

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.

JOYFUL GIFT

18th of June 2023

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

10h00 Sunday Mass

Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França,
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Welcome

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CATHOLIC MASS - 10 AM ENGLISH SERVICE

Good morning! Welcome to the Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França. This morning we are blessed to have a priest from the UK visiting our Chapel! **The Revd Simon Beveridge** is a priest of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham in Scotland. He will be joining Father Bernardino this morning. Welcome Fr. Simon!

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS – 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

(Exodus 19: 2-6; Psalm 99(100): 2-3.5; Romans 5: 6-11; Matthew 9: 36 – 10: 8)

After escaping from Egypt and journeying for three months through the desert, the Israelites arrive at Sinai where God offers the covenant. Israel is invited to be his people, given special protection. In return they are to be "a kingdom of priests, a holy nation". The whole people are set apart to be intermediaries between God and the whole of mankind, taking knowledge of the one true God to all peoples. **The psalm** sings joyfully of God while entering his temple: "he made us, we belong to him". Our readings from Paul's letter to the **Romans** continue with this dense statement of the doctrine of atonement. God is not an offended deity to be appeased by his son's sacrifice. "God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us." God and Christ worked together to enable mankind to be "at one" with them. And now that we are reconciled "we will be saved by his life", our new life in Christ, "the love of God poured into us through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." After more healings, **Matthew's gospel** tells how Jesus went round "teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness". For the enormous task of spreading the gospel, he appoints 12 Apostles and gives them their mission. Jesus' ministry was almost entirely limited to Israel, and initially the Apostles are similarly restricted.

PSALM RESPONSE: We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

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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



HYMN NUMBERS:

Entry Hymn: "Immaculate Mary..." - n. 256

Offertory Hymn: "Lay your hands gently upon us..." - n. 307

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

Communion Hymn: - "The Lord's my shepherd..." - n. 554

Thanksgiving: - "The love I have for you..." - n. 555

Final Hymn: "To Jesus heart, all burning..." - n. 585



HAPPY BIRTHDAY AGNES

A few years ago that wonderfully creative Christian sociologist, Rev. Tony Campolo, traveled to Honolulu, Hawaii, for a speaking engagement. He flew all the way from Pennsylvania to Hawaii and had an awful case of jet lag. Therefore, at 3:00 AM, he was wide awake.

Tony found a donut shop near his hotel. As he sat there sipping coffee and glancing at a newspaper, the door to the diner swung open and in marched eight or nine provocative and boisterous prostitutes. Their talk was loud and crude. Tony was just about to make his getaway when he overheard one of the women say: "Tomorrow's my birthday. I'm gonna be thirty-nine."

One of her friends responded in a sarcastic tone, "So, what do you want from me, a birthday party?"

"No," she said. "I've never had a birthday party in my life. Too late to start now."

Suddenly, Tony Campolo had an idea. As soon as the women had left, he said to Harry, the owner of the diner, "Do those women come in here every night?"

"Yep," he said, "about this same time. Hope they weren't bothering you." "No," Tony said, "but I have an idea. The one sitting next to me is going to have a birthday tomorrow. I'll pay the bill if we can have a little birthday party for her."

A smile spread across Harry's face. "That's a good idea. Her name is Agnes." He called his wife out of the kitchen area and told her about it. They agreed to bake the cake.



The Rev. Tony Campolo

The next morning by 3:00 AM Campolo had decorated the diner with crepe paper and had made a big sign reading, "Happy Birthday, Agnes." Word had gotten around somehow because by 3:00 AM every prostitute in Honolulu was in the place. Wall to wall prostitutes and Tony Campolo.

At 3:30 AM on the dot, Agnes walked in and confronted the cake with burning candles and the crowd singing loudly, "Happy Birthday." She was flabbergasted, stunned, shaken. Her eyes moistened.

Then after she blew out the candles she completely lost it and openly cried. After the party was over, Tony asked the group if he could say a prayer. He prayed for Agnes and everyone else in the group.

Then after everyone was gone, he thanked Harry for going along with the party. Harry said, "Hey, you didn't tell me you were a preacher. What church do you belong to?" In one of those moments when just the right words came, Tony answered, "I belong to a church that throws birthday parties for prostitutes at 3:00 AM."

And Jesus ends the parable like this: «The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests» (Mat. 22:10).

Story told by Fr. Tony Kadavil



Love and Peace,
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SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Two days ago, on Friday June 16th, the Catholic church celebrated the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Bishop of Funchal, D. Nuno Brás, presided at a Mass in the parish of Paul do Mar, joined by many priests from around our island. The Mass was also to celebrate the Day of the Clergy. Emeritus bishops D. Teodoro de Faria and D. António Carrilho joined our current Bishop in concelebrating this special Mass.



Emeritus bishop D. Teodoro de Faria, with Bishop Nuno Brás, and Emeritus bishop D. António Carrilho, together with all the clergy present at the special Mass at the Paul do Mar church on Friday .

POPULAR SAINTS FESTIVAL (Festa dos Santos Populares): 12-29th June

The Popular Saints Festival (Festa dos Santos Populares – in Portuguese) takes place all over the island in the month of June, and is strongly rooted in the traditions of Madeira.

They are the high social point of many regions on the island. These festivities are dedicated to the 3 popular saints: St. Anthony (Santo António), St. John (São João) and St. Peter (São Pedro).



The celebrations begin with Saint Anthony, traditionally the saint of love, and a match-maker, but St. John is the most popular saint.

From 19th - 24th June, local shops prepare and show off their creativity by decorating small altars in honour of the 3 saints.

There are also lively musical performances in the city centre.