

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

NIB: 0018 0003 49381759020 94

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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

JOYFUL GIFT

15th of October 2023

28th 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 – (SERVICE IN ENGLISH)

Good morning, and welcome! The Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França was founded by Antonio Dantas in 1622. The English Mass is a tradition that dates back to 1966 when Fr Rafael Andrade, having just returned from his first visit to England, complied with the Bishop's request to start an English celebration on the island of Madeira.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

(Isaiah 25:6-10; Psalm 22(23) r.6; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14)

After the desolation of the earth and the final judgement, **Isaiah** describes in mouth-watering detail the great banquet the Lord will provide. It will be on Mount Zion and all peoples are invited. Not only will all sorrows be wiped away, but also the ultimate worry – death – will be destroyed. The familiar **Psalm** expresses our personal confidence that the Lord is preparing a beautiful surprise for us to enjoy after death. Our readings from Paul's letter to the **Philippians** conclude with Paul again thanking them for their continued support and the money they had sent him. God's help enables him to be content whatever his problems, but their thoughtfulness is especially welcome now that he is in prison. He ends his letter with a fond farewell: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit". **Matthew** compares the kingdom of heaven to a wedding feast - the heavenly banquet to which all are invited. But if we accept the invitation we must prepare adequately and be willing to participate fully. Otherwise, we may still be thrown out. Our membership must be visible to others. We must do more than just belong. Like the Philippians we must share what we have with the community we have joined, and with those in need.

PSALM RESPONSE: In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

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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:** "Will you come and follow me? ..." - 632
- [2] **Gospel Acclamation:** "Halle, Halle..." - 682
- [3] **Offertory Hymn:** "The Lord's my shepherd..." - 553
- [4] **Amen:** Deutche Messe "Amen, amen..." - 726
- [5] **Peace:** "Shalom, my friend, shalom..." - 495
- [6] **Communion:** "Be thou my vision..." - 60
- [7] **Thanksgiving:**
- [8] **Final Hymn:** "Praise to the Lord..." - 468



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.



IN SPITE EVERYTHING WE STILL KEEP HOPE ALIVE

One of my favourite statements that have inspired me is *“To live is to believe that tomorrow will be better”*.

Is there hope that one day there will be peace among these countries at war? I have no doubt. When? I don't know but I refuse to lose hope.

To illustrate this belief, I would like to tell a story that expresses my hope in a new world where Palestinians and Israelites, Ukrainians and Russians, Rich and Poor, Men and Women and all people will live in harmony.

There is a story about a man named Jeremy Cohen, a Texan who, with his family, served as host to a rabbi from Moscow one Christmas. To treat the Rabbi to a culinary experience unavailable to him in his own country, Cohen took him to his favourite Chinese restaurant. After an enjoyable meal and pleasant conversation, the waiter brought the cheque and presented each person at the table with a small brass Christmas ornament as a complimentary gift. Everyone laughed when Cohen's guest turned the ornament over and read the label "Made in India".



The laughter quickly subsided, however, when everyone saw tears running down the Rabbi's cheeks. Cohen asked the Rabbi if he were offended at having been given a gift as a sign of a Christian holiday. Smiling, the Rabbi shook his head and answered: - *“No! I was shedding tears of joy to be in such a wonderful country in which a Chinese Buddhist restaurant owner gives a Russian Jew a Christmas gift made by a Hindu in India”*.



To live is to believe that tomorrow is going to be better.

Love & Peace
 Fr. Bernardino Andrade
 15-10-2023

CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRIVE



We are collecting items for personal hygiene (soaps, lotions, body wash, shampoo, toothpaste, etc.), dried and tinned goods (tins of fruit, beans, rice, pasta, cooking oil, jam, etc.) and sweets for the children.

These will be distributed amongst families who need our help.

Please bring in what you can spare and place in the basket to the entrance of the church.



(Further details email Debbie: deborahadajesus@yahoo.co.uk)

The Rosary
Rosary means a crown of roses a spiritual bouquet given to the Blessed Mother

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The first clear historical reference to the rosary is from the life of **St. Dominic** (1170-1221), founder of the Dominicans. He preached a form of rosary in France. One of his future disciples, Alan de la Roche (1428-1475), began to establish **Rosary Confraternities** to promote the praying of the rosary. The form of the rosary we have today is believed to date from his time. In 1569, **Pope Pius V** (also a Dominican) issued an apostolic letter establishing the fifteen-Mystery form of the rosary as the **official**, Church-authorized version, which was used for the next four centuries. In 2002, **Pope John Paul II** published an apostolic letter that added five more Mysteries: the **Luminous Mysteries**.

According to tradition, the Blessed Mother herself asked for the practice of praying the rosary to **help abolish heresy and sin.**



“Go to the Madonna. Love her! Always say the rosary. Say it well. Say it as often as you can! Be souls of prayer. Never tire of praying, it is what is essential. Prayer shakes the Heart of God, it obtains necessary graces!”
 - ST. PADRE PIO

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS – Servant of God



Carlo Acutis a young Italian boy, who died at the age of 15, was beatified on Saturday, October 10th, 2020, in Assisi.

He was best known for documenting Eucharistic miracles around the world and cataloguing them all onto a website that he created in the months before his death from leukemia. The website where he listed these miracles is:

www.miracolieucaistici.org/en/Liste/list.html

Carlo also catalogued a list of Marian apparitions around the world. The website address where you can see these is:

<http://www.themarianapparitions.org/en/avm/>

