joseph.



Finally at home and recovering well 😊

I am still going through some programs of recovery that are going to take some time. I ask you all to please keep me in your prayers. I believe that prayer functions always... even if I don't know how.

Love & Peace
Fr. Bernardino Andrade,

2023/01/29



Last week we had a successful book sale after Mass which raised 150 euros to help the needy. Mrs Jane Caldwell and her husband, Peter, have been regular visitors to our island for the past 18 or so years. Jane is an author, who lives in England, and after learning about the poverty on the island, decided to write a novel to help the “People Helping People” project which was started here at the Chapel in 2010 to help the needy.

Jane has written 3 novels, and this morning, directly

after Mass there will be another book sale. Absolutely every cent will go towards helping those in need. Get your copy before they are sold out!



Happy Reading! 😊

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We need to build up society in the light of the Beatitudes, walking towards the Kingdom with the least among us.

— Pope Francis —

Beatitudes of the Bible

Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.

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Bee attitudes to help Little Pot grow the fruit of the Spirit.

Bee PATIENT & GENTLE, wait on God

Show LOVE and KINDNESS to others even when they do not deserve it

Be a PEACemaker.

Be GOOD and pure in a sinful world

Have an attitude of JOY when you face loss

Have self-control and continue to Be faithful even when others persecute us

Matt. 5:2-11 Gal. 5:22-23

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