

## 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

**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

**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

2nd of April 2023

10h00 Sunday Mass

Palm/Passion Sunday, Year A

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



**Website and Blog:** <http://rcmassmadeira.org/>

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### CATHOLIC MASS - ENGLISH SERVICE

Welcome to the Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França. Today is Palm Sunday. **The special intention of this morning's Holy Mass is for Julia Marie Christie (Sheila).** Sheila was born 16th Aug 1937 in Tipperary, Ireland. She moved to Madeira with her husband John when they retired, spending many happy years in their lovely home in Caniço. John Michael Christie died 26th May 2016. Julia Marie Christie (Sheila) died 17th Jan 2023. Sheila often came to church in Penha de França and Father Bernardino buried her husband, John. We extend our sincere condolences to her family and friends. **May she rest in peace ☩**

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(*Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 21(22); Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14 – 27:66*)

In exile in Babylon, after Jerusalem was destroyed in 597 BC, the despairing people are tempted to give up their faith in God. In the 'servant-song' **Isaiah** offers consolation, recommending trust in the Lord. Today Isaiah's words express both our horror at the way Our Lord was treated, and our admiration for his example of patient non-retaliation. Trusting confidently in his Father, he "sets his face like flint", even though it is covered with spittle. On the Cross, Jesus uttered the first words of this **Psalm** which reflects his suffering. Not a cry of despair, but expressing Jesus' complete confidence in his Father and praising the redemption bought by his Cross. The hymn in **Philippians** rejoices: unlike Adam, Jesus did not seek to be equal to God. But God raised him to glory and gave him the name 'Lord'. Jesus on the Cross invites us to imitate his humility. **Matthew's** Passion, with its lively dialogue, shows Jesus aware and in control. Writing after the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70, Matthew blamed the Jewish leaders for Jesus' death. Jesus died just before Passover, when Jews celebrated their freedom from slavery. Soldiers, Jewish leaders, the inscription on the Cross, all ironically give Jesus his true title of 'King of the Jews', the Messiah. Jesus' obedience to God's plan gives the Cross meaning.

### PSALM RESPONSE: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

[www.bible-groups.info](http://www.bible-groups.info)

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** - "You shall cross the barren desert..." - n. 644

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

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

**Communion** - "O Lord, all the world belongs to you..." - n. 416

**Thanksgiving** - "I cannot tell..." - n. 239

**Final** - "I will be with you wherever you go..." - n. 249





**IF YOU WANT TO BECOME A NOBODY, JOIN US**

I felt the need to have a private retreat. Usually when I make retreats I do it with a group, and one retreat Director giving conferences about spiritual themes to help us to reflect about God and about ourselves. This time I chose to go to a retreat house that belonged to a community of nuns and make the retreat by myself. When I arrived there, I saw a man dressed in overalls, painting the house. He had paint all over him. He had paint on his hands, his clothes, his face,

and in his hair. Finally at lunch time I was invited to a dining room to have a meal with him. It didn't take too long to discover that he was a priest. Having meals together, he inspired me a lot to have a good retreat. That's when he told me about the «*becoming a nobody*».

In America it is common to make advertisements in newspapers, inviting young boys and girls to enter the convents and seminaries, giving them attractive reasons to become priests, nuns or brothers. To advertise vocations, they use the same methods as they use to advertise any other product. They try to show attractive pictures and also attractive reasons to enter the convent or the seminary.

What was not attractive was a special announcement that went like this: «IF YOU WANT TO BECOME A NOBODY, JOIN US».

Today the Church celebrates Palm Sunday, which inaugurates the most important week of the year.

Today I opened the Bible and found many situations where Jesus became that *Nobody* and invites us, His followers, to become «*Nobodies*» like Him.

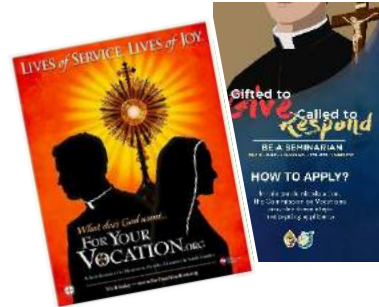
In Isaiah 52: «Like a sapling He grew up in front of us, like a root in arid ground, without beauty without majesty we saw him, no looks to attract our eyes, a thing despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and familiar with suffering, a man to make people screen their faces; he was despised and we took no account on him». The Lord has been pleased to crush him with suffering».



Ps. 30: «In the face of all my foes, I am a reproach and object of scorn to my neighbours and of fear to my friends. Those who see me in the streets run far away from me. I am like a dead man forgotten in men's hearts, like a thing thrown away.

«IF YOU WANT TO BECOME A NOBODY, FOLLOW JESUS»

Love & Peace  
Fr. Bernardino Andrade  
02-04-2023



Maranatha Baptist Mission  
La Romana, Dominican Republic

- Brought to you by Jane House

During the first week of March, members of our community, Skip and Jane House, served as part of a Medical Mission and Construction Team, in La Romana, Dominican Republic.

This was their 13<sup>th</sup> trip to serve the Haitian families, the men of which work in the sugar cane fields. As part of the Maranatha Baptist Church there have been teams going to serve these people for over thirty years. In addition to providing basic medical clinics which addresses the needs of women, children and the elderly or infirmed men, who live in the village, the teams have been instrumental in providing skilled and unskilled labor and financial support to build a state-of-the-art hospital in La Romana, and ongoing teams and support of the medical clinics.



The Medical Clinic consist of 3 or 4 doctors, volunteers from the US, and/or from the hospital, paid by the team. Other volunteers take blood pressures, administer anti-parasitic juice to the children, or fill prescriptions in the portable pharmacy. Many take time out to bring toys and play with the children as well. The team purchases or brings donated hygiene supplies, clothing and food to distribute to each family processed through the clinic each day. It's definitely a labor of love where the Haitian people give as much to us as we give to them. We were blessed to have several young Haitian interpreters, who spoke English, French, Creole and Spanish. They were amazing and truly became our friends.

The Good Samaritan Hospital was the vision of Pastor Jean Luc Phenard, whose parishioner died in childbirth, when she was denied care at a Dominican hospital because she was Haitian. Sadly, Pastor Jean Luc was killed in a plane crash, in Queens, NY in Nov 2021, while on a trip to secure funds for the hospital. Loyal supporters, many Americans and local church members and friends, who had been involved from the start, continued to see his mission through to the end. Now the hospital is a modern four-story facility, with state-of-the-art dental clinic, surgical suite, radiology and dialysis, as well as emergency, physical therapy and routine in-patient care. Good Samaritan Hospital and the Maranatha Baptist Mission Medical Clinics continue to be built with faith, hope, hard work, charity and love.

Here are some special moments from the Medical Mission trip to the Dominican Republic:



**HAMPERS FOR EASTER 2023**

A big Thank You to everyone who has supported our Easter Hamper collection by bringing items to the Chapel on Sunday mornings.

These will be distributed amongst families who need our help.

For further details:  
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**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**  
**At the Cathedral of Funchal**

**April 2, PALM SUNDAY**

10:30 AM – Gathering at Church of Colégio  
 Blessing of Palms and Procession to the Cathedral  
 11:00 AM - Solemn Mass at the Cathedral

**April 6, HOLY THURSDAY**

11:00 AM – Chrism Mass  
 5:30 PM – Mass of the Last Supper,  
 Washing of the Feet  
 Adoration

**APRIL 7, GOOD FRIDAY**

5:30 PM - Celebration of the Passion of the Lord, followed by the procession of Jesus burial at 7:00 PM

**April 8, HOLY SATURDAY**

9:30 PM - EASTER VIGIL MASS  
 Blessing of the Fire  
 Blessing of the Easter Candle  
 Blessing of the Water

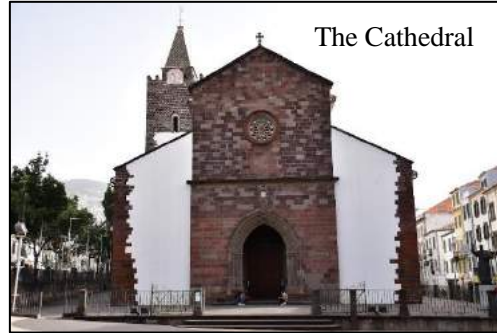
**APRIL 9, EASTER SUNDAY**

10:30 AM – Procession of the Resurrection  
 11:00 AM – Mass

**Masses during the daytime:** 8:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM, 6:00 PM



**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**



The Cathedral

**PLEASE NOTE:** Here at our Chapel, we will **not** have Masses during Holy Week. Our next Mass in English will be on **Easter Sunday at 10:00 AM**

**CONFESSIONS in English – During Holy Week**

Father Joseph will be available for confessions **in English** at the **Carmo Church** during Holy Week.

Monday 3rd, Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th April  
 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM  
 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Address of the Carmo Church (*Igreja do Carmo*):  
 Rua do Carmo 1, Funchal, 9000-019  
 Ask for “Padre José” (Father Joseph)

