

## 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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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.

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## JOYFUL GIFT

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11th of June 2023

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

10h00 Sunday Mass

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

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### CATHOLIC MASS - 10 AM ENGLISH SERVICE

Good morning! Welcome to the Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França. Father Bernardino Andrade is our priest who celebrates this *10am Catholic Mass in English* every Sunday morning here at the Chapel. Tomorrow will be the 58<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his Ordination as a priest! We are blessed to have Father Bernardino here and thank him for his years of service to God and His people.



### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS – 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

(Hosea 6: 3-6; Psalm 49(50): 1.8.12-15; Romans 4:18-25; Matthew 9: 9-13)

**Hosea** was writing from about 750 BC in the northern kingdom. He compares Israel, with her idolatry and oppression of the poor, to his adulterous wife. Like God, the prophet chastises her, but he cannot renounce her, because he loves her, in spite of her repeated unfaithfulness. Here Israel insincerely repents, and God almost loses patience with them: he wants love, not ritual sacrifices. **The Psalm** shows the worthlessness of external worship when it is divorced from true morality. Our readings from Paul's letter to the **Romans** continue with the conclusion of his complicated argument that Abraham, born before the Law was given to Moses, was made right with God solely through his faith. Abraham believed completely that God would bring about what he had promised, that Abraham would father many nations, even though he is already "as dead" and Sarah's womb is "dead". Moreover this "righteousness" was a free gift, and cannot be obtained by performing rituals and other "works" prescribed by the Law. After several more healings **Matthew's gospel** describes the apostle's call and the beginnings of conflict with the Pharisees, prompted by Jesus eating with Matthew and his tax collector friends. The emperor's head on the Roman coins used for the tax was seen as idolatrous by the Pharisees. So, handling these coins was sinful. Jesus responds by quoting from Hosea: it is those who slavishly follow the rules of the Law, but who ignore its deeper meaning, who need healing.

**PSALM RESPONSE:** **To one whose way is blameless, I will show the salvation of God. Or: I will show God's salvation to the upright**

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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](mailto:chris@chris-oliver.net)



### HYMN NUMBERS:

**Entry Hymn:** "This is the day..." - n. 574

**Offertory Hymn:** "Gifts of bread and wine..." - n. 159

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

**Communion Hymn:** - "This is my body..." n. 572

**Thanksgiving:** - "One day at a time..." - words inside the newsletter

**Final Hymn:** "God forgave my sin..." - n. 181



**REFLECTING ON MY VOCATION**  
**\*\* MY 58th ANNIVERSARY \*\***



I was 12 years old. The youngest of 11 brothers and sisters, from a poor family. I was having a little informal conversation with my mother and my sister, when my sister, Agostinha, surprised me with this question: « Bernardino, wouldn't you like to be a priest? ». It sounded like a very strange question but without any hesitation I said yes. My mother and I started getting all the necessary information and in a short period of time I entered the Seminary. It was October 15, 1950 when I entered the Seminary in Funchal. **It was June 12<sup>th</sup>, 1965, when I was ordained as a priest in Quelimane (Mozambique).**

One day, in California, a newsman, after a few questions, asked me: « But... Father, when you were 12 years old what did you understand about priesthood? ». My answer was: « I am almost 70 years old and I still do not understand it. »

**Priesthood has always been a fascinating mystery that God has been slowly revealing to me** through the celebration of the Sacraments, my Pastoral ministry, my prayer life and especially in my contact with the poorest of the poor. Alleviating the suffering of the world, being a sower of hope and compassion, struggling for social justice, combating cruel bureaucracies and social inequalities, preparing lay leadership and Small Communities have always been some of my biggest priorities with a few successes and lots and lots of failures. **The poor have always been my main masters.** They are the ones who have taught me what priesthood is about. When I entered the Seminary, I didn't do it to study my vocation. When I entered the Seminary, I did it to be a priest.

Now I am 85 years old. **If I could go back in life, I would choose to follow the same road.** I never thought that it would be so difficult



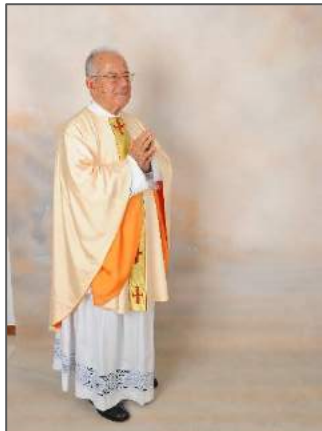
1965 - 27 years old...  
on my **First Mass Day**

to be a priest, but I never thought that it would be such a fascinating and happy life. Everything I do, I do it with love and passion. When I look at a host that I just consecrated during Mass, sometimes I still feel tears in my eyes. And I still do not understand why and I don't care to understand. I am passionately in love with Jesus and his project of «bringing good news to the poor» (Lk. 4:18) to build, starting in this world, the Kingdom of His Father who is «Our Father who art in Heaven and on Earth».

To summarize **my Mission Statement as a priest, it would be:**  
**« I came to bring good news to the poor» (Lk. 4).**

Love and Peace,  
**Fr. Bernardino Andrade**  
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11/06/2023



**2015 - On my Golden Jubilee**  
- 50th anniversary as a priest

Words to today's Thanksgiving Hymn:

**ONE DAY AT A TIME**

I'm only human, I'm just a woman.  
 Help me believe in what I could be and all that I am.  
 Show me the stairway, I have to climb.  
 Lord for my sake, teach me to take  
 One day at a time.

**CHORUS**

One day at a time sweet Jesus.  
 That's all that I'm asking of you.  
 Just give me the strength  
 to do every day what I have to do.  
 Yesterday's gone sweet Jesus.  
 And tomorrow may never be mine.  
 Lord help me today, show me the way  
 One day at a time.



Do you remember, when you walked among men?  
 Well Jesus you know  
 if You're looking below  
 it's worse now, than then.  
 Pushing and shouting,  
 that's crowded my mind.  
 So for my sake, teach me to take  
 One day at a time.



**REPEAT CHORUS**

One day at a time sweet Jesus.  
 That's all that I'm asking of you  
 Just give me the strength  
 to do every day what I have to do.  
 Yesterday's gone sweet Jesus.  
 And tomorrow may never be mine.  
 Lord help me today, show me the way  
 One day at a time.

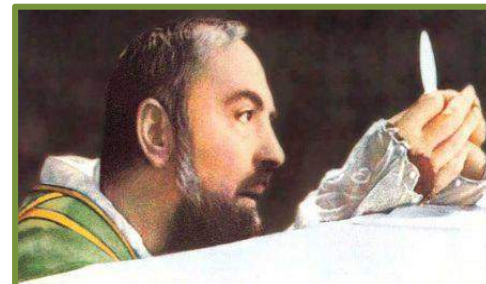


**On Friday, June 16th, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.** The Feast of the Sacred Heart has been in the Roman Catholic Liturgical calendar since 1856, and is always celebrated 19 days after Pentecost Sunday. The feast of the Sacred Heart always falls on a Friday.

**The origin of the devotion to the Most Sacred Heart in the modern form, derived from a French Roman Catholic Saint, St. Marguerite Marie Alacoque.** She learned the devotion from Jesus during a mystical experience. Her revelations were numerous. In December 1673, while she was praying in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament,



**she heard Jesus speaking to her.** He told her that **he wanted to spread the love of his heart** through her and that she would reveal to many people the grace he desires always to bestow on humanity.



**EACH HOLY MASS HEARD WITH DEVOTION PRODUCES MARVELOUS EFFECTS IN OUR SOULS, SPIRITUAL AND MATERIAL GRACES, THAT WE OURSELVES DO NOT KNOW. IT WOULD BE EASIER FOR THE EARTH TO EXIST WITHOUT THE SUN THAN WITHOUT THE SACRIFICE OF THE MASS. SAINT PIO OF PIETRELcina**