

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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Associação Gente Ajudando Gente

BANK: Banco Santander Totta

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IBAN: PT50 0018 0003 49381759020 94

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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

3rd of September 2023

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

10h00 Sunday Mass

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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. **Please keep Father Bernardino in your prayers** as he recovers from his recent operation last month.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

(Jer 20:7-9; Ps 62(63); Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27)

Jeremiah, probably before 600 BC, and so before the exile, criticised Israel for worshipping other gods. So Pashtur, the chief priest, beat Jeremiah and put him in the stocks. Next day, when he was released, Jeremiah told Pashtur that he would go to Babylon, where he and all his friends would die. Jeremiah then continued with this lament that God had misled him, because he had to suffer so much on the Lord's behalf, and had begun to wonder – or doubt – whether his call from God was real. Homesick for the sanctuary, **the Psalm** holds fast to the Lord in spirit, confident the Lord will defeat our enemies. After marvelling last week at the impossibility of understanding God's plans, Paul goes on to encourage the **Romans** to "let your behaviour change". Like Jeremiah, they must "not be conformed to this world", but be "transformed by the renewal of your mind", discovering and doing the will of God. In **Matthew's gospel** Jesus starts to instruct the disciples how he is to suffer, in accordance with God's will. Peter objects, but Jesus turns on Peter with similar words he used to Satan after his Baptism. Poor Peter, given the power to bind and loose, but now told he is not on God's side, but is thinking like the world!

PSALM RESPONSE: For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.

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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 HYMNS:

- [1] **Entry Hymn:** "Bind us together, Lord..." - 65
- [2] **Gloria:** "Glory to God..." - 676
- [3] **Gospel Acclamation:** "Halle, halle, hallelujah!..." - 682
- [4] **Offertory Hymn:** "Take our bread, we ask you..." - 528
- [5] **Amen:** "Honour and glory, amen!..." - 727
- [6] **Peace:** "Shalom, my friend, shalom..." - 495
- [7] **Communion:** "I cannot tell how he whom angels worship..." - 239
- [8] **Thanksgiving:** "Nada te turbe, nada te espante" - 385
- [9] **Final Hymn:** "Go, the Mass is ended..." - 175





By Fr. Bernardino Andrade

Little Joan grew up with a big dream. Her big dream was to be able to visit Disneyland in California. One day her grandmother decided to give her a special birthday gift - a trip to Disneyland. Joan was on cloud nine. "Finally I am going to go to Disneyland and have a street artist paint Mickey Mouse on my face!"

The day came and there they went. Grandmother and granddaughter (who was flying for the first time) both in love with each other, enjoying every minute together. Hotel accommodations had been reserved in advance and Joan would not believe she was going to sleep in a real hotel with a swimming pool.

That day Joan woke up earlier than usual and, after some prayers, she left the Hotel to spend the day in Disneyland with her grandmother. Everything was going well according to her dream. Until this moment.

Joan saw a street artist approaching her, so she went and asked to please get Mickey Mouse painted on her face, while her grandmother was in the same area doing some shopping. A few moments later, Joan came to her grandmother very sad and crying with abundant tears.

« What happened, sweetheart? You were so happy and all of a sudden you are so sad. Please tell your grandmother what happened. I never took my eyes off you and I didn't see anything wrong. Please tell me. » - Grandmother knelt before Joan, hugged her and insisted: « Please tell me what happened. » « I am ugly. I am very ugly. And I don't like to be ugly. »

« Why do you say that? »

« When I asked the lady to paint Mickey Mouse on my face she told me that she couldn't because I have freckles. I am very ugly. But it is not my fault. »

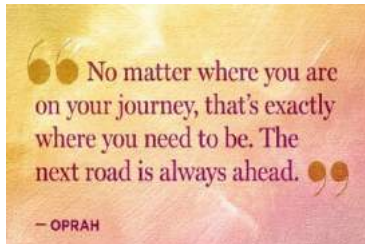
« Honey! That lady is very wrong. Forgive her. You are very, very beautiful. Freckles are very beautiful. Freckles are kisses from angels. I always wanted to have freckles to make me more beautiful but I have not been that lucky, that's why I am so proud to travel with you because I know that I am travelling with the most beautiful girl in the world. The most beautiful girls in the world have freckles. » At this point Joan already had her eyes almost dry. But her grandmother kneeling before her to be closer to her face kept insisting with her: « Joan, tell me, have you seen anything more beautiful than freckles? » - Now grandmother was emotional and said: « Tell me. What in this world is more beautiful than freckles? »

At this point, Joan looked in the eyes of her grandmother, smiled, raised her hand, gently touched her face and said: « More beautiful than my freckles are the wrinkles on the face of my grandmother. »



God loves you and so do I,
Fr. Bernardino Andrade

INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES FOR THE WEEK



Being a modern Saint, Mother Teresa is one of the better known. She was born in Macedonia, but from an early age spent much of her time abroad, firstly in Ireland and then for the remainder of her life in India.

In 1950, aged 40, she formed the Missionaries of Charity. This is a religious congregation whose sisters not only take the traditional vows of chastity, poverty and obedience, but also an additional further vow to give 'wholehearted free service to the poorest of the poor'.

The sisters work in hospices, soup kitchens, hospitals, schools and orphanages. Such has been their success, often in controversial circumstances, that in 1979 Mother Theresa was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Saint Theresa died in 1997, shortly after which the Holy See began the process of her beatification. On 4 September 2016, she was canonised by the Catholic Church as Saint Teresa of Calcutta. Her Feast Day is celebrated on the 5th of September - the date of her death.



Please sign our Visitor's book in the Social Hall (across the garden)

- ☞ leave us your comments,
- ☞ or suggestions,
- ☞ let us know where you're from!☺

We also have a map where you can place a pin on your home town!



Tea, Coffee, and Cake! After Mass Please join us in the Social Hall



Book Cabinet Lots of books to read

