

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



>> 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

30th of April 2023

4th Sunday of Easter, Year A

10h00 Sunday Mass – Sunday of the Good Shepherd

Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França,
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CATHOLIC MASS - ENGLISH SERVICE

Good morning! Welcome to the Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França. Father Bernardino will celebrate Mass for us this morning. The special intentions of this morning's Holy Mass are for (1) the De Nobrega and De Gouveia families; (2) for the soul of Maria dos Anjos Rodrigues de Pão, who passed away on Tuesday at age 96. We extend our sincere condolences to her family. May she rest in peace ☩

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

(Acts 2:14,36-41; Psalm 22(23); 1 Peter 2:20-25; John 10:1-10)

Last Sunday we heard the middle section of Peter's speech at Pentecost, saying the Resurrection shows Jesus was the Holy One expected by King David. Today the consequences: many of his hearers accept this and are told they must repent and be baptised. "Repent" in the sense of radically changing their life and directing it towards God. Even though Jesus does not appear to baptise during his lifetime, baptism is immediately the mark of membership of the new Christian community, at which they receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **The Psalm** celebrates God's loving care for his people, like a shepherd guarding and guiding his flock, who are looking forward to his generous end-time feast. **Peter's letter** continues: God's approval comes not from justifiable punishment but from suffering patiently even when we have done right. Christ patiently bore for us unjustified insults and hurts without retaliating, trusting completely in his Father. We must imitate the Lord our shepherd in every way, placing all our trust in him. He will "give us comfort" and "repose". In the **Gospel John** also sees Jesus as the Good Shepherd. He knows each one of us and leads us. We follow him because we know his voice. He is also the gate, through which we can enter and find safety.

PSALM RESPONSE: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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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 - "Colours of day dawn into the mind..." - n. 93

Offertory - "My soul is filled with joy..." - n. 380

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

Communion - "From heaven you came..." - n. 155

Thanksgiving - "O, the love of my Lord..." - n. 433

Final - "Guide me, O thou great Redeemer..." - n. 201



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.



A SHEPHERD WHO KNOWS THE SHEPHERD

He was born and grew up in a poor and rural parish where he went to Catechism and made his First Communion. After his primary school, this boy went to the city where he was lucky to do his studies and become a great actor whose main performances were to recite classic and modern poems. One day he was invited to go to his former parish and perform for the congregation. The show was done inside the church which was big enough to accommodate lots of people. The church was packed. He recited many poems and people were delighted.

When he finished his program, the actor opened the show to the public announcing that *«If you want me to recite any special poem, please feel free to do it. If I know it by heart, I will be happy to do it for you».*

A few people requested special classic and modern poems and he was very successful in knowing all of them and, of course, did an incredible job.

Standing almost at the back of the church was his former Pastor who had given him Religion classes, his first Communion, and was still the Pastor of the same Parish. He raised his hand and asked the actor to please recite the Psalm 23

«The Lord is my Shepherd». The actor obliged to do it, but before starting he put one condition which was: *«Father, I will be happy to recite the Psalm 23 but with one condition: if you come after me and do the same psalm».* Both agreed even though the priest was feeling very shy, knowing perfectly that he was not going to do a good job compared with his former parishioner. The moment arrived. The actor started reciting the Psalm 23: ***«The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. / Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. / Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit...»***... It was the most thrilling moment of the night. He didn't miss one word.

People standing, hardly stopped clapping and applauding. When everybody was in silence, the actor kindly invited the old and humble priest to approach the microphone saying: *«Father, now it is your turn, please».* The Pastor had no choice and approached the microphone. He crossed his fingers as he used to do in prayer, bowed his head and closed his eyes. With a soft voice he started: ***«The Lord is my Shepherd there is nothing I shall want»*** and then recited the entire psalm. He forgot and stumbled in a few words but finished the psalm. When he finished nobody applauded. The silence was very heavy and most of the people were in tears. After a few moments the actor interrupted the silence and said: *«Do you know the difference between me and this man? The difference between me and this man is that I know the Psalm but he knows the Shepherd».*



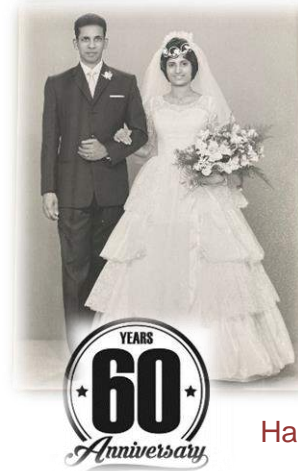
The Shepherd knew the Shepherd and that was the reason why he made such a difference in that congregation.

Today, the fourth Sunday of Easter is the Sunday of the Good Shepherd. We are all invited to follow the Good Shepherd but we are also invited to be good shepherds for our family members and for all around us. Let us be good to them.

Love and Peace, *Fr. Bernardino Andrade*
 30/04/2023



A DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY – 60 years of love



Irene and Armando de Sousa will soon be celebrating **60 years together!** They were married on the 25th May 1963 in India. They have been coming to Madeira on holiday for many years, and attend Mass here in our Chapel when they are here. Today you will hear Irene playing the piano during Mass. She is a professional church organist, who has played around the world. Irene has played the organ from the age of 15, and does a Youth choir in her Parish Church in the UK.



Happy Anniversary Mr & Mrs de Sousa!



MADEIRA FLOWER FESTIVAL – parade today at 4pm in Funchal

Source: <https://eventsmadeira.com/en/event/allegoric-parade/>

The Flower Festival in Madeira has started this week!. The festival is a tribute to spring and the celebration of metamorphosis and rebirth, and the abundance of the flowers that colour and perfume the surrounding environment.



This afternoon, the streets of Funchal city center are once again filled with music, colour and soft aromas. There will be a parade at 4pm which you should not miss out on! This parade has taken place in Madeira since 1979. The parade is highlighted by the magnificence of the floats which are intricately decorated with magnificent flowers, and the lovely costumes worn by the hundreds of participants, mostly children parading to the sound of cheerful musical themes and performing choreographies either simple or elaborated. **This year there are 1700 participants, divided into 13 groups.**



EASTER IS NOT A DAY BUT A SEASON

CONFESSIONS

If any of you would like to go to Confession during this Easter time and experience God's Mercy, please approach the priest who says the English Mass or talk to Manny and he will be very happy to help you to contact the priest.

