

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

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>> DONATIONS FROM THE UK:

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BANK: Lloyds Bank

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 02461743

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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: sineadmoyhian7@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

23rd of July 2023

16th 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 SERVICE (IN ENGLISH)

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 – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

(Wisdom 12:13,16-19; Psalm 85(86); Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43)

The Book of **Wisdom** was probably written in Alexandria about 50 years before Christ, to encourage the faith of Jews living in a pagan Egypt. It wrestles with the age-old problem that evildoers are not punished in this world. Wisdom insists that God is just and merciful: he will reward the just after death, although this book does not say how. We can see that God moderates his own power with his justice from the way he gave the Canaanites time to repent during the exodus, and we should follow his example by showing mercy to those who hurt us. The **Psalm** really says it all this week: God is a loving God, a "God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger", "good and forgiving, full of love to all who call." Eventually "all the nations" – ie the Gentiles – will come to adore God. Paul has been telling the **Romans** we may have confidence in the future life God has planned for us. God sends the Spirit to help us and to enable us to express our prayers more meaningfully. **The Gospel** shows God's mercy in action. Instead of venting punishment on sinners and immediately uprooting them, God patiently gives us time to repent.

PSALM RESPONSE: O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

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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: "All over the world the Spirit is moving..." – n. 19

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

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

Communion Hymn: - "Be still, for the presence of the Lord..." - n. 58

Thanksgiving: - "We behold the splendour of God..." - n. 604

Final Hymn: "God's Spirit is in my heart..." - n. 195



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GOOD SEEDS AND BAD SEEDS

After a very turbulent married life, Jean (not her true name), had a very turbulent divorce. She was one of the best readers of her Parish Sunday Portuguese Mass in California. One day the Portuguese Community had the most important Celebration of the year. Jean was scheduled to read at Mass where many people from different neighbouring Parishes and from far away were expected to come. Because it was a very special Mass, the people in charge approached her and told her that it didn't look good that a divorced woman would read on such a special day. Needless to say, Jean kept attending Mass but not that Mass where those who felt that they were the wheat or the good seed made her feel like the «darnel» (weedy grass) of the Community. One of the most destructive elements of any community are those who feel that they are the good seed or the wheat of the Community. They are experts in putting people against people. They are the ones who say: «Do you want us to go and weed it out?». But Jesus said «NO».

WELCOME STATEMENT

In 2021, John and Marie Welsh, from the UK, offered me the «Welcome Statement» of their Church in York, England and now it is my privilege to I share it with you.

Love and Peace,
Fr. Bernardino Andrade



WELCOME STATEMENT

At Our Lady's Acomb and St. Joseph's Green Hammerton we extend a special WELCOME

to those who are single, married, divorced, re-married, widowed, gay, confused, filthy rich, comfortable, or down to their last penny. We extend a special welcome to crying new-borns, those feeling their age, and everyone in-between; to the super-fit and to those who could afford to lose a few pounds.

You're welcome if you are Yorkshire born-and-bred, here for a while, or just visiting ... even from Lancashire!

WE WELCOME YOU

If you can sing like Pavarotti or can't carry a note in a bucket. You are welcome here if you are just looking, just woke up, or just got out of prison.

We don't mind if you're more Christian than the Bishop, or haven't been to church since little Tommy's baptism and don't know what to do.

WE EXTEND A SPECIAL WELCOME

to those over 60 but not grown-up yet, and to teenagers growing-up too fast!

We welcome keep-fit mums, football dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk food-eaters.

We welcome those in recovery, and those who are still addicted. We welcome you if you are having a hard time, or you're down in the dumps, or if you don't like organised religion. You are in good company! If you blew it all at the racecourse or on the lottery, **WELCOME!**

We offer a welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't work, can't spell, can't hear, can't see, can't walk, or who have come because grandma is visiting and wants to go to church.

WE WELCOME

those who are inked, pierced, or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throat as a kid, or got lost on the number 4 bus and ended up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers, doubters, those with more questions than answers ...

AND YOU!

We welcome you, whoever you are, however you are, just as you are, with no hoops to jump through.

YOU BELONG WITH US, BECAUSE YOU BELONG TO CHRIST, AND THAT IS ENOUGH !



Pope Francis will be visiting Lisbon from the 2nd to the 6th of August for the 37th edition of World Youth Day.

During his visit, the Pope will celebrate Mass, do confessions, and also meet up with some of the youth who will be travelling from all over the world to participate in this event.



As part of the pre-Pope visit to Portugal a large number of young people are visiting Madeira.

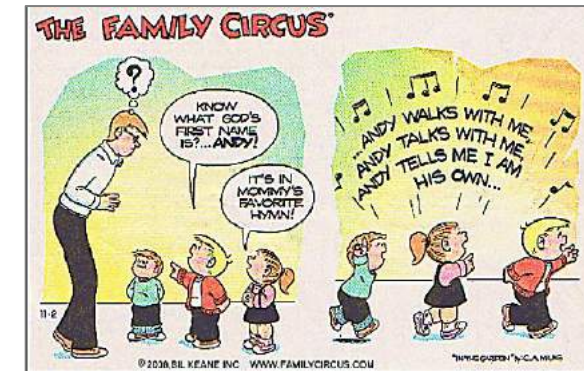
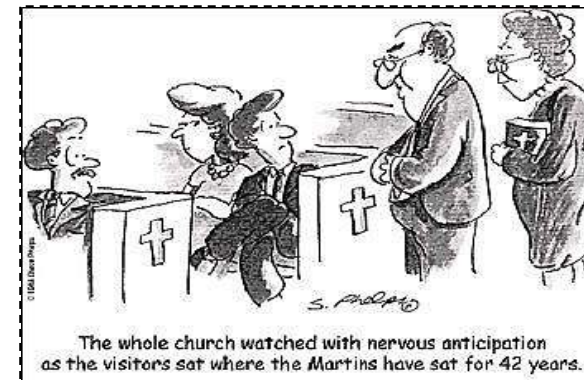
- On the **26th of July**, at the **Sé Cathedral** a mass will be held at **5:30 pm**, to welcome a group of 50 young people taking part in the World Youth Day. Also, throughout the day, the chasuble that *Pope John Paul II* wore at Mass during his visit to the island in 1991 will be on display.

The group of youths will also be visiting the Anglican **Holy Trinity Church** in Funchal on **July 27th** at **6pm** where they will be leading a "Taize" service. Everyone is welcome to join.

What is a Taizé service?

Taizé worship is being incorporated in a wide variety of churches, Protestant and Catholic, and its pattern of devotion is emulated in other monastic communities around the world. A Taizé worship service involves sung and chanted prayers, meditation, a period of silence, liturgical readings, and icons. There is no preaching.

For more information on World Youth Day, see the official website: <https://www.lisboa2023.org/en>



SUNDAY HUMOUR

.....Have a lovely week! 😊