

## 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).

### >> PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE CONTACTS:

**EUROPE:** Pe Bernardino Andrade, Rua das Murteiras, 28 - 1E, 9060-199 Funchal, Madeira, Portugal.

Email: bernardinodandrade@gmail.com

**USA:** Larry Contreras, 60 Meeks Ln., Oakley, CA 94561. Tel. 707-333-5501

Email: l.a.contreras@sbcglobal.net

### >> 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

**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

28th of May 2023

**Pentecost, Year A**

**10h00 Sunday Mass**

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

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

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/penhafrancachapel](https://www.facebook.com/penhafrancachapel)

**Instagram:** [www.instagram.com/capela\\_penha\\_franca/](https://www.instagram.com/capela_penha_franca/)

**Email:** [penhafranca.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:penhafranca.newsletter@gmail.com)



### CATHOLIC MASS - 10 AM ENGLISH SERVICE

Good morning! Welcome to the Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França, which was founded by Antonio Dantas in 1622. Father Bernardino Andrade is our priest who celebrates this *Catholic Mass in English* every Sunday morning here at the Chapel at 10h00. Masses in Portuguese are celebrated on Saturdays at 18h30 and Sundays at 11h30.

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS – Pentecost, Year A

(Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 103(104); 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13; John 20:19-23)

Pentecost was less understood by Christians than the other two Jewish pilgrimage feasts of Passover and Tabernacles. Then the Dead Sea Scrolls showed that Pentecost was associated with God giving the Covenant on Sinai, and enrolling new community members. The coming of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles fits neatly with this Covenant feast. **The Psalm** calls us to praise God's creative wisdom. Filled with wonder at the details of God's glorious works, this psalm is well worth reading in full. **Acts** tells us that they "had all met", including Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. Wind and fire remind us of Sinai. The list of peoples who hear is effectively the programme for the mission now starting. After rebuking the **Corinthians** for their factions and giving us the earliest description of the Eucharist, Paul shows how Christians together make up the one body of Christ on earth. It is the one Spirit who gives the gifts each of us needs for the particular task God has given us. In the first ending of **John's Gospel**, Jesus appears to Mary Magdalen after his resurrection, and then to the disciples together in a closed room "for fear of the Jews". Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on them, sending them on mission with power to forgive sins.

### PSALM RESPONSE: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

[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)

### HYMN NUMBERS:

**Entry Hymn:** "I will sing I will sing..." - n. 251

**Offertory Hymn:** "I am the bread of life..." - n. 237

**Peace:** "Shalom..." - n. 495

**Communion Hymn:** "Eat this bread, drink this cup..." - n. 128

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

**Final Hymn:** INSTRUMENTAL - by Carla Rodrigues





LIFE AFTER DELIVERY

In a mother's womb were two babies, one asked the other: «Do you believe in life after delivery? ». The other replied «Why, of course. There has to be something after delivery. Maybe we are here to prepare ourselves for what we will be later. »



« Nonsense », said the first, « There is no life after delivery. What kind of life would that be? ».

The second said «I don't know, but there will be more light than here. Maybe we will walk with our legs and eat from our mouth. Maybe we will have other senses that we can't understand now». The first replied - «That is absurd. Walking is impossible. And eating with our mouths? Ridiculous! The umbilical cord supplies nutrition and everything we need. But the umbilical cord is so short. Life after delivery is to be logically excluded. ».

The second insisted - «Well I think there is something, and maybe it's different from life here. Maybe we won't need this physical cord anymore. ». The first replied: « Nonsense. And moreover, if there is life, then why has no one ever come back from there? Delivery is the end of life, and in the after-delivery there is nothing but darkness and silence and oblivion. It takes nowhere. ».



«Well, I don't know, » said the second, «but certainly we will meet Mother and she will take care of us. ». The first replied «Mother? You actually believe in Mother? That's laughable. If Mother exists then where is She now? ».

The second said: «She is all around us. We are surrounded by her. We are of Her. It is in Her that we live. Without Her this world would not and could not exist. ». «Well I don't see her, so it is only logical that she doesn't exist», said the first, to which the second replied: «Sometimes, when you're in silence and you focus and listen, you can hear Her loving voice, calling down from above. ».

-- Today is Pentecost: The Church's birthday! "Before Pentecost, the disciples were unsure of what they were to do next, and spent most of their time in hiding. After Pentecost and the gift of the Holy Spirit, they understood their mission to spread the Good News of Jesus, and they had the courage to come out of their hiding and speak openly about who Jesus was, and what he had accomplished by his dying and rising. (Fr. Tony Kadavil)

Love and Peace,  
Fr. Bernardino Andrade



10-03-1973: Emídio and Rosário Martins Rodrigues at their Wedding ceremony, 50 years ago

50 YEARS OF LOVE


This morning, Emídio and Rosário Rodrigues will be Renewing the Vows they made to each other 50 years ago! They are both members of a traditional Madeiran Folklore dance & music group, where they met and fell in love. They were married on March 10th, 1973.

The final hymn at Mass this morning will be played by their daughter, Carla, who many of you will recognize, as she often serves as an acolyte here at the Chapel.

Parabéns! Happy Anniversary Mr. & Mrs. Rodrigues!



## WHAT IS PENTECOST?



Pentecost (from the Greek word "Pentecoste" meaning "50th day") is the one of the most prominent feast days in the Christian calendar. It is often referred to as the "birthday of the Church."

It marks the day, nearly 2,000 years ago, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles, who had been living in fear for fifty days following the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday.

Emboldened by the Holy Spirit, the apostles set forth to tell all people in Jerusalem of the Resurrection. As they spoke in tongues given to them by the Holy Spirit, all nationalities present could understand them in their own mother tongue.

[facebook.com/catholicsknowtheanswerofficialpage](https://facebook.com/catholicsknowtheanswerofficialpage)



## Come, O Holy Spirit

Come, O Holy Spirit,  
enlighten my understanding  
to know Your commands,  
strengthen my heart  
against the wiles of the enemy,  
inflare my will...

I have heard Your voice,  
and I don't want to harden  
my heart to resisting,  
by saying 'later... tomorrow.'

Nunc coepi! Now!  
Lest there be no tomorrow for me!  
O, Spirit of truth and wisdom,  
Spirit of understanding and counsel,  
Spirit of joy and peace!

I want what You want,  
I want it because You want it,  
I want it as You want it,  
I want it when You want it.  
Amen

By  
**St Josemaria Escrivá**  
(1902-1975)

Anastpaul/18